

SAN DIEGO FORWARD: THE 2021 REGIONAL PLAN FACT SHEET



Topic areas that will be covered include:

- » Air quality
- » Borders, including Baja California, our tribal nations, and our neighboring counties
- » Climate change mitigation and adaptation
- » Economic prosperity
- » Emerging technologies
- » Energy and fuels
- » Habitat preservation
- » Healthy communities
- » Open space and agriculture
- » Public facilities
- » Public safety
- » Shoreline preservation
- » Transportation and mobility
- » Water quality

Overview

SANDAG is leading a broad-based community effort to develop San Diego Forward: The 2021 Regional Plan (2021 Regional Plan). This blueprint combines the big-picture vision for how our region will grow through 2050 and beyond with an implementation program to help make that vision a reality.

The Regional Plan is updated every four years and combines three planning documents that SANDAG must complete per state and federal laws: The Regional Transportation Plan, Sustainable Communities Strategy, and Regional Comprehensive Plan. The Regional Plan also supports other regional transportation planning and programming efforts, including overseeing which projects are funded under the Regional Transportation Improvement Program and the TransNet program.

In February 2019, the SANDAG Board of Directors approved an action plan to create a bold new transportation vision

with the goal to transform the way people and goods move throughout the region. SANDAG is applying data-driven strategies, innovative technologies, and stakeholder input to create a future system that is faster, fairer, and cleaner.

Part of this data-driven approach includes the implementation of five key transportation strategies referred to as the 5 Big Moves. These strategies provide the framework for the Regional Plan and consider policies and programs, changes in land use and infrastructure, take advantage of our existing transportation highway and transit networks, and leverage trends in technology to optimize use of the transportation system. Together, these initiatives will create a fully integrated, world-class transportation system that offers efficient and equitable transportation choices, meets state climate targets, and supports local jurisdictions' achievements of Climate Action Plan goals.

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5 Big Moves

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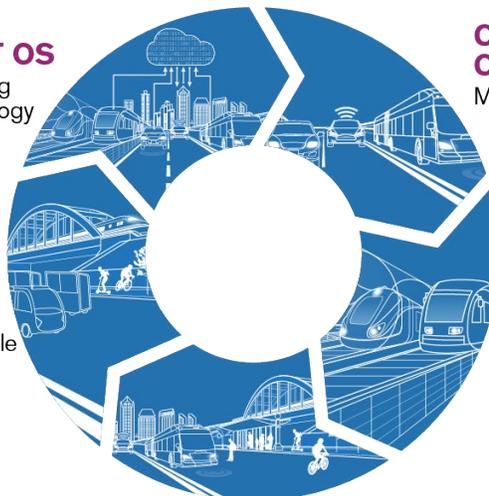
NEXT OS
Enabling technology

COMPLETE CORRIDORS
Multimodal roads

FLEXIBLE FLEETS
First and last mile options

TRANSIT LEAP
Fast and flexible transit

MOBILITY HUBS
Connection points



- » **Complete Corridors:** Smart, connected routes that provide a variety of travel choices and a balance of dedicated, safe space for everyone, including freight vehicles and people who walk, bike, drive, ride transit, and use Flexible Fleets.
- » **Transit Leap:** A complete network of fast, high-capacity, high-frequency transit services that connect major residential areas with employment centers and attractions throughout the San Diego region.
- » **Mobility Hubs:** Places of connectivity where an integrated suite of mobility services, amenities, and supporting technologies converge to better connect high-frequency transit to an individual's origin of destination.
- » **Flexible Fleets:** Shared mobility services such as on-demand rideshare, bikeshare, or scootershare that provide a last-mile connection or fulfill a complete trip.
- » **Next Operating System (OS):** The "brain" of the entire transportation system which collectively analyzes information from sources like passenger vehicles, delivery trucks, e-bikes, and scooters to improve how transportation is planned, operated, and experienced.

The Need

It's important to plan for our future – locally, regionally, and across all our borders. The foundation for the 2021 Regional Plan is the 2050 Regional Growth Forecast, which lays out how our region will grow over time. Working with the 18 cities and County of San Diego, SANDAG forecasts the projected jobs, housing, and population expected by 2050. Beyond the numbers, the forecast also gives us clues about how our population's needs and lifestyles may change over time. Using this information, other key data, and public input, we work with our stakeholders to create a balanced, connected, and efficient transportation system that will meet our future needs as a region.

During the last decade, many local jurisdictions updated their land use plans and zoning ordinances, which collectively moved the region's vision of the future toward more compact development near transit with greater open space preservation. Focusing on housing and job centers in existing urbanized areas has replaced previous assumptions of more dispersed development patterns. By the year 2050, when our population is anticipated to reach 3.75 million people, approximately half of the region's land will be dedicated to open space and habitat preservation.

The shift in development patterns is critical to creating a more sustainable way of life and helping the region reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 19% per capita below 2005 levels by 2035, as mandated by the California Air Resources Board in 2018.

The 2021 Regional Plan will include a Sustainable Communities Strategy to guide efforts to meet or exceed the GHG targets, while maintaining quality of life in the San Diego region.

Upcoming Milestones

The draft 2021 Regional Plan and the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be released and undergo public review processes in mid-2021. Based on public input provided, the final 2021 Regional Plan and EIR are planned to be released in the fall and will go to the SANDAG Board of Directors for final approval before the end of the year. The SANDAG Board is anticipated to adopt the Plan in late 2021.

Community Involvement

Stakeholder input gathered early in the development process provided a foundation to develop the bold new vision for the 2021 Regional Plan. SANDAG is engaging a broad and diverse cross-section of the San Diego region throughout plan development.

SANDAG is partnering with a regionwide network of 12 community-based organizations to engage underserved communities, low-income, BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, people of color), senior, and disabled populations in the planning process. A tribal consultation process is being implemented with the support of the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association to ensure the region's 17 sovereign tribal nations are included.

In addition, SANDAG is collaborating with Mexico, the U.S. Military, neighboring counties, local communities, colleges and universities, transportation providers, and ports of entry in an inclusive planning process to ensure our regional transportation system connects to the national and binational network.

The *Public Involvement Plan* for the 2021 Regional Plan includes a menu of public engagement techniques, such as open houses and webinars, use of social media, visualizations, surveys, videos, and presentations. In response to the COVID-19 global pandemic, SANDAG has employed virtual outreach strategies that prioritize accessibility and transparency for the public to stay engaged and informed with development of the 2021 Regional Plan.

For More Information

To learn more about the 2021 Regional Plan and how to get involved, visit SDForward.com.