

# SANDAG: San Diego Association of Governments FACT SHEET



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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, it 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. Citizens and community representatives are involved in the planning and approval process by participating in committees, workshops, and public hearings.

## Regional Responsibilities

Current major initiatives include implementing the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy in order to meet greenhouse gas reduction targets and build a first-class multimodal transportation network; developing Quality of Life Funding Strategies to support habitat conservation, water quality improvements, shoreline preservation, and transit service enhancements; continuing operations and upkeep of the newly acquired 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 advancing the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project to extend the San Diego Trolley 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, bicycling, and walking; utilizing performance measures to ensure effective transportation network management; continuing collaborative efforts among SANDAG, Caltrans, and local jurisdictions to address future transportation and planning needs; and continuing interregional 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 2013 program budget, covering the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, totals nearly \$1.4 billion, including \$60.3 million for the overall work program; \$1 billion for capital projects; and \$247.1 million for the *TransNet* program.

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## THE SANDAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 18 cities and county government are SANDAG serving as the forum for regional decision-making. 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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