



## Executive Committee Agenda

Friday, November 8, 2024

9 a.m.

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*We have an obligation to eliminate disparities and ensure that safe, healthy, accessible, and inclusive opportunities are available to everyone. The SANDAG equity action plan will inform how we plan, prioritize, fund, and build projects and programs; frame how we work with our communities; define how we recruit and develop our employees; guide our efforts to conduct unbiased research and interpret data; and set expectations for companies and stakeholders that work with us.*

*We are committed to creating a San Diego region where every person who visits, works, and lives can thrive.*



# Executive Committee

Friday, November 8, 2024

## Comments and Communications

### 1. Non-Agenda Public Comments/Member Comments

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## Consent

### +2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

*Tessa Lero, SANDAG*

Approve

The Executive Committee is asked to approve the minutes from its October 11 2024, meeting.

[Meeting Minutes](#)

### +3. Review of Draft Board Agendas

*Ariana Galvan, SANDAG*

Approve

The Executive Committee is asked to approve the draft agendas for the November 22, 2024 and December 6, 2024, Board of Directors meetings.

[3A - BOD 11-22 Draft](#)

[3B - BOD 12-06 Draft](#)

## Reports

### +4. FY 2025 Annual Working Groups Review and Charter Amendment

#### Overview

*Ashley Wiley, Ariana Galvan, SANDAG*

Approve

The Executive Committee (EC) is asked to review the FY 2025 Working Groups for feedback on possible revisions to membership or scope. The EC also is asked to approve the proposed revision to the Mobility Working Group Charter.

[FY 2025 Annual Working Groups Review and Charter Amendment Overview](#)

[Att. 1 - FY 2025 Working Groups and Task Forces](#)

[Att. 2 - Mobility Working Group Charter](#)

### +5. Legislative Status Report

*Ryan Williams, Jose Alvarez, Hector Vanegas, SANDAG*

Information

Staff will present an update on SANDAG legislative and policy activities.

[Legislative Status Report](#)

[Att. 1 - Report from Ellison Wilson Advocacy, LLC](#)

[Att. 2 - Report from Peter Peyser Associates, LLC](#)

[Att. 3 - Report on Mexico Constitutional Reforms](#)

## **Adjournment**

### **6. Adjournment**

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for Friday, December 6, 2024, at 9 a.m.

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November 8, 2024

## **October 11, 2024, Meeting Minutes**

### **[View Meeting Video](#)**

Chairwoman Nora Vargas (County of San Diego) called the meeting of the Executive Committee to order at 9:02 a.m.

#### **1. Public Comments/Communications/Member Comments**

Public Comments: Robert Germann, Alan, Michale Brando, Truth, and Purita Javier.

Member Comments: None.

#### **Consent**

#### **2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

The Executive Committee was asked to approve the minutes from its September 13, 2024, meeting.

#### **3. Review of Draft Board Agendas**

The Executive Committee was asked to approve the draft agendas for its October 25, 2024, and November 8, 2024, Board of Directors meetings.

#### **4. Legislative Status Report**

This report provided an update on SANDAG's legislative and policy activities.

#### **5. 2025 Program Budget Amendment: Department of Justice Inquiry Costs**

The Executive Committee was asked to approve the allocation of up to \$500,000 from the Contingency Reserve in FY 2025 to fund ongoing costs associated with responding to the inquiries from the Department of Justice.

#### **6. Proposed Amendment to Board Policy No. 004: Rules of Procedure for Board of Directors, Policy Advisory Committees, and Other Legislative Bodies**

The Executive Committee was asked to recommend that the Board of Directors approve an amendment to Board Policy No. 004: Rules of Procedure for Board of Directors, Policy Advisory Committees, and other Legislative Bodies.

Public Comments: Robert Germann, Nos. 2-6; Truth, Nos. 2-6; Alan, Nos. 2-6; Phone #813, Nos. 2-6; and Paul the Bold, Nos. 2-6.

Action: Upon a motion by Second Vice Chair Lesa Heebner (North County Coastal), and a second by Councilmember Melanie Burkholder (North County Coastal), the Executive Committee voted to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chairwoman Vargas, Vice Chair Sean Elo-Rivera (City of San Diego) Second Vice Chair Heebner, Mayor Racquel Vasquez (East County), Mayor Rebecca Jones (North County Inland), and Councilmember Luz Molina (South County).

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

## **Reports**

### **7. Regional Housing Needs Allocation Reform: SANDAG Revised Legislative Principles**

Deputy Director of Planning Tuere Fa'aola, Senior Regional Planner Stacey Cooper, and Senior Government Relations Analyst Jose Alvarez presented the item.

Public Comments: Truth, Alan, Stephen Russell, Cesar Javier, Paul the Bold, and Phone #813.

Action: Upon a motion by Second Vice Chair Heebner, and a second by Mayor Jones, the Executive Committee voted to direct staff to make further revisions to the letter based on the discussion today and for staff to submit the letter to the Chairs of the Senate and Assembly Housing Committees and also other California Councils of Governments.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chairwoman Vargas, Vice Chair Elo-Rivera, Second Vice Chair Heebner, Mayor Vasquez, Mayor Jones, and Councilmember Molina.

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Continued Non-Agenda Public Comments: Cesar Javier and Paul the Bold.

### **8. Adjournment**

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for Friday, November 8, 2024, at 9 a.m.

Chairwoman Vargas adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

## Confirmed Attendance at Executive Committee Meeting

| Jurisdiction                       | Name                                 | Member/<br>Alternate | Attend |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--------|
| City of San Diego                  | Vice Chair Sean Elo-Rivera           | Primary              | Yes    |
|                                    | Councilmember Raul Campillo          | Alternate            | Yes    |
|                                    | Councilmember Vivian Moreno          | Alternate            | No     |
| County of San Diego                | Chairwoman Nora Vargas               | Primary              | Yes    |
|                                    | Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe  | Alternate            | No     |
| East County                        | Mayor Racquel Vasquez                | Primary              | Yes    |
|                                    | Councilmember Jack Shu               | Alternate            | Yes    |
| North County Coastal               | Mayor Lesa Heebner, 2nd Vice Chair   | Primary              | Yes    |
|                                    | Councilmember Melanie Burkholder     | Alternate            | Yes    |
| North County Inland                | Mayor Rebecca Jones                  | Primary              | Yes    |
|                                    | Mayor Steve Vaus                     | Alternate            | No     |
| South County                       | Councilmember Luz Molina             | Primary              | Yes    |
|                                    | Councilmember John Duncan            | Alternate            | Yes    |
| Ex-Officio Members                 | Name                                 |                      | Attend |
| Chair, Transportation Committee    | Councilmember Jack Shu               |                      | Yes    |
| Chair, Public Safety Committee     | Councilmember Jose Rodriguez         |                      | No     |
| Chair, Borders Committee           | Supervisor Jesus Eduardo Escobar     |                      | No     |
| Chair, Audit Committee             | Councilmember David Zito             |                      | Yes    |
| Chair, Regional Planning Committee | Council President Pro Tem Joe LaCava |                      | No     |

# Board of Directors

Friday, November 22, 2024

## Comments and Communications

### 1. Non-Agenda Public Comments/Member Comments

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### Consent

#### +2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

*Tessa Lero, SANDAG*

Approve

The Board of Directors is asked to approve the minutes from its November 8, 2024, meeting.

