



REAP 2.0 Framework and Public Survey Response

With the adoption of the [2021 Regional Plan](#) and new funding opportunities from the state, SANDAG is growing its [Housing Acceleration Program \(HAP\)](#). A focus in 2022 was to continue to engage community-based organizations, the 18 cities and Unincorporated County, tribes, elected officials and other stakeholders to help shape the program that was launched with funds from the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP 1.0) Grants of 2019, and identify priorities for [REAP 2021 \(REAP 2.0\)](#). REAP 2.0 builds on the success of REAP 1.0 but expands the program focus by integrating housing and climate goals.

An additional \$43 million will be allocated to SANDAG to fund transformative planning and implementation activities. With this large investment coming to our region, SANDAG expanded outreach efforts to include more public feedback to help guide use of these funds.

Based on initial feedback, we published our [REAP 2.0 Program Framework](#) on October 9, 2022 and posted a multilingual survey asking for more input from the community about what types of projects the program should prioritize. It was promoted at various in-person events and via online social networks. To remove barriers to participation, we worked with our Community-Based Organization (CBO) Network to engage our region's underserved communities. The public review period and survey closed on November 10, 2022. Approximately 400 diverse stakeholders, community groups, and residents from across the region took the survey and over a dozen left detailed comments on the REAP 2.0 Framework. According to the majority of responses, the public supported:

- **Reimagining housing policy and the way land is being used so that more units can be built in urbanized areas.** Survey-takers supported housing projects in places with better access to transit and community amenities while also re-purposing publicly owned land and commercial areas for more affordable housing options. Some respondents also expressed an urgent need for local government to streamline the permitting process and accelerate faster construction of affordable housing and other innovative housing types such as Accessory Dwelling Units [commonly known as granny flats] and options for multi-generational families.
- **Building more affordable housing especially for low-income and marginalized groups.** Major concerns included: homelessness and affordable housing for everyone including special populations such as seniors, and systems to maintain long-term housing affordability and prevent displacement. Additional opportunities for homeownership in the region was also supported.
- **Improving public transit and expanding transit service to help the region connect to jobs, homes, and services more efficiently.** Many comments mentioned wanting safer infrastructure, new and different transportation options, first and last mile connections, and transportation for workforce and senior populations. Others highlighted increased hours of service, frequency, and reliability of existing transit options specifically by adding more Rapid transit routes.
- **Safer routes for people who walk, bike, and use other human-powered transportation.** Many respondents asked for protected bike lanes, slow streets, traffic calming measures, and other infrastructure improvements.

This feedback has helped shape the REAP 2.0 grant application, SANDAG's Housing Acceleration Program, and how we carry out our [Sustainable Communities Strategy](#). We look forward to a new era of collaborative regional housing planning that prioritizes affordability, equity, getting around easier, and sustainability. For ongoing updates about REAP 2.0 and the Housing Acceleration Program, email housing@sandag.org or stay up to date by following the [Sustainable Communities and Social Equity Working Groups](#).