

ALLOCATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Board and Policy Advisory Committees Responsibilities

Shown below are responsibilities for the Board of Directors and each of the six Policy Advisory Committees (Executive, Transportation, Regional Planning, Borders, Public Safety, and Audit). Selected responsibilities are delegated by the Board to the Policy Advisory Committees to allow SANDAG to effectively address key public policy and funding responsibilities, to provide venues to discuss strategic topics that need deeper discussion before going to the Board for action, and to make recommendations to the Board on issues where other advisory forums are unable to find consensus. All items delegated to the Policy Advisory Committees are subject to Board ratification.

All functions not specifically delegated by the Board to a Policy Advisory Committee may be delegated to a Policy Advisory Committee on a one-time basis upon request by the Chief Executive Officer and approval by the Chair. Such actions shall be reported to the Board at its next regular meeting.

Meeting frequency and timing for each Committee will be set annually based on the annual work program, as defined by the annual Program Budget approved by the Board, for the coming calendar year.

2. Board Responsibilities

- 2.1 Approve the Regional Plan, which merges the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP), the Regional Transportation Plan, and the Sustainable Communities Strategy as well as plan components and other regional plans (e.g., Regional Energy Plan, MHCP, etc.)
- 2.2 Approve Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) and corridor studies
- 2.3 Fulfill responsibilities of the consolidated agency as set forth in the San Diego Regional Transportation Consolidation Act (Public Utilities Code §132350 et seq.)
- 2.4 Fulfill the responsibilities of the San Diego Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)
- 2.5 Approve programming of funds (TDA, CMAQ, STIP, etc.)
- 2.6 Certify/adopt project environmental documents pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act or the California Environmental Quality Act
- 2.7 Approve Overall Work Program and Program Budget
- 2.8 Approve amendments to the Program Budget and Overall Work Program and authorize contracts with consultants for amounts equal to or greater than the amounts to be determined for administrative and policy committee authorization.
- 2.9 Approve the annual legislative agenda
- 2.10 Provide policy direction through Policy Development Board meetings
- 2.11 Appoint Committees and Board officers

- 2.12 Delegate responsibilities to Policy Advisory Committees and ratify Committee actions. All items delegated to the five Policy Advisory Committees are subject to direct Board action upon request of any members.
- 2.13 Delegate responsibilities to Board Chair consistent with Board criteria. Conference sponsorships and proclamations are hereby delegated subject to current or subsequently approved criteria.
- 2.14 Develop and adopt an administration policy that includes a process to conduct staff performance evaluations on a regular basis to determine if the knowledge, skills, and abilities of staff members are sufficient to perform their respective functions and monitor the evaluation process on a regular basis.
- 2.15 Provide a report, developed by the Transportation Committee, to the Legislature consistent with Government Code section 9795 on or before July 1 of each year that outlines the public transit needs, transit funding criteria, recommended transit funding levels, and additional work on public transit, as delegated to the Transportation Committee by the Board, and specifying the funds spent explicitly on public transportation.
- 2.16 Develop and adopt internal control guidelines based on recommendations from the Audit Committee to prevent and detect financial errors and fraud based on the internal control guidelines developed by the state Controller pursuant to Government Code section 12422.5 and the standards adopted by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.
- 2.17 Vote on whether to remove the independent performance auditor for cause, such removal being subject to an approving vote by two-thirds of the Audit Committee and the Board.
- 2.18 Approve which firm to contract with to conduct the annual financial statement audits.
- 2.19 Approve regional infrastructure financing strategies.
- 2.20 Approve the individual or firm to hire to carry out independent performance auditor responsibilities.
- 2.21 Approve the budget needed to carry out the annual audit plan of the independent performance auditor.

3. Executive Committee Membership and Responsibilities

The Executive Committee advises the Board on meeting its fiduciary and strategic governance responsibilities and provides governance-level oversight and advice to executive management on issues such as risk management, strategic planning, organizational health, corrective action plans, budget and funding strategies, and direct service operations.

- 3.1 The Executive Committee shall consist of six voting members with board members representing East County, North County Coastal, North County Inland, South County, and the representative, or the representative's alternate in their absence, from the City of San Diego and the County. The Chair, First Vice Chair and Second Vice Chair of the Board shall serve as voting members of the Executive Committee. Additionally, any Chair of any other Policy Advisory Committee who is not otherwise a member of the Executive Committee shall serve as an advisory, non-voting member of the Executive Committee.

