SAN DIEGO FORWARD: THE 2019-2050 REGIONAL PLAN – TRANSPORTATION NETWORK THEMES

Introduction

The Regional Plan is the blueprint to guide transportation investments in the region. It is a long-range plan that looks 30 to 35 years into the future, currently out to 2050, and is a federally- and state-mandated document that is required to be updated every four years. The Board of Directors has provided direction on several components of the next Regional Plan, San Diego Forward: The 2019-2050 Regional Plan (2019 Regional Plan), including its vision, goals, and policy objectives; the overall development process; the development of funding scenarios; and performance measures to help compare and contrast the various transportation scenarios. This report provides a summary of the underlying themes that will set the foundation for the 2019 Regional Plan transportation scenarios.

The Transportation Committee is asked to provide input on the proposed themes, their relative priority, and whether any other issues or factors ought to be considered in the development of the transportation network scenarios.

Discussion

The Board of Directors provided direction to develop three funding scenarios for the 2019 Regional Plan, that range from more conservative to more optimistic. The most austere funding estimate may focus narrowly on completion of current projects; operations and maintenance of the existing transit, road, and active transportation networks; and demand and system management strategies. The more optimistic funding estimates would allow for more projects and programs to be included. For each of the three funding scenarios, one transportation network will initially be developed.

The following themes are proposed to be incorporated into the transportation networks brought forward for consideration in relative priority order to match the funding level of each network. The performance of all transportation scenarios would be evaluated using the performance measures and social equity analysis methodology approved by the Board.

- **Finish what is started:** Continue to make investments to complete major projects under implementation to meet current travel needs (e.g., Mid-Coast Trolley, initial North Coast Corridor improvements, and bike projects in the Early Action Program).

- **Take care of the existing system:** Maintain the current transportation system and assets in good repair for all modes (transit, highways, bike lanes, local streets, and roads).
Focus investments in areas of supportive land use: All jurisdictions have been working to plan and implement the Regional Smart Growth Concept Map through a variety of local planning efforts, such as general plans, community plans, and zoning updates. Additional transportation investments could be focused on supporting these areas of current and planned development.

Make key operational improvements: Focus on fixing areas where there are current access problems or existing congestion. According to the most recent State of the Commute report, Interstates 5, 8, 15, and 805 and State Route 78 experience the most delays in the morning or afternoon commute periods. Shorter term operational improvements could include traffic and demand management, auxiliary lanes, and truck climbing lanes, as well as gap/connector projects such as carpool connectors in areas currently experiencing the most delay. Operational improvements to the existing transit system could provide more frequent and reliable service to the most popular rail, Trolley, and bus routes.

Invest in local infrastructure: Consider investments at the local level in smart intersections that would optimize travel flows, improve transit reliability, and increase safety across all modes. In addition, continue investments in complete streets and continue funding opportunities for both smart growth and active transportation projects that would provide more mobility choices and support improvements in public health.

Use pricing as a management tool: While the region already operates the Interstate 15 Express Lanes as a means to manage and provide choices for this important corridor, the use of pricing as tool to manage transportation demand could be expanded to other corridors and possibly developed into an integrated system.

Plan for technology: Make early investments in technology to provide the foundation for shared, electric, connected, and autonomous transportation. This would include investing in a regional data management system that would allow the entire transportation system to be optimized and managed in real time, enable demand-based transit and pooled transportation services, and improve safety. It also would include the development of pilot programs and projects, such as mobility hubs/micro-transit to provide more ways to connect with transit, speed advisory signs on congested roadways to improve travel flows, neighborhood electric vehicles, and others. Funding for pilots would enable the region to be nimble and test different strategies.

Reassess planned major capital projects: Considering the constraints on revenues, rapidly evolving transportation technology, and the potential for new or expanded pricing strategies, review major transit and road investments included in the 2015 Regional Plan and the TransNet Program.