#### +3. Chief Executive Officer Delegated Actions\*

*Beth Lupu, SANDAG*

Information

In accordance with various Board Policies, this report summarizes delegated actions taken by the Chief Executive Officer.

#### +4. Policy Advisory Committee Actions

*Francesca Webb, SANDAG*

Approve

The Board of Directors is asked to ratify the actions taken by the Policy Advisory Committees as noted in the report.

#### +5. TransNet Smart Growth Incentive Program\*

*Susan Huntington, Antoinette Meier, Jenny Russo, SANDAG*

Approve

The Regional Planning and Transportation Committees recommend that the Board of Directors approve the evaluation criteria and release the call for projects for Smart Growth Incentive Program Cycle 6.

#### +6. Approval of Proposed Solicitations and Contract Awards

*Kelly Mikhail, SANDAG*

Approve

The Board of Directors is asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to conduct the proposed solicitation(s) and to award contracts as identified in this report.

#### +7. 2025 Legislative Calendar

*Ariana Galvan, SANDAG*

Approve



The Board of Directors is asked to approve the calendar of meetings of the Board and the Policy Advisory Committees for the upcoming year.

**+8. Quarterly Project Progress and Budget Update, FY 2025, Quarter 1\***

Information

*David Cortez, Clint Peace, Antoinette Meier, Susan Huntington*

This quarterly report provides an update on the status of the agency's projects as

approved in the FY 2025 Program Budget through September 2024 (Quarter 1).

**Reports**

**+9. Role and Scope of Contract Counsel**

Discussion

*Amberlynn Deaton, SANDAG*

The Board of Directors will discuss the role, scope, and future needs for contracted legal counsel providing support to the Board of Directors.

**+10. Proposed FY 2025 Program Budget Amendment: Border Climate Adaptation and Environmental Justice Plan**

Approve

*Antoinette Meier, Keith Greer, Kim Smith, SANDAG*

The Board of Directors is asked to approve an amendment to the FY 2025 SANDAG Program Budget, accepting the Climate Adaptation Planning grant of \$3,000,000 from Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program and creation of a new Official Work Program number for the Border Climate Adaptation and Environmental Justice Plan.

**+11. Otay Mesa East Schedule and Finance Update**

Information

*Maria Rodriguez Molina, SANDAG*

Staff will present an update on the Otay Mesa East Port of Entry Project including the toll revenue legal and financial parameters.

**Adjournment**

**12. Adjournment**

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 6, 2024, at 10 a.m.

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# Board of Directors

Friday, December 6, 2024

## Comments and Communications

### 1. Non-Agenda Public Comments/Member Comments

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### Consent

#### +2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

*Tessa Lero, SANDAG*

Approve

The Board of Directors is asked to approve the minutes from its November 8, 2024, meeting.

#### +3. Policy Advisory Committee Actions

*Francesca Webb, SANDAG*

Approve

The Board of Directors is asked to ratify the actions taken by the Policy Advisory Committees as noted in the report.

#### +4. Overview of Developments in the Financial Markets, Quarterly Finance Report as of September 30, 2024\*

*Dawn Vettese, SANDAG*

Information

This report provides an update on the latest developments in the financial markets, economy, sales tax revenues, and strategies being explored and implemented to minimize possible impacts to the TransNet Program.

#### +5. Approval of Proposed Solicitations and Contract Awards

*Kelly Mikhail, SANDAG*

Approve

The Board of Directors is asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to conduct the proposed solicitation(s) and to award contracts as identified in this report.

#### +6. Revised FY 2024 Position Classification / Salary Range Table

*Melissa Coffelt, SANDAG*

Approve

The Board of Directors is asked to approve the recommended mid-year changes to the SANDAG FY 2024 Position Classification / Salary Range Table.

### Chair's Report

#### 7. CEO Performance Goals Discussion

*Chairwoman Nora Vargas*

Approve

The Board of Directors will discuss the proposed CEO performance goals.

## Reports

### **+8. Airport Transit Connection Update** *Marisa Mangan, SANDAG*

Information

Staff will provide an update on the advanced planning and outreach for the Airport Transit Connection project

## Adjournment

### **9. Adjournment**

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 20, 2024, at 9 a.m.

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October 25, 2024

## **FY 2025 Annual Working Groups Review and Charter Amendment Overview**

### **Overview**

[SANDAG Board Policy No. 001](#) requires that the Executive Committee annually review all SANDAG committees and working groups to determine whether revisions to their functions or membership are needed.

### **Key Considerations**

SANDAG currently supports 6 Policy Advisory Committees, 8 Working Groups, and 11 Task Forces that provide input and recommendations either to the Board of Directors, a Policy Advisory Committee, or to staff. Attachment 1 depicts the relationship between each Policy Advisory Committee and its related Working Group or Task Force.

The only change being recommended at this time is a request by the Mobility Working Group (MOBWG) to amend its Charter. The MOBWG serves as a critical resource to carry out and promote cross-agency coordination on the policy, planning, development, deployment, and operations of mobility solutions that help advance the implementation of the SANDAG Regional Plan; and includes a representative from each of the SANDAG member agencies. The proposed amendment would allow them to meet monthly (instead of every other month) or as needed in order to have sufficient opportunity to review critical agenda topics (Attachment 2).

### **Next Steps**

SANDAG will be facilitating a discussion in 2025 to help identify potential improvements to better align the work of the Committees and Working Groups with the agency's current and evolving business needs to support the Board's work. Initial conversations have started already on potential modifications to the Committee on Binational Regional Opportunities. Any recommendations from this effort would be provided to the Executive Committee next year.

