

July 16, 2021

## Public Hearing: Draft 2021 Regional Plan

### Overview

San Diego Forward: The Draft 2021 Regional Plan (draft 2021 Regional Plan) is a 30-year plan with a vision for a fast, fair, clean transportation system and a resilient region that addresses congestion and safety on our roadways, improves social equity, and meets state and federal mandates for air quality and greenhouse gas emission reductions. On May 28, 2021, SANDAG released the draft 2021 Regional Plan, available on [SDForward.com](https://www.sandag.org/SDForward), for public review and comment. This item serves as the first of two required [public hearings](#) on the draft 2021 Regional Plan.

### Key Considerations

For the last two years, the team has used cutting-edge data analytics, engaged community members from across the region, and incorporated the latest transportation technologies to develop the draft 2021 Regional Plan, which combines the Regional Transportation Plan, Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), and Regional Comprehensive Plan. On June 25, 2021, the Board of Directors delegated authority to the Transportation Committee to conduct a public hearing on the draft 2021 Regional Plan.

In addition to today's public hearing, SANDAG held six virtual public open house events in June, each with a specific focus on details of the plan for a subregional area. SANDAG is also partnering with community-based organizations that are members of the Social Equity Working Group to provide additional opportunities for residents to weigh-in on the draft 2021 Regional Plan.

### Next Steps

The draft 2021 Regional Plan is available for review and public comment through August 6, 2021. A second public hearing will take place at the Board meeting on July 23, 2021. Comments are also accepted through an online comment form, email, voicemail, fax, and written comments mailed to the SANDAG offices.

This summer, the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is anticipated to be released for public review. In late 2021, the Board will be asked to consider adoption of the 2021 Regional Plan and its SCS and certification of the final EIR.

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#### Action: **Discussion**

The Transportation Committee is asked to conduct a public hearing to receive public comment on the draft 2021 Regional Plan, including its Sustainable Communities Strategy.

#### **Fiscal Impact:**

Funding for development of the 2021 Regional Plan is included in Overall Work Program Element Nos. 3102000 and 3102006 in the FY 2022 Program Budget.

#### **Schedule/Scope Impact:**

The draft 2021 Regional Plan is available for public review and comment through August 2021. The draft Environmental Impact Report will be released this summer.