Public Outreach

SANDAG has developed a comprehensive outreach plan to engage the public in development of the 2019 Regional Plan. On April 23, 2018, two outreach events (mid-day and evening) will be held to seek input on transportation priorities and network themes, which will be followed by five subregional open houses co-hosted by community based organizations (CBOs) from April 25 through May 3, 2018 (flier included as Attachment 1). The open houses will include an interactive tour of components considered in the transportation network scenario development process, including transit, Managed Lanes/highways, emerging technologies and services, environment/climate change, public health, and the economy. Information will be available in English and Spanish at all open houses.
Concurrent with the open houses, a bilingual survey will be posted on SDForward.com and printed copies will be available through CBOs from April 23 to May 10, 2018. Input gathered through these outreach efforts will be shared with the Board of Directors and Policy Advisory Committees for consideration in developing draft transportation network scenarios that will be available for public input in summer 2018.

**Next Steps**

This report also will be shared with the Regional Planning Committee on April 6, 2018. Beginning in May, and through the summer, the Board, Transportation Committee, other Policy Advisory Committees, SANDAG working groups, and the public will be asked for additional input on transportation scenarios, which would lead to the Board selecting a preferred scenario of projects, programs, and policies in fall 2018. An Environmental Impact Report will be developed on the preferred transportation scenario. The 2019 Regional Plan is anticipated for adoption in fall 2019.

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Attachment: 1. Regional Plan Network Themes Outreach Flier (English and Spanish)
Help Shape Our Region’s Future

2019 Regional Plan Transportation Network Themes Open Houses

Join Us!
for an Open House about the future of transportation in the San Diego region

Advancements in technologies, like smart phone applications and ridesharing, are rapidly shaping and changing how we travel. As the region evolves, what will San Diego’s transportation network look like in 30 years? What transportation issues are most important for your quality of life? What should be considered as, together, we build San Diego’s transportation vision for 2050? The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) wants your input on factors to consider as we develop transportation network scenarios for the 2019 Regional Plan. Draft network scenarios will be available for public input in summer 2018 and a preferred scenario, which will form the core of the 2019 Regional Plan, will be selected by the Board of Directors in fall 2018.

This is a family-friendly event, and light refreshments will be served.

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Monday, April 23, 2018
11:30 a.m.–2 p.m. and 5:30–8 p.m.
Caltrans District 11
Garcia Auditorium
4050 Taylor Street
San Diego, CA 92110

Spanish-speaking staff members will be available at the open houses.
The surrounding area and Old Town Transit Center are accessible via Amtrak, COASTER, the Green Line Trolley, and several bus routes.
Call 511 or visit 511sd.com/transit for route information.
Limited parking also available.

**RSVP** to Ariel Jacome-Lopez, SANDAG Regional Planning, at aja@sandag.org, (619) 699-7388, or via the SANDAGregion Facebook page by attending the “Network Themes Open House” event.

If you can’t attend an open house, you can still provide your input through an online survey that will be available from April 23–May 10.

**Subregional Open Houses, April 25–May 3**
SANDAG is also partnering with several community based organizations to host open houses throughout the region (see reverse for details).

For more information, visit SDForward.com
Subregional Open Houses

2019 Regional Plan Transportation Network Themes

SANDAG is partnering with 13 Community Based Organizations (CBOs) from around the region to bring the 2019 Regional Plan to the community level. These organizations have created programs to engage stakeholders from low-income communities, limited-English speaking populations, the disabled community, and seniors to ensure that their voices are heard and that San Diego Forward: The 2019–2050 Regional Plan is socially equitable. Everyone is welcome at these subregional open houses hosted in collaboration with SANDAG CBO partners.