- 3.1.1 Set agenda for Board. Any Board member requesting that an item be considered for inclusion on the agenda must present such request in writing to the Chairperson prior to the Executive Committee's consideration of such agenda
- 3.1.2 Review and recommend Overall Work Program and Program Budget
- 3.1.3 Approve amendments to the Program Budget and Overall Work Program and financial/contracting transactions, including selection of vendors, acceptance of funding, stipulations of any nature, up to \$500,000, subject to increase by Board action
- 3.1.4 Review and act on state and federal legislation, including approval of the annual legislative program, with concurrent review from other Policy Advisory Committees as appropriate
- 3.1.5 Act upon and evaluate dispute resolution
- 3.1.6 Advise on personnel actions
- 3.1.7 Act on behalf of Board when timing requires
- 3.1.8 Make policy recommendations to the Board related to fiduciary and strategic governance responsibilities, risk management, strategic planning, organizational health, corrective action plans, budget and funding strategies, and direct service operations.
- 3.1.9 Perform other duties as assigned by the Board
- 3.1.10 Annually review a list of all the SANDAG Policy Advisory Committees and working groups to determine the need to maintain the committee or working group and approve any revisions in functions or membership.
- 3.1.11 Review all proposed amendments to the Bylaws or Board Policies and make recommendations to the Board regarding those amendments.
- 3.1.12 Provide oversight of SANDAG's direct services programs, including Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies responsibilities and related motorist aid programs.
- 3.1.13 Approve loans of *TransNet* funds when such loans are incorporated into an RTIP amendment requiring an exchange of *TransNet* funds for funds from another source.
- 3.1.14 If timing requires and if, in the exercise of due diligence a quorum of the Executive Committee cannot be convened to act to address such time-sensitive issue, with written concurrence from the First Vice Chair and Second Vice Chair, the Chair may act on behalf of the Executive Committee with regard to all items delegated to the Executive Committee. The Chair shall report any actions taken on behalf of the Executive Committee at its next meeting.

4. Transportation Committee Membership and Responsibilities

The Transportation Committee provides oversight for and a venue for discussing and proposing actions related to SANDAG's transportation and transit planning responsibilities.

- 4.1 The Transportation Committee shall consist of ten voting members with board members or alternates representing East County, North County Coastal, North County Inland, South County and the mayor or a council member from the City of San Diego, a supervisor from the County of San Diego, a member of the board of the MTS appointed by the board of the MTS, a member of the board of the NCTD appointed by the board of the NCTD, a member of the board of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority appointed by the board of the Airport Authority, and a member of the board of the San Diego Unified Port District appointed by the board of the Port District.
 - 4.1.1 Provide oversight for consolidated transit responsibilities
 - 4.1.2 Provide policy oversight for transportation plans and corridor and systems studies
 - 4.1.3 Establish/approve transportation prioritization criteria for SANDAG programs
 - 4.1.4 Approve TDA and STA claim amendments and RTIP and STIP amendments
 - 4.1.5 Recommend funding allocations to the Board
 - 4.1.6 Approve transit operator budgets for funding
 - 4.1.7 Approve Regional Short Range Transit Plan and Coordinated Human Service and Public Transportation Plan
 - 4.1.8 Make recommendations regarding changes to Board Policy No. 018: Transit Service Policy and Board Policy No. 029: Regional Fare Policy and Comprehensive Fare Ordinance
 - 4.1.9 Conduct public hearings as delegated by the Board Chair
 - 4.1.10 Advise Board on other transportation policy-level issues
 - 4.1.11 Approve financial/contracting transactions, including selection of vendors, acceptance of funding, stipulations of any nature, and any resulting budget amendment up to \$500,000 for transportation items, subject to increase by Board action
 - 4.1.12 Convene closed sessions and make final decisions with regard to real property transactions related to transportation projects; however, this delegation does not include the authority to make a Resolution of Necessity or to commence litigation
 - 4.1.13 Conduct hearings and authorize additional public meetings when appropriate pursuant to Board Policy No. 025 to hear official testimony from the public regarding Comprehensive Fare Ordinance amendments
 - 4.1.14 Approve amendments to the Comprehensive Fare Ordinance
 - 4.1.15 Accept for distribution, hold public hearings regarding, and adopt/certify environmental documents for projects within the Transportation Committee's Responsibilities
 - 4.1.16 Provide oversight and approvals for Coordinated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) matters and appoint Transportation Committee representative to the CTSA Board
 - 4.1.17 Approve revisions to funding allocations for Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 funding