If approved, the change to the MOBWG Charter would go into effect immediately.

### ***Robyn Wapner, Director of Public Affairs***

Attachments:   1. FY 2025 Working Groups and Task Forces  
                  2. Mobility Working Group Charter

### **Action: Approve.**

The Executive Committee (EC) is asked to review the FY 2025 Working Groups for feedback on possible revisions to membership or scope. The EC also is asked to approve the proposed revision to the Mobility Working Group Charter.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

Policy Advisory Committees and Working Groups are funded through various Overall Work Program Elements in the Program Budget.

### **Schedule/Scope Impact:**

None.

## FY 2025 WORKING GROUPS

| INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE |                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                 |                                                              |
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| Working Group Name                       | Membership                                                    | Responsibilities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Applicable Laws | Current Status                                               |
| ITOC Selection Committee                 | Chair: Appointed by the Selection Committee for each meeting. | The ITOC selection committee shall be established to select an ITOC member from the list of qualified candidates recommended by a technical screening committee. The selection committee shall consist of the following: two members of the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors; the mayor of the City of San Diego; a mayor from the cities of Chula Vista, Coronado, Imperial Beach, or National City selected by the mayors of those cities; a mayor from the cities of El Cajon, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, or Santee selected by the mayors of those cities; a mayor from the cities of Carlsbad, Del Mar, Encinitas, Oceanside, or Solana Beach selected by the mayors of those cities; and a mayor from the cities of Escondido, Poway, San Marcos, or Vista selected by the mayors of those cities. | Brown Act       | Standing Meeting<br>Schedule: as needed when vacancies occur |

| TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                 |                                                                                                                            |
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| <p>Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)</p> <p>Staff lead:<br/>Brian Lane</p>   | <p>Chair: Public member appointed by SSTAC. Representatives of transit users who are seniors (aged 60 years or older), disabled, and/or persons with limited means; staff from social service providers serving seniors, persons with disabilities, and persons of limited means; representatives from the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency; and representatives from MTS and NCTD</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p>Designated as the Local Review Committee for FTA Section 5310 grant applications, holds required unmet needs hearings, and advises on regional issues of accessible transportation provided by the public and private sector; fulfills state Public Utilities Code requirement; also, reviews and advises on transit capital improvement projects for Americans with Disabilities Act compliance.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p>Brown Act</p>                                | <p>Standing</p> <p>Established: 1979</p> <p>Meeting schedule: Bimonthly</p>                                                |
| <p>Mobility Working Group (MOBWG)</p> <p>Staff lead:<br/>Jennifer Williamson<br/>Cecily Taylor</p> | <p>Chair: CM Jose Rodriguez</p> <p>Chair appointed by the Chair of the Transportation Committee.</p> <p>The Chair shall be a member of the Transportation Committee and serve as a non-voting Chair of the MOBWG for a period of one year. The MOBWG membership shall include one voting member and one alternate member from each SANDAG member agency, including the region's 18 cities, the County of San Diego, Metropolitan Transit System, North County Transit District, Port of San Diego, and the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority. Each member agency shall have one vote. MOBWG agency representatives shall be appointed by the membership agency for a two-year term and be an executive or senior staff level. Membership may also include participation from non-voting agency partners including, but not limited to, Caltrans, Department of Defense, Southern California Tribal Chairman's Association.</p> | <p>Provides an institutional forum and structure for regional stakeholders to:</p> <p>(1) collaborate, coordinate, research, and peer exchange innovative mobility solutions;</p> <p>(2) identify legislative and regulatory barriers and opportunities; (3) implement and operate regional solutions that require cross-jurisdictional coordination; (4) develop guidelines and adopt standards that will facilitate seamless implementation of mobility solutions across the region; and (5) promote best practices and technical assistance that prepare for the future of mobility. The MOBWG also provides SANDAG staff and the Transportation Committee with input and recommendations on preparation and implementation of the Regional Plan and other transportation projects, programs, and policies. MOBWG activities are identified through annual workplans. SANDAG staff will update the workplan in coordination with the MOBWG to foster collaboration and consensus on priority projects that advance the goals and projects contained in the Regional Plan as well as the TransNet Local Streets and Roads program.</p> | <p>Brown Act<br/>Conflict<br/>Laws/Form 700</p> | <p>Established: 2022</p> <p>Meeting Schedule: Bimonthly – charter change proposed to meet monthly beginning in FY 2025</p> |

| REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                             |                                                                       |
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| <p>Sustainable Communities Working Group (SCWG)</p> <p>Staff lead:<br/>Sara Toma<br/>Chesley DeLeon</p> | <p>Chair: CM Joy Lyndes<br/>Chair appointed by the Chair of the Regional Planning Committee.</p> <p>Membership includes representatives from the region's 18 cities and the County of San Diego. Membership may also include participation from non-voting agency partners including, but not limited to, Caltrans, Metropolitan Transit System (MTS), North County Transit District (NCTD), San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, San Diego County Water Authority, Air Pollution Control District, the Local Agency Formations Commission (LAFCO), Department of Defense, Southern California Tribal Chairman's Association, and the Port of San Diego.</p> | <p>Provides an institutional forum and structure for regional stakeholders to: (1) collaborate, coordinate, research, and peer exchange innovative solutions to address regional issues related to land use, housing, sustainability, habitat conservation, climate resilience and equity; (2) identify legislative and regulatory barriers and opportunities; (3) implement regional solutions that require cross-jurisdictional coordination; (4) develop guidelines that will facilitate implementation of policies, programs and solutions across the region; and (5) promote best practices and technical assistance that helps local jurisdictions align policies and programs with the Regional Plan and SCS.</p> | <p>Brown Act<br/>Conflict Laws/Form 700</p> | <p>Established 2022<br/>Bimonthly</p>                                 |
| <p>Military Working Group (MWG)</p> <p>Staff lead:<br/>Danielle Kochman</p>                             | <p>Chair: CM Steve Goble<br/>Chair appointed by the BOD Chair.</p> <p>MWG is composed of thirteen members, including four representatives from the armed forces: Navy Region Southwest; Marine Corps Installation West; Marine Corps Recruitment Depot; and U.S. Coast Guard San Diego Sector. In addition, the voting membership includes one representative from the following jurisdictions and agencies: City of Coronado, City of Imperial Beach, City of Oceanside, City of</p>                                                                                                                                                                                | <p>Provides a collaborative forum for the various branches of the military and SANDAG to address areas of mutual interest, including growth management, habitat, transportation, regional growth, housing, water, energy, and other related topics</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <p>Brown Act</p>                            | <p>Standing<br/>Established: 2012<br/>Meeting schedule: Quarterly</p> |

| REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                     |                                                                    |
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|                                                                                                | National City, City of San Diego, County of San Diego, the Port of San Diego, the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS), and the North County Transit District (NCTD).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                     |                                                                    |
| Social Equity Working Group (SEWG)<br><br>Staff lead:<br>Paula Zamudio<br>Cat Matel            | Chair: MPT Priya Bhat-Patel<br>Chair appointed as non-voting member by Chair of BOD.<br><br>12 representatives from community-based organizations (CBOs) or community collaboratives serving underserved/disadvantaged communities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Reviews and provides input that will be used to develop and adopt the Regional Plan as well as provides a social equity perspective on other agency initiatives or planning efforts, including Public Participation Plan, and assists with associated public outreach and helps inform and encourage diverse, inclusive and active, public involvement in the Regional Plan | Brown Act<br>Conflict Laws/Form 700 | Established:<br>2018<br>Meeting schedule:<br>Monthly               |
| Shoreline Preservation Working Group (SPWG)<br><br>Staff lead:<br>Courtney Becker<br>Kim Smith | Chair: Mayor Dwight Worden.<br>The Chair is appointed by the Chair of the RPC and will be a member of the SPWG representing one of the bayfront and coastal cities to serve as Chair for a period of one year.<br>The SPWG has eleven voting members which include one voting representative from each of the bayfront and coastal cities, the County of San Diego, the San Diego Unified Port District and the U.S. Navy. In addition, the SPWG includes non-voting: (1) technical advisors from the California Coastal Commission, State Department of Fish and Wildlife, State Department of Parks and Recreation, State Lands Commission, National Marine Fisheries Service, the U.S. Army Corps | Advises on the implementation of the Shoreline Preservation Strategy, the Coastal Regional Sediment Management Plan, and San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan. Supports the region's ongoing and future beach nourishment efforts and other sea-level rise adaptation strategies                                                                                            | Brown Act                           | Standing<br>Established<br>1980s<br>Meeting schedule:<br>Quarterly |



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| Working Group Name          | Membership                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Responsibilities | Applicable Laws | Current Status |
|                             | of Engineers; and (2) community advisors from the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association, non-profit coastal advocacy group, environmental justice/climate equity community, lobster and fishing associations, and the Scripps Institution of Oceanography |                  |                 |                |

| PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                        |                 |
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| Chiefs'/Sheriff's Management Committee (CSMC)<br><br>Staff lead:<br>Anthony (Tony) Ray<br>Linda Cimmino | Chair: appointed by the members of CSMC.<br>Sheriff and police chiefs from around the region, and SD County probation and District Attorney offices. | Reviews, evaluates, and provides recommendations and input to the Public Safety Committee on issues relating to the SANDAG ARJIS and Criminal Justice work programs and budgets; and evaluates and recommends regional public safety initiatives | Brown Act<br>Conflict<br>Laws/Form 700 | Meeting monthly |

## TASK FORCES

| Task Force Name                                                                                   | Membership                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Responsibilities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Applicable Laws | Current Status                                                                                                                                                        |
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| <p>Bayshore Bikeway Task Force</p> <p>Staff lead:<br/>Josh Clark</p>                              | <p>National City Councilmember Marcus Bush, Imperial Beach Councilmember Matthew Leyba-Gonzalez, San Diego Councilmember Vivian Moreno, Chula Vista Councilmember Jill Galvez, Coronado Councilmember Mike Donovan, County of San Diego Supervisor Nora Vargas, Port of San Diego Commissioner Sandy Naranjo, San Diego County Bicycle Coalition Executive Director Andy Hanshaw, Public Member Mike Woiwode</p> | <p>Plans for future improvements on the Bayshore Bikeway, provides oversight and support for projects being developed, advocates for funding to plan and construct projects, coordinates with local land use authorities to provide for future bikeway right-of-way, and promotes the bikeway as a regional transportation facility.</p> | n/a             | <p>Standing</p> <p>Established: 2023*</p> <p>Meeting schedule: Quarterly or as needed</p> <p>*as a Task Force – previously established as a Working Group in 1989</p> |
| <p>Regional Digital Divide Task Force</p> <p>Staff Lead:<br/>Kate McCauley<br/>Michael Terlep</p> | <p>Representatives from government organizations, educational institutions, community-based organizations, Internet Service Providers, community technology training and network providers, and other social service and civic organizations that are actively working to bridge the digital divide. See membership list: <a href="#">committeeid_124_31667.pdf (sandag.org)</a></p>                             | <p>The SANDAG Regional Digital Divide task force brings together a wide range of stakeholders to develop and implement the Regional Digital Equity Strategy and Action Plan and to collaborate and provide expert input on regional digital equity programs and projects.</p>                                                            | n/a             | <p>Standing</p> <p>Established: 2021</p> <p>Meeting schedule: Quarterly or as needed</p>                                                                              |
| <p>Freight Stakeholders Task Force</p> <p>Staff Lead:<br/>Danielle Kochman</p>                    | <p>Representatives from Caltrans, Port of San Diego, San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, Imperial County Transportation Commission, Federal Highway Administration, transit operators, railroads, trucking companies, chambers of commerce, and other private and nonprofit organizations.</p>                                                                                                          | <p>Provides input on goods movement planning projects and activities to improve the efficiency of goods movement, advance the deployment of medium and heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles, and implement the SANDAG Regional Plan.</p>                                                                                                    | n/a             | <p>Standing</p> <p>Established: 2013</p> <p>Meeting schedule: Quarterly or as needed</p>                                                                              |