North County Coastal: Wednesday, April 25, 2018, 5:30–7:30 p.m.
Encinitas Public Library, Community Room
540 Cornish Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024
Hosted by: Alliance for Regional Solutions

East County: Monday, April 30, 2018, 3:30–5:30 p.m.
El Cajon Police Department, Community Room
100 Civic Center Way, El Cajon, CA 92020
Hosted by: El Cajon Collaborative and Nile Sisters Development Initiative

South County: Tuesday, May 1, 2018, 5–7 p.m.
San Ysidro Civic Center
212 W. Park Avenue, San Diego, CA 92173
Hosted by: Chula Vista Community Collaborative, Casa Familiar, and Olivewood Gardens

North County Inland: Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 5–7 p.m.
Centro Universidad Popular
1234 N. Santa Fe Avenue, Suite 100, Vista, CA 92083
Hosted by: Vista Community Clinic and CSUSM - National Latino Research Center

Central San Diego: Thursday, May 3, 2018, 5:30–7:30 p.m.
Jackie Robinson Family YMCA, Community Room
151 YMCA Way, San Diego, CA 92102
Hosted by: Bayside Community Center, City Heights CDC, Operation Samahan, Urban Collaborative Project, and Barrio Logan College Institute

About San Diego Forward: The 2019–2050 Regional Plan

The 2019 Regional Plan will build upon the 2015 Regional Plan, which merged local planning efforts, emerging issues, and innovative concepts into an overall vision for the region’s future, including specific actions to turn that vision into reality.

SANDAG kicked off the 2019 Regional Plan effort in April 2017 and is in the process of gathering public input on key future decision areas. For more information, visit SDFoward.com.

TransNet is undergoing a Ten-Year Review

Ten years of the 40-year TransNet measure have passed and the voter approved half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements is undergoing a comprehensive review promised to voters. The TransNet Ten-Year Review has been aligned with the development of the 2019 Regional Plan. The “look back” report that assesses program performance was presented to the Board in January 2018, and the “look ahead” is underway. Input gathered through the 2019 Regional Plan network development process will help inform potential revisions to improve TransNet performance going forward.

Learn more at sandag.org/TransNet10YearReview

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), this document is available in alternate formats by contacting the SANDAG ADA Coordinator, the Director of Administration, at (619) 699-1900 or (619) 699-1904 (TTY).

For more information, visit SDFoward.com
Ayude a moldear el futuro de nuestra región

Reuniones comunitarias de temas comunes de redes de transporte para el Plan Regional 2019

¡Acompáñenos en una reunión comunitaria sobre el futuro del transporte en la región de San Diego!

Los avances tecnológicos, como las aplicaciones de los teléfonos inteligentes y los servicios de transporte compartido, están definiendo y cambiando rápidamente cómo nos movilizamos. ¿A medida que la región evoluciona, ¿cómo será la red de transporte de San Diego en unos treinta años? ¿Qué aspectos del transporte son más importantes para su calidad de vida? ¿Qué debemos tomar en cuenta al definir juntos la visión del transporte en San Diego para el año 2050? La Asociación de Gobernadores de San Diego (SANDAG, por sus siglas en inglés) desea conocer su opinión sobre los factores que deben ser tomados en cuenta a medida que desarrollamos las redes de transporte viables para el Plan Regional 2019. Los borradores de redes viables estarán disponibles para comentarios públicos en el verano de 2018 y la Mesa Directiva seleccionará en el otoño de 2018 la red de preferencia que será el núcleo del Plan Regional 2019.

Las reuniones comunitarias incluirán un recorrido interactivo de los componentes que están siendo considerados durante el proceso del desarrollo de redes viables de transporte, incluyendo transporte público, carriles/carreteras de acceso controlado, tecnologías y servicios emergentes, cambios ambientales/ climáticos, salud pública y economía. Visite los puestos de información para obtener más información y compartir sus ideas sobre el futuro de la región. **Lo invitamos a platicar directamente con un miembro del personal, llenar una encuesta y/o entregar una tarjeta de comentarios con su visión para el futuro de San Diego.**

**Lunes, 23 de abril de 2018**
**11:30 a.m.–2 p.m. y 5:30–8 p.m.**

**Distrito 11 de Caltrans**
**Auditorio García**
**4050 Taylor Street**
**San Diego, CA 92110**

Miembros del personal que hablan español estarán disponibles durante las reuniones comunitarias.

Puede acceder al área y el Centro de Transporte Público de Old Town a través de Amtrak, el COASTER, la Línea Verde del Trolley y varias rutas de autobuses. Llame al 511 o visite 511sd.com/transit para obtener información sobre las rutas.

