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Get involved in regional decision-making



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The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) is committed to involving the region's residents in the decision-making process for issues such as growth, transportation and public transit, environmental management, affordable housing, and economic development. The public has a wide range of opportunities to interact with the SANDAG Board of Directors and other elected officials; local planning and public works directors; business, community, and education leaders; and other key stakeholders. Public workshops, meetings, and other outreach efforts provide a forum for input from the region's diverse communities.

Our inclusive approach strives to involve all citizens, including low-income residents, youth, minority groups, limited-English speakers, people with mobility impairments, and those who have historically not been engaged in community decision-making.



As the forum for regional decision-making, it is important that SANDAG is readily accessible to residents, community and business organizations, and other stakeholders. Much has been accomplished through active participation by thousands of residents. The future of San Diego as a great place to live, work, and play depends on all of us working together. You can make a difference. We welcome your active input and ongoing participation.

Connect with SANDAG

SANDAG offers opportunities for meaningful participation from the beginning of the planning process so residents are empowered to shape the development and implementation of the final project. Your public input can affect how the project is evaluated and influence how decisions are made.

- » For information on meetings, workshops, and other public involvement opportunities, visit sandag.org or call (619) 699-1950
- » Community members are encouraged to listen to Board meetings live through audio streaming on sandag.org
- » Stay up to date by signing up for rEgion, the SANDAG monthly e-newsletter, at sandag.org
- » Connect with SANDAG through social media: Facebook (SANDAGregion), Twitter (@SANDAG), YouTube (SANDAGRegion)

A public forum

SANDAG holds monthly public meetings that provide opportunities for public involvement and access to key decisions. These meetings are regularly noticed through agenda distribution, public postings, media notification, and online at sandag.org/meetings.

The following SANDAG groups meet regularly: Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Transportation Committee, Regional Planning Committee, Borders Committee, and the Public Safety Committee. Working group meetings are held monthly and as needed to address housing, transportation, growth and planning, economic prosperity, and other issues.



Getting the word out

SANDAG informs the public in a timely manner about regional issues, actions, and pending decisions through a number of efforts: mail distribution to residents, agencies, and city/county governments; public notices in newspapers; the SANDAG website, email listservs, and rEgion – the SANDAG e-newsletter – as well as press releases and media alerts to local, regional, and binational print and broadcast media.

The SANDAG website, sandag.org, features useful and timely information, including reports, project fact sheets, and other publications; meeting schedules, agendas, and Board action summaries; demographic profiles and data downloads; and interactive database and mapping applications.

In a neighborhood near you

SANDAG collaborates with local jurisdictions and partner agencies to hold public workshops for citizen input on a variety of critical issues. Public workshops are an important venue for the region's citizens to participate in the SANDAG decision-making process. Workshops inform residents and solicit vital feedback on plans such as the Smart Growth Concept Map, Regional Comprehensive Plan, and Regional Transportation Plan. Materials are often distributed in English and Spanish. Staff members are available to conduct presentations and answer questions in Spanish or other languages as needed.

The SANDAG Speakers Bureau includes knowledgeable staff who can provide insight on pertinent regional topics. Hundreds of presentations are made each year to a variety of groups and organizations, including business, civic, education,

and community groups. To learn more about the Speakers Bureau, call (619) 699-1950.

Public Participation Plan

For a complete description of the SANDAG outreach processes, review the SANDAG Public Participation Plan (PPP) at sandag.org/ppp. The PPP is designed to inform and involve the region's residents in the decision-making process for issues such as growth, transportation and public transit, environmental management, housing, open space, air quality, energy, fiscal management, economic development, interregional and binational



collaboration, and public safety. The PPP serves as the overarching document that guides individual public involvement plans for specific SANDAG projects and programs. To request a hard copy of the PPP, call (619) 699-1950.

SANDAG and TransNet are making a difference

TransNet is the half-cent sales tax approved by San Diego County voters for regional transportation projects. During the 60-year life of the program, more than \$17 billion will be generated to fund transit, highway, rail, bicycle, and pedestrian improvements, as well as the *TransNet* Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP), which protects, preserves, and restores native habitats. Visit KeepSanDiegoMoving.com to learn more about *TransNet*-funded projects.

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