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| Committee on Binational Regional Opportunities (COBRO)<br><br>Staff lead:<br>Mariela Rodriguez                                                        | Stakeholders from both sides of the United States/Mexico border, including representatives from local jurisdictions, businesses, and academia                        | Provides input on binational-related planning and project development issues                                                                                                                                                                                  | n/a             | Standing<br>Established: 1995<br>Meeting schedule:<br>Bimonthly |
| Interagency Technical Task Force on Tribal Transportation Issues<br><br>Staff lead:<br>Paula Zamudio<br>Jorge Estrada-Tello                           | Representatives from each of the 17 federally recognized tribal governments and California tribes in San Diego County                                                | Discusses and coordinates tribal transportation issues of mutual concern with the various public planning agencies in the region, including SANDAG, Caltrans, the County of San Diego, and the transit operators                                              | n/a             | Standing<br>Established: 2006<br>Meeting schedule:<br>Quarterly |
| Tribal Task Force<br><br>Staff lead:<br>Paula Zamudio<br>Jorge Estrada-Tello                                                                          | Tribal liaisons or staff from SANDAG, County, Caltrans, BIA, transit operators and tribal representatives.                                                           | Provides input on agenda setting for the Interagency Technical Task Force on Tribal Transportation Issues meetings as well as helps with continued collaboration between agencies and tribal nations.                                                         | n/a             | Standing<br>Established: 2019<br>Meeting schedule:<br>Monthly   |
| San Diego Region Conformity Working Group*<br><br>Staff lead:<br>Kirsten Uchitel<br>Keith Greer<br><br>*name set by law but functionally a Task Force | Staff from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, FHWA, Federal Transit Administration (FTA), California Air Resources Board, Caltrans, and San Diego County APCD | Reviews and comments on Regional Transportation Plan and Regional Transportation Improvement Program transportation conformity and State Implementation Plan development or updates and fulfills federal and state requirements for interagency consultation. | n/a             | Standing<br>Established: 1994<br>Meeting schedule:<br>Monthly   |

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| AB 43 Task Force<br><br>Staff lead:<br>Josh Clark                             | Zoubir Ouadah - County of San Diego, Edd Alberto – City of Escondido, Maureen Gardiner and Phil Rust – City of San Diego, Cecily Taylor - SANDAG | At its June 11, 2021, meeting, the SANDAG Executive Committee approved taking a support position on Assembly Bill (AB) 43 and on October 8, 2021, the bill was approved by the Governor. The bill grants the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and local authorities greater flexibility in setting speed limits, this Task Force focuses on the impacts of AB 43. | n/a             | Standing<br>Established: April 19, 2022<br>Meeting schedule:<br>Bimonthly, one week ahead of the Mobility Working Group |
| ARJIS Business Working Group<br><br>Staff lead:<br>Tony Ray<br>Linda Cimmino  | Appointed staff members from each agency represented on the Chiefs’/Sheriff’s Management Committee (CSMC)                                        | Provides input to the CSMC on ARJIS matters relating to criminal justice information-sharing, business practices, crime statistics, data quality, and budget                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | n/a             | Standing<br>Established: 1998<br>Meeting schedule:<br>Bimonthly                                                         |
| ARJIS Technical Working Group<br><br>Staff lead:<br>Tony Ray<br>Linda Cimmino | Appointed staff members from each agency represented on the CSMC                                                                                 | Provides input to the CSMC on ARJIS matters relating to state-of-the-art information technology that enhances both officer and public safety                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | n/a             | Standing<br>Established: 1998<br>Meeting schedule:<br>Bimonthly                                                         |

| Task Force Name                                                                  | Membership                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Responsibilities                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Applicable Laws | Current Status                                                              |
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| <p>Regional Habitat Conservation Task Force</p> <p>Staff Lead:<br/>Kim Smith</p> | <p>Staff representatives of the City of San Diego, County of San Diego, and the four SANDAG subregions (North County Coastal, North County Inland, East County and South County). The staff representatives from each SANDAG subregion will be from local jurisdictions with an adopted, or in development, habitat conservation plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff representatives of federal agencies, state agencies, and tribal governments that are directly involved in implementation of habitat conservation plans in the San Diego region (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, California Wildlife Conservation Board, Caltrans, and the Southern California Tribal Chairman's Association).</li> <li>• Staff representatives of the following organizations, representing disciplines and interests involved in implementation of regional habitat conservation plans. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Nature Conservancy (Land Acquisition)</li> <li>○ Conservation Resource Network (Land Management)</li> <li>○ U.S. Geological Survey (Science and Technology)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <p>Provides technical expertise, background knowledge and cross-agency coordination on regional habitat conservation issues, including input on issues related to coordination and implementation of the EMP.</p> | <p>n/a</p>      | <p>Standing</p> <p>Established: 2004</p> <p>Meeting schedule: Quarterly</p> |

| Task Force Name | Membership                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Responsibilities | Applicable Laws | Current Status |
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|                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Endangered Habitats League (Environmental Policy)</li> <li>○ Building Industry Association (Business)</li> <li>○ San Diego Foundation (Land Acquisition and Endowments)</li> <li>○ Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County (Land Management)</li> <li>○ Natural History Museum (Science)</li> <li>○ Alliance for Habitat Conservation (Business)</li> </ul> |                  |                 |                |



# Mobility Working Group

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## Working Group Charter

### Purpose

The purpose of the Mobility Working Group (MOBWG) is to serve as a critical resource to carry out and promote cross-agency coordination on the policy, planning, development, deployment, and operations of mobility solutions that help advance the implementation of the SANDAG Regional Plan.

### Responsibilities

The MOBWG provides an institutional forum and structure for regional stakeholders to:

(1) collaborate, coordinate, research, and peer exchange innovative mobility solutions; (2) identify legislative and regulatory barriers and opportunities; (3) implement and operate regional solutions that require cross-jurisdictional coordination; (4) develop guidelines and adopt standards that will facilitate seamless implementation of mobility solutions across the region; and (5) promote best practices and technical assistance that prepare for the future of mobility. The MOBWG also provides SANDAG staff and the Transportation Committee with input and recommendations on preparation and implementation of the Regional Plan and other transportation projects, programs, and policies.

MOBWG activities are identified through annual workplans. SANDAG staff will update the workplan in coordination with the MOBWG to foster collaboration and consensus on priority projects that advance the goals and projects contained in the Regional Plan as well as the *TransNet* Local Streets and Roads program.

### Line of Reporting

The MOBWG will make recommendations to SANDAG staff and the Transportation Committee.

### Membership

The MOBWG membership shall include one voting member and one or more alternate member from each SANDAG member agency, including the region's 18 cities, the County of San Diego, Metropolitan Transit System, North County Transit District, Port of San Diego, and the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority. Each member agency shall have one vote. MOBWG agency representatives shall be appointed by the membership agency for a two-year term and be an executive or senior staff level. Membership may also include participation from non-voting agency partners including, but not limited to, Caltrans, Department of Defense, Southern California Tribal Chairman's Association.

