

SAN DIEGO FORWARD: THE 2019-2050 REGIONAL PLAN FACT SHEET



Overview

SANDAG is leading a broad-based community effort to develop San Diego Forward: The 2019-2050 Regional Plan (2019 Regional Plan). It will combine a big picture vision for how our region will grow over the next 30 years with an implementation program to help make that vision a reality. We will work in close partnership with all the region's cities and the county government to create an innovative plan for our growing community.

The vision statement for this long-range blueprint — which will look out through 2050 — is “to facilitate the efficient movement of people and goods to support a sustainable and healthy region, a vibrant economy, and an outstanding quality of life for all.”

The 2019 Regional Plan will build upon local planning efforts, emphasizing the link between land use planning and transportation planning. Closer integration of the two will result in more compact and sustainable communities, helping the region meet greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets. The 2019 Regional Plan will seek to enhance the movement of both people and goods, address public health issues, and consider how transportation-related technologies can be integrated into our future transportation network.

The Need

The foundation for the Regional Plan is the 2050 Regional Growth Forecast. By working with the 18 cities and County, SANDAG forecasts the projected jobs, housing, and population expected by 2050. Using this information, we work with our stakeholders and the public to create a balanced, connected, and efficient transportation network that meets our future needs as a region. The 2019 Regional Plan also will include an updated



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Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA), which requires an eight-year projection of the region's housing needs.

During the last decade, many local jurisdictions have updated their land use plans and zoning ordinances, collectively moving the region's vision of the future toward more compact development near transit, and toward greater open space preservation. As a result, our view of the future is changing. Focusing housing and job opportunities in existing urbanized areas has replaced previous assumptions of more dispersed development patterns. By the year 2050, approximately half of the region's land will be dedicated to open space and habitat preservation.

This shift in development patterns is critical to creating a more sustainable way of life and helping the region meet GHG reduction targets established by the California Air Resources Board. The Regional Plan will include a Sustainable Communities Strategy to guide efforts to meet the GHG targets, while maintaining quality of life in the San Diego region.

Public Involvement

During each step in the plan development process, SANDAG will reach out to a wide

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Topic areas that will be covered by San Diego Forward: The 2019-2050 Regional Plan include:

- » Air quality
- » Borders, including Baja California, our tribal nations, and our neighboring counties
- » Climate change mitigation and adaptation
- » Economic prosperity
- » Emerging technologies
- » Energy and fuels
- » Habitat preservation
- » Healthy communities
- » Open space and agriculture
- » Public facilities
- » Public safety
- » Shoreline preservation
- » Transportation and mobility
- » Water quality

range of stakeholders countywide to seek their input. The **Public Involvement Plan** (PIP) for the Regional Plan includes a menu of public engagement techniques, such as workshops and open houses, use of social media, visualizations, surveys, videos, and presentations. SANDAG is partnering with a regionwide network of 13 community-based organizations to engage low-income, minority, senior, and disabled populations in the planning process. A tribal consultation process is being implemented with the support of the Southern California Tribal Chairmen’s Association to ensure issues of the region’s 17 tribal nations are included.

In addition, SANDAG is collaborating with Mexico, the military, neighboring counties, colleges and universities, and local communities in an inclusive planning process to ensure our regional transportation system connects to the megaregion and national network.

Project Status

The SANDAG Board of Directors approved the 2019 Regional Plan vision, goals, and policy objectives in October 2017, and approved the performance measures in winter 2018.

In spring 2018, SANDAG gathered public input to identify transportation network themes to help inform the development of draft revenue-constrained transportation network concepts, which were available for the public to review in October 2018. Feedback on these concepts is being used to develop draft scenarios for further review and input later this winter. Then, using public input and **performance measures**, the SANDAG Board will consider the draft scenarios and select a preferred transportation network that will ultimately form the foundation of the 2019 Regional Plan. The draft 2019 Regional Plan (including a Sustainable Communities Strategy and accompanying Environmental Impact Report) is anticipated to be released in fall 2019 for public comment. Following the public review period, the SANDAG Board is expected to adopt San Diego Forward: The 2019-2050 Regional Plan in 2020.

For More Information

To learn more about the 2019 Regional Plan and how to get involved, visit SDForward.com.

