

# SANDAG: San Diego Association of Governments FACT SHEET



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Carlsbad, Chula Vista,  
Coronado, Del Mar,  
El Cajon, Encinitas,  
Escondido, Imperial Beach,  
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National City, Oceanside,  
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and County of San Diego

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## A Forum for Regional Decision-Making

SANDAG serves as the forum for regional decision-making for the 18 cities and county government within its jurisdiction. As the San Diego region's primary public planning, transportation, and research agency, SANDAG plays a critical role in regional policies about growth, transportation planning, environmental management, housing, open space, energy, public safety, and binational collaboration. As a result of Senate Bill 1703, which consolidated all of the roles and responsibilities of SANDAG with many of the transit functions of the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) and the North County Transit District (NCTD), SANDAG also is responsible for transit planning, funding allocation, project development, and construction in the San Diego region.

## Leadership

SANDAG is governed by a Board of Directors composed of mayors, councilmembers, and county supervisors from each of the region's 19 local governments (with two representatives each from the City of San Diego and the County of San Diego). Voting is based on membership and the population of each jurisdiction. Supplementing these voting members are advisory representatives from Imperial County, Caltrans, MTS, NCTD, the U.S. Department of Defense, San Diego Unified Port District, San Diego County Water Authority, Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association, and Mexico.

Monthly Board of Directors and policy advisory committee meetings provide the public forums for making decisions on regional matters. Residents and community representatives are involved in the planning and approval process through meetings, workshops, and public hearings.

## Regional Responsibilities

Current major initiatives include continued implementation of San Diego Forward: The

Regional Plan adopted in 2015; conducting outreach during development of the 2021 Regional Plan to meet greenhouse gas reduction targets and build a world class multimodal transportation network; adding a second track to the coastal rail corridor from Oceanside to Downtown San Diego to increase capacity and efficiency for commuter and freight services; continuing operations and upkeep of the South Bay Expressway/State Route 125 toll road with the focus on improving mobility and maintaining fiscal responsibility; building a third border crossing and a connecting highway in East Otay Mesa; and building the Mid-Coast Trolley extension to the University City community.

Other areas of ongoing emphasis include expanding programs that encourage alternatives to driving solo, such as vanpooling and carpooling, teleworking, taking transit, biking, and walking; using performance measures to ensure effective transportation network management; ongoing collaborative efforts among SANDAG, Caltrans, and local jurisdictions to address future transportation and planning needs; and continuing inter-regional planning efforts between SANDAG and partner agencies in neighboring counties, Mexico, and tribal nations.

## Budget

Each year, SANDAG adopts an overall work program and budget with federal, state, and local funds to carry out its regional responsibilities. The fiscal year 2020 program budget, covering the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, totals \$1.36 billion, including \$943.3 million for capital projects. A major source of revenue for the budget – approximately \$313 million – comes from the regional *TransNet* half-cent sales tax for transportation.

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## THE SANDAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 18 cities and county government are SANDAG. SANDAG builds consensus; plans, engineers, and builds public transit and transportation projects; makes strategic plans; obtains and allocates resources; and provides information on a broad range of topics pertinent to the region's quality of life.

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