### Chair

The Chair of the Transportation Committee shall appoint a member of the Transportation Committee to serve as a non-voting Chair of the MOBWG for a period of one year. The Chair shall preside at all MOBWG meetings, call the meetings, and represent the MOBWG at the Transportation Committee. In the event that the Chair is unavailable to perform these duties, the MOBWG staff coordinator shall act in place of the Chair.

*Revised July 15, 2022*



### **Meeting Frequency**

The MOBWG will meet ~~every other~~ monthly or as needed. Meetings shall be noticed according to and shall otherwise fully comply with the Ralph M. Brown Act.

### **Duration of Existence**

The MOBWG will function on an on-going basis, subject to annual review by the SANDAG Executive Committee.

November 8, 2024

## Legislative Status Report

### Overview

Status reports on SANDAG legislative activities are provided to the Executive Committee on a regular basis.

#### Action: Information

Staff will present an update on SANDAG legislative and policy activities.

### Key Considerations

Attachment 1 includes a summary from Ellison Wilson, LLC on state legislative activity related to SANDAG for October 2024.

#### Fiscal Impact:

None.

#### Schedule/Scope Impact:

None.

Attachment 2 includes a summary from Peyser

Associates, LLC on federal legislative activity related to SANDAG for October 2024.

Attachment 3 includes a summary of Mexico's recent comprehensive constitutional reforms that are of the interest for SANDAG legislative and policy activities.

### ***Robyn Wapner, Director of Public Affairs***

- Attachments:
1. Report from Ellison Wilson Advocacy, LLC
  2. Report from Peter Peyser Associates, LLC
  3. Report on Mexico Constitutional Reforms



**TO:** SANDAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
**FROM:** ELLISON WILSON ADVOCACY, LLC  
**SUBJECT:** SANDAG LEGISLATIVE REPORT – OCTOBER 2024

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### **Legislative Overview**

The Legislature adjourned the 2023-24 Legislative Session on August 31<sup>st</sup> and the Governor had until September 30<sup>th</sup> to sign or veto all bills sent to him. The Governor called a special session to address California's gas prices, which brought legislators back to Sacramento throughout September and October, and resulted in the passage of ABX2 1 before the special session was adjourned on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, following this November's election, the Legislature will convene for an Organizational Session for the 2025-26 Regular Session.

### **Governor Signs LOSSAN Bill SB 1098 (Blakespear)**

SB 1098 was introduced by Senator Catherine Blakespear on February 13<sup>th</sup> to assist the LOSSAN Rail Corridor by, according to the author, "align[ing] state and local action by requiring action plans and recommendations that result in improved services for passengers."

Throughout the course of the legislative year, SB 1098 received several amendments, and the final version will require the Secretary of the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) to convene a working group regarding the LOSSAN Rail Corridor. Amongst other stakeholders, the bill would include SANDAG and other impacted Metropolitan Planning Organizations, to develop recommendations to ensure the long-term viability of comprehensive and coordinated passenger and freight rail services in, or that connect to, the LOSSAN Rail Corridor. Under the bill, these recommendations would be included within a report submitted by CalSTA to the Legislature by January 1, 2026, regarding the performance of the rail corridor, as well as any recommended actions to improve service, ensure resiliency, connect with other passenger rail services, and achieve environmental goals.

The bill received widespread support, including support from SANDAG, and was ultimately passed by the Assembly on August 26<sup>th</sup>, and passed by the Senate on concurrence on August 28<sup>th</sup>. The Governor signed SB 1098 on September 27<sup>th</sup> and it will go into effect on January 1, 2025.

### **Chaptered Bill of Interest to SANDAG**

Following the Governor's September 30<sup>th</sup> deadline to sign or veto all bills sent to him, the following bills identified to be of interest to SANDAG were chaptered in 2024:

- **AB 1886 (Alvarez)** – Establishes that a housing element is in “substantial compliance” with housing element law when both a local agency has adopted a housing element and HCD had found the element in compliance. This bill would eliminate arguments made by local governments that by “self-certifying” or adopting a housing element that does not reflect HCD’s findings, the local government satisfies the requirement for compliance per the Builder’s Remedy.
- **AB 2086 (Schiavo)** – Supported by CalCOG and a long list of environmental groups, requires the California Transportation Plan (CTP) to include a financial element that summarizes the cost of implementation, available revenue, and feasibility of the plan, and requires Caltrans to enhance an existing online dashboard to display how annual project investments are advancing the vision and goals of the CTP. The data on the dashboard include all of the following funding programs: 1) The Active Transportation Program; 2) The interregional transportation improvement program; 3) The Local Partnership Program; 4) The Solutions for Congested Corridors Program; 5) The State Highway Operation and Protection Program; 5) The Trade Corridor Enhancement Program; and, 6) The Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program. According to the author, the bill “will show how our tax dollars bring safety, equity, and economic prosperity to our disadvantaged communities. Further, this bill will give us a look into how are tax dollars are working to help us reach our climate goals.”
- **AB 2503 (Lee)** – Expands existing CEQA exemptions to include public projects that create or update existing facilities that support rail service used exclusively by zero-emission electrified trains on existing rights of ways. Supported by the California Transit Association amongst others, according to the author, “by exempting train electrification from CEQA, transportation agencies will be able to more rapidly electrify their fleets, improve rail service, and cut emissions while saving taxpayer money in legal costs.”
- **AB 2553 (Friedman)** – Requires cities and counties to set lower traffic impact mitigation fees for transit-oriented housing developments near major transit stops instead of just at transit stations, and changes the definition of a major transit stop for the purposes of CEQA and any cross references, to contain the intersection of two or more major bus routes with a frequency of service interval of 20 minutes or less, rather than 15 minutes or less, during the morning and afternoon peak commute periods.
- **AB 2597 (Ward)** – According to the author AB 2597 is a “good government measure intended to help local governments, interested stakeholders, and HCD have more capacity and time to produce, edit, and review the close to 200 housing elements that are simultaneously due on each housing element cycle for jurisdictions within the Southern California Association of Governments.” Specifically, the bill: 1) Reduces, from 45 days to 30 days after the RHNA allocation is received, the period during which a local government and HCD may appeal to the COG for a revised RHNA share; 2) Reduces the required notice for a COG to conduct a public to hear appeals files pursuant to 1) from 21 days to 10 days; 3) Reduces, from 45 days to 30 days after the public hearing, the requirement for the COG to both make a final determination that it accepts, rejects, or modifies each appeal for a revised RHNA allocation; and issue a proposed final RHNA allocation plan. Adds the following the provisions that require a COG to make a final determination on an appeal pursuant to 1) within 45 days: a) A requirement for the COG to submit the proposed final allocation plan to HCD; b) A requirement for the COG to set a date for a public hearing to adopt a final allocation plan; 4) Reduces, from 30 days to 15 days after receipt, the requirement for HCD to determine if the final RHNA allocation plan is consistent with existing and projected housing need for the region; 5) Authorizes a COG to reduce any of the time periods associated with the appeals process, but prohibits COGS from making any time period less than 10 days; 6) Revises the housing