Habrá estacionamiento limitado disponible.

**CONFIRME SU ASISTENCIA** contactando a Ariel Jácome-López, Planificación Regional, a aja@sandag.org, al (619) 699-7388 o a través de la página de Facebook de SANDAGregión confirmando su asistencia al evento “Network Themes Open House”.

Si no puede asistir a una de las reuniones comunitarias, puede expresar su opinión a través de una encuesta que estará disponible en línea entre el 23 de abril y el 10 de mayo.

**Reuniones comunitarias subregionales, 25 de abril – 3 de mayo**

SANDAG también está trabajando con varias organizaciones comunitarias para llevar a cabo reuniones comunitarias en toda la región (puede encontrar los detalles en el reverso).

Para más información, visite SDForward.com
Reuniones comunitarias subregionales

Temas comunes de redes de transporte para el Plan Regional 2019

SANDAG está trabajando con trece organizaciones comunitarias (CBO, por sus siglas en inglés) de la región para lograr que el Plan Regional 2019 esté al alcance de las comunidades. Estas organizaciones han creado programas para fomentar la participación de las partes interesadas en las comunidades de bajos recursos, las poblaciones que tienen limitaciones para hablar inglés, la comunidad de personas con discapacidades y las personas mayores, para asegurar que sus voces sean escuchadas y que San Diego Forward: El Plan Regional 2019 – 2050 sea socialmente equitativo. Todos son bienvenidos a estas reuniones comunitarias subregionales organizadas en conjunto con las aliadas CBO de SANDAG.

Zona costera del norte del condado: Miércoles, 25 de abril de 2018, 5:30–7:30 p.m.
Encinitas Public Library, Community Room
540 Cornish Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024
Organizado por: Alliance for Regional Solutions

Este del condado: Lunes, 30 de abril de 2018, 3:30–5:30 p.m.
El Cajon Police Department, Community Room
100 Civic Center Way, El Cajon, CA 92020
Organizado por: El Cajon Collaborative y Nile Sisters Development Initiative

Sur del condado: Martes, 1 de mayo de 2018, 5–7 p.m.
San Ysidro Civic Center
212 W. Park Avenue, San Diego, CA 92173
Organizado por: Chula Vista Community Collaborative, Casa Familiar y Olivewood Gardens

Interior del norte del condado: Miércoles, 2 de mayo de 2018, 5–7 p.m.
Centro Universidad Popular
1234 N. Santa Fe Avenue, Suite 100, Vista, CA 92083
Organizado por: Vista Community Clinic y National Latino Research Center de CSUSM

Centro de San Diego: Jueves, 3 de mayo de 2018, 5:30–7:30 p.m.
Jackie Robinson Family YMCA, Community Room
151 YMCA Way, San Diego, CA 92102
Organizado por: Bayside Community Center, City Heights CDC, Operation Samahan, Urban Collaborative Project y Barrio Logan College Institute

TransNet está pasando por una evaluación decenal

Han pasado diez de los cuarenta años de la medida TransNet y el impuesto de medio centavo aprobado por los votantes para mejoras en el transporte está pasando por una exhaustiva evaluación, tal como se les prometió a los votantes. La Evaluación Decenal de TransNet se ha alineado con el desarrollo del Plan Regional 2019. El informe “retrospectivo”, que evalúa el desempeño del programa, fue presentado ante la Mesa Directiva en enero de 2018 y el informe “anticipatorio” está en proceso. La información recopilada durante el proceso de desarrollo del Plan Regional 2019 ayudará a tomar decisiones informadas sobre modificaciones potenciales que mejorarán el desempeño de TransNet en el futuro. Más información en inglés: sandag.org/TransNet10YearReview

Sobre San Diego Forward: El Plan Regional 2019 – 2050

El Plan Regional 2019 estará basado en el Plan Regional 2015, el que combinó las iniciativas locales de planificación, aspectos emergentes y conceptos innovadores en una visión general para el futuro de la región, incluyendo acciones específicas para lograr que esta visión sea una realidad.


Para más información, visite SDForward.com