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## 2021 Regional Plan Environmental Impact Report: Five Things to Know

### Overview

SANDAG is drafting San Diego Forward: The 2021 Regional Plan (2021 Regional Plan), which is the long-term blueprint for transportation in the San Diego region that reimagines how people and goods move in the 21st century. The 2021 Regional Plan will require environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). SANDAG is preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), which will analyze the physical impacts on the environment from the proposed 2021 Regional Plan. On February 28, 2020, a presentation on environmental review for transportation projects under CEQA was made to the Board of Directors (Attachment 1). Information specific to the EIR being developed for the 2021 Regional Plan will be provided to the Regional Planning Committee.

#### Action: **Information**

An overview of the components and schedule of the 2021 Regional Plan Environmental Impact Report will be presented.

#### Fiscal Impact:

None.

#### Schedule/Scope Impact:

None.

### Key Considerations

- SANDAG will be preparing a Program EIR which is used to evaluate a plan or program that has multiple components or actions that are related either geographically or as logical parts of a long-term plan.
- The Program EIR will analyze 19 topical areas to determine if there are significant impacts to the physical environment from the 2021 Regional Plan.
- An analysis of alternatives will be included in the Program EIR; the Program EIR will also identify mitigation to avoid or reduce significant impact on the environment.
- The Program EIR will be available for a 45-day public review later this summer.

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Attachment: 1. February 28, 2020, Board of Directors Agenda Item No. 21 – A Primer on Environmental Review for Transportation Improvements