element due dates for the seventh and subsequent housing element cycles for local governments within SCAG as follows: a) Los Angeles County and all local governments within Los Angeles County must adopt a housing element 24 months after adoption of every second RTP update; b) The County of Orange, the County of Riverside, the County of San Bernardino, the County of Ventura, and all local governments within those counties inclusive, must adopt a housing element 18 months after adoption of every second RTP.

- **AB 2645 (Lackey)** – Authorizes a transportation agency that employs an electronic toll collection system to provide the date, time, and location of a vehicle license plate read captured by the system to a peace officer in response to a special alert. The bill was supported by a long list of law enforcement agencies.
- **AB 3093 (Ward)** – Sponsored by the Newsom Administration and HCD, AB 3093 would implement an HCD recommendation contained in its April 2024 report by creating 2 new homelessness-related income categories for RHNA – Acutely Low Income (ALI) and Extremely Low Income (ELI).
- **SB 7 (Blakespear)** – Sponsored by the Inner City Law Center (a homelessness advocacy nonprofit), SB 7 implements various technical revisions to the RHNA process from HCD’s report, much of which solely applies in the situation when HCD is required to act as the COG.
- **SB 440 (Skinner)** – Authorizes two or more local governments to establish a regional housing finance authority (RHFA) to raise, administer, and allocate funding for affordable housing and provide technical assistance at a regional level for affordable housing development.
- **SB 768 (Caballero)** – Requires HCD to study how vehicle miles traveled (VMT) is used as a metric for measuring transportation impacts of housing projects pursuant to CEQA. According to the author, SB 768 will shed light on the statewide implementation of applying VMT as the new standard of measuring transportation impacts through CEQA, as required by SB 743.
- **SB 960 (Wiener)** – Co-sponsored by AARP, the California Bicycle Coalition, SPUR, and Streets for All and supported by the California Transit Association, requires Caltrans to include complete streets assets (i.e. pedestrian, bicycle, and transit priority facilities) in its asset management plan, system highway management plan, and in the plain language performance report for the state highway operation and protection program (SHOPP). It further requires Caltrans to develop and adopt transit priority policy and guidelines and to commit to specific 4-year targets to incorporate complete streets facilities in the SHOPP. According to the author, the bill is “needed to address the traffic violence, reduce congestion, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, remedy transit operating deficiencies, and ensure equitable access to mobility for all Californians.”
- **SB 1098 (Blakespear)** – This SANDAG-supported bill requires the Secretary of CalSTA to convene a working group regarding the LOSSAN Rail Corridor. Amongst other stakeholders, the bill would include SANDAG and other impacted MPOs, to develop recommendations to ensure the long-term viability of comprehensive and coordinated passenger and freight rail services in, or that connect to, the LOSSAN Rail Corridor. Under the bill, these recommendations would be included within a report submitted by CalSTA to the Legislature by January 1, 2026, regarding the performance of the rail corridor, as well as any recommended actions to improve service, ensure resiliency, connect with other passenger rail services, and achieve environmental goals.

- **SB 1216 (Blakespear)** – Prohibits an agency from installing a class III bikeway or sharrow on a highway that has a posted speed limit greater than 30 mph and would prohibit funds appropriated for the Active Transportation Program from being allocated to a project that creates a class III bikeway on a highway with a design speed greater than 25 mph.

### **Special Session on Gas Prices Concludes with the Passage of ABX2 1**

In the final weeks of this year's legislative session, Governor Newsom made a failed effort to get legislation jammed through that would add additional regulations on oil refinery inventory and maintenance in order to "to address the pernicious problem of gasoline price spikes at the pump." However, these efforts were ultimately thwarted in the Assembly due to oil industry opposition and frustration over Newsom's last-minute tactics. As such, on the last night of the regular session, the Governor called a special session of Legislature to continue to work on legislation to address gas price spikes throughout the fall.

Shortly thereafter, the Assembly formally convened the special session prior to leaving Sacramento on August 31<sup>st</sup> and subsequently announced the formation of the Petroleum and Gasoline Supply Committee to hold multiple hearings throughout September on the matter, with two bills being passed off the Assembly Floor on October 1<sup>st</sup>. These included:

- ABX2 1 (Hart), which contained the Governor's proposal and authorizes the California Energy Commission (CEC) to require petroleum refiners to maintain a minimum inventory of refined fuel throughout the distribution chain to avoid supply shortages that create higher prices at the pump for consumers. It also authorizes the CEC to require refiners to plan for resupply during scheduled refiner maintenance.
- ABX2 9 (Petrie-Norris), which would require CARB to complete its review of whether drivers should be allowed to use gasoline that has a higher percentage of ethanol by the end of 2025.

Initially, the Senate pro Tem Mike McGuire announced that the Senate would not be returning to Sacramento for the special session, but after it became clear that the Assembly would be passing special session legislation, he formed the Senate Committee on Fuel Supply and Price Spikes, which solely heard and passed ABX2 1 on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 9-2, along party lines. The bill was passed off the Senate Floor on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 23-9. As the Senate adopted amendments to the bill, the Assembly was once again forced to return to Sacramento on October 14<sup>th</sup>, where it narrowly passed the bill, 42-16. After which, the special session was formally adjourned.

Governor Newsom signed ABX2 1 also on October 14<sup>th</sup>, stating, "Price spikes have cost Californians billions of dollars over the years, and we're not waiting around for the industry to do the right thing – we're taking action to prevent these price spikes and save consumers money at the pump."

# PEYSER ASSOCIATES LLC

Peter A. Peyser

October 25, 2024

## **Transportation Update from Peyser Associates**

### **DOT Releases Awards for Mega and INFRA Programs**

The Department of Transportation on Monday released the award announcements for the FY 25-26 round of funding for the Mega and INFRA programs. Mega project award notifications went to Capitol Hill weeks ago and the INFRA notifications went up last Friday.