- 4.1.18 Review the draft *TransNet* compliance audits consistent with Board Policy No. 031: *TransNet* Ordinance and Expenditure Plan Rules
- 4.1.19 Provide input on project selection criteria for, and recommend projects for funding under, the statewide and *TransNet* active transportation programs, federal Section 5310 and *TransNet* senior transportation programs, and other transportation grant programs with transportation impacts
- 4.1.20 Provide coordinated oversight with the Regional Planning Committee for recommendations on the preparation and implementation of components of the Regional Plan
- 4.1.21 Develop a report by July 1 of each year that specifies the funds spent explicitly on public transportation, outlines the public transit needs, transit funding criteria, recommended transit funding levels, and additional work on public transit, and recommend acceptance of such report to the Board.
- 4.1.22 Approve Federal Highway and Federal Transit Administrations' Transportation Performance Management targets required of Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

5. Regional Planning Committee Membership and Responsibilities

The Regional Planning Committee provides a venue for discussing and proposing actions related to SANDAG's regional land use, housing, and resilience responsibilities.

- 5.1 The Regional Planning Committee shall consist of six voting members with board members or alternates representing East County, North County Coastal, North County Inland, South County, and the mayor or a council member from the City of San Diego, and a supervisor from the County of San Diego.
 - 5.1.1 Provide coordinated oversight with the Transportation Committee for recommendations on the preparation and implementation of components of the Regional Plan.
 - 5.1.2 Represent the Board for outreach and public information on the Regional Plan and its components.
 - 5.1.3 Advise Board on regional planning policy issues.
 - 5.1.4 Approve distribution of funds from the California Coastal Commission Beach Sand Mitigation Fund and California Coastal Commission Public Recreational Beach Impact Mitigation Fund.
 - 5.1.5 Recommend project selection criteria for, and recommend projects for funding under, the *TransNet* Smart Growth Incentive Program and Environmental Mitigation Program and other grant programs that support implementation of the Regional Plan.
 - 5.1.6 Comment on behalf of SANDAG or provide recommendations to the Board regarding comments on third party environmental documents.
 - 5.1.7 Review and make recommendations to the Board on regional land use, housing and resilience issues where other advisory forums are unable to find consensus or which need additional discussion before Board action.
 - 5.1.8 Review and make recommendations to the Board regarding the Regional Housing Needs Allocation for the San Diego region.

6. Borders Committee Membership and Responsibilities

The Borders Committee provides oversight of and a venue for discussing and proposing actions related to SANDAG's strategic priorities affecting binational, interregional and tribal partners.

- 6.1 The Borders Committee shall consist of seven voting members with board members or alternates representing East County, North County Coastal, North County Inland, South County and the mayor or a council member from the City of San Diego, a supervisor from the County of San Diego, and a mayor, council member, or supervisor from the County of Imperial.
 - 6.1.1 Provide oversight for the preparation of binational, interregional, and tribal planning programs and projects.
 - 6.1.2 Establish closer SANDAG working relations with surrounding counties, Mexico, and the region's tribal nations.
 - 6.1.3 Advise Board on binational, interregional, and tribal policy-level issues.
 - 6.1.4 Review and make recommendations to the Board on binational, interregional or tribal projects where other advisory forums are unable to find consensus or which need additional discussion before Board action. Comment on significant inter-regional projects.

7. Audit Committee Membership and Responsibilities

The membership, authority and responsibilities for this committee are set forth in Board Policy No. 039.

8. Public Safety Committee Membership and Responsibilities

The membership, authority and responsibilities for this committee are set forth in Board Policy No. 026.

9. Distribution of Meeting Materials

- 9.1 All agendas for meetings of the Board of Directors, Policy Advisory Committees, and all other SANDAG legislative bodies covered by the Brown Act (Government Code § 54950 et seq.) shall be posted on the SANDAG website, and copies of such agendas will be available for viewing by the public in the SANDAG business office reception area.
- 9.2 All closed session items shall be provided to appropriate Board and/or Policy Advisory Committee members prior to the closed session. Closed session meeting materials will be sent by a secure method and clearly labeled as confidential. If a representative will not be able to attend a meeting he/she should ensure the closed session materials are forwarded to the appropriate alternate to review prior to the meeting. All closed session meeting materials must be deleted or returned to the Office of General Counsel at the end of the closed session.

10. Work Assigned to Staff

Requests for staff to perform work on a project that is not specified in the Overall Work Program or Program Budget shall only be conducted following approval by the Board if the work is estimated to exceed four hours of staff time.

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