

SANDAG Regional Digital Divide Taskforce Workshop: From Strategies to Action Plan

**October 25, 2021
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.**

This Taskforce workshop meeting will be closed to the public. Meeting minutes will be posted to the [Regional Digital Divide Taskforce Committee Page](#).

1. Workshop Overview - (5 minutes)
2. Breakout Sessions - (45 minutes)

Each taskforce member will be assigned to a strategy break out session to refine near-term and continuing Actions for each strategy. The seven groups are:

1. Consensus for Broadband – Build consensus that high-quality, reliable, and affordable broadband is an essential public service that contributes toward greater equity.
2. Local and Regional Adoption – Incorporate broadband into regional and local plans
3. Middle-Mile Deployment – Drive the expansion of a resilient, reliable, and redundant open access middle-mile fiber network
4. Last-Mile Deployment – Build collaborative partnerships with ISPs to connect middle-mile expansion with last mile deployment in hard-to-reach areas.
5. Digital Equity Partnerships – Strengthen partnerships with and between public agencies, community-based organizations, libraries, education and research institutions.
6. Data & Transparency – Advocate for better public data and greater transparency around household-level service availability, performance, and cost.
7. Sustainable Funding – Advocate for and seek sustainable funding for digital equity programming.

If you would like to work on specific strategies, please email Jackie Tovar with your top 3 choices at jackie.tovar@sandag.org.

3. Group Report-Out (40 minutes)