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## 2021 Regional Plan: Series 14 Regional Growth Forecast and Sustainable Communities Strategy Land Use Pattern

### Overview

A component of San Diego Forward: The 2021 Regional Plan (2021 Regional Plan) is the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), which requires the 2021 Regional Plan to integrate transportation and land use planning to demonstrate how the region will meet its mandated greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction target. In developing the draft 2021 Regional Plan, staff have developed an updated forecast of population, housing, and employment and a land use pattern that complements the envisioned transportation investments and accommodates the Cycle 6 Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocations.

### Key Considerations

Every three to four years, SANDAG produces a long-range forecast of population, housing, and employment that is used as a resource by public agencies, elected officials, planners, academics, and the general public.

The Series 14 Regional Growth Forecast aligns with the regional forecast from the California Department of Finance and is the basis for the 2021 Regional Plan.

The SCS land use pattern, or subregional allocation, of forecasted growth and development is based on the Series 14 Regional Growth Forecast. In developing the SCS land use pattern, staff considered Senate Bill 375 (Steinberg, 2008), which requires the land use scenario to contribute toward the regional GHG reduction target, accommodate the Cycle 6 RHNA determination, and utilize most recent planning assumptions.

The SCS land use pattern focuses future growth primarily in the regional Mobility Hub network, which would provide more people access to mobility options, employment opportunities, and other key destinations and would preserve open space and habitat areas.

### Next Steps

The Series 14 Regional Growth Forecast and the SCS land use pattern will be included in the draft 2021 Regional Plan and associated draft data will be made available to jurisdictions.

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### Action: **Information**

Staff will provide an overview of the Series 14 Regional Growth Forecast and Sustainable Communities Strategy Land Use Pattern for the draft San Diego Forward: The 2021 Regional Plan.

### Fiscal Impact:

Funding for development of the 2021 Regional Plan is included in Work Element Project No. 3102000 in the FY 2021 Program Budget.

### Schedule/Scope Impact:

The draft 2021 Regional Plan and draft Environmental Impact Report are expected to be released for review by the Board of Directors and public comment in spring and summer 2021, respectively.