This report reviewed some outlines of the Mega awards earlier. In summary, the Department awarded \$1.68 billion to 11 projects. By far the largest award was \$472.3 million to the MBTA in Boston for station renovation and related rail infrastructure work at North Station. The other two rail projects to receive funding were the Madera (CA) High Speed Rail Station for \$54.5 million and the CREATE project in Chicago for \$210 million. For the full list of Mega awards click [HERE](#).

For the INFRA program, the Department awarded \$2.58 billion to 36 projects. Almost exactly half of that went to 8 projects which each received more than \$100 million. The largest of those were highway project and bridge projects in Nevada, South Carolina, Michigan, Arizona and South Carolina. For the list of INFRA awards, click [HERE](#)

Three projects received awards from both programs.

Because the NOFO for these programs covered both fiscal years 2025 and 2026, these are the last funds from these programs that will be awarded before the reauthorization of the surface transportation programs included in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Given that the expiration of the current authorization occurs on September 30, 2026, it is likely to be calendar year 2027 by the time the next NOFO for these programs emerges.

### **CRISI Grant Awards Expected Imminently**

Congressional notification of awards from the CRISI rail program may come as early as today with official announcements next week. The FRA has been saying their goal to announce awards was the end of October and all signs coming from the Administration are that they will be meeting that target.

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October 18, 2024

**INFRA Grant Award Notifications on Capitol Hill – Formal Announcement Expected Soon**

The Department of Transportation on Wednesday began informing Capitol Hill offices of INFRA grant awards expected in their states and districts. This indicates that a formal announcement from DOT of the awards may occur as early as today or early next week. Successful applicants are receiving good news from their congressional delegations.

The INFRA award decision should also trigger the formal announcement of Mega grant awards. Mega award Capitol Hill notifications happened weeks ago, but the formal announcements have not taken place. The Mega and INFRA programs were combined in a single NOFO with Rural grants.

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October 11, 2024

### **Momentum Grows for Emergency Spending before Year's End**

In the aftermath of Hurricane Milton plowing across the Florida peninsula, the sense of urgency for Congress to appropriate additional emergency relief spending grew this week.

Understanding that the agenda for the lame duck session of Congress this year will be focused on meeting a December 20 deadline for either enacting full-year spending bills or another Continuing Resolution (CR), President Biden yesterday called on Congress to come back before the election to appropriate funds to refill the coffers at FEMA, the SBA and other agencies critical to storm relief. However, with control of both the House and Senate up for grabs in this year's election, it is unlikely congressional leaders of either party will want to pull their Members off the campaign trail.

As leaders think through the timing for action, agency and congressional staff are working to put together the outlines of an emergency spending package. A relatively small part of that package, but an important one to the transportation community, will be appropriating funds for the Highway Emergency Relief Program and the Transit Emergency Relief Program. The highway program is carrying a balance at the moment, but it is expected to be exhausted by the combination of the expenses associated with replacing the Baltimore bridge that collapsed after a ship strike earlier this year and storm damage from Hurricanes Helene and Milton. The transit program has no funds in it and is building up an inventory of unmet needs.

In contact with a senior FTA official this week, your reporter learned that the FTA is working on preparing an updated needs assessment for us by the White House and Congress in deciding what to appropriate for transit emergency relief.

### **Senate Flip Would Bring Significant Leadership Changes**

While this report shies away from predicting election results, it is worth noting that recent polling indicates the Democrats' hold on a Senate majority is tenuous at present.

The most notable leadership change in the Senate will be in position for GOP Leader. With Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY) having already announced he will step down from leadership, the race to replace him has been going on in typically stately Senate fashion. However, as the stakes get higher (i.e. the GOP hopes to be picking a Majority Leader, not a Minority Leader) and the timeline gets shorter, that race



will come out into the open a bit more. The front runners in the race for McConnell's spot are Sens. John Thune of South Dakota and John Cornyn of Texas.

Sen. Rick Scott of Florida is also running. All three candidates have solid conservative credentials, but a difference in tone. Sen. Thune has a reputation for being somewhat more willing to work across the aisle than Cornyn and Scott. Sen. Scott is viewed as the closest to former President Trump.

While there are differences between the three of them, they are closely aligned on transportation issues. All three voted against the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. While none of them has been an advocate for transit or rail programs, Sen. Thune has at least indicated an interest in the expansion of Amtrak long-distance service in South Dakota. As Governor of Florida, Rick Scott in 2011 turned back \$ 2 billion in federal high-speed rail funding applied for by his predecessor.

For committee positions most associated with transit and rail, the biggest leadership shake-up would be at the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, which oversees rail, aviation and highway safety. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX) is in line to become Chair of that committee. Cruz is a well-known skeptic of the value of federal investment in rail transportation. He is a frequent thorn in the side of Amtrak and state efforts to advance passenger rail. Earlier this year, he joined with House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chair Sam Graves (R-MO) in a letter to Secretary Buttigieg decrying what he believes to be the waste of federal funding on California's high-speed rail program.

The least jarring change would likely be at the Senate Appropriations Committee. Current Ranking Member Susan Collins (R-ME) would ascend to the Chair position and she and the senior Democrat on the committee, Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA), have a long and strong history of working together in a bipartisan fashion.

At the Senate Banking Committee, Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC) is in position to take the Chair, unless he is elevated to a leadership position. In a recent hearing at the Banking Committee, Scott indicated transit to him is a local issue and "it's really hard for folks in Washington, DC to understand the transit needs of folks in Charleston, South Carolina, Summerville, South Carolina, Columbus, Ohio, or Chicago, Illinois." He decried the strings attached to federal transit funds and said: *"block grant the money, and let a brother go to work."* *Perhaps there is something there transit advocates can work with when it comes to streamlining delivery of CIG projects.*

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October 4, 2024

### **Helene Damage Shakes up Discussions Over Next Continuing Resolution**

As reported here last week, when Congress passed the Continuing Resolution (CR) to keep the government running until December 20, it did not include additional funding for FEMA or other emergency relief programs. The lack of that was brought into sharp relief this week as Hurricane Helene wreaked havoc on Florida, Georgia and North Carolina. The need for appropriated dollars to support the Helene-related efforts of FEMA, the Federal Highway Administration, the Small Business Administration, the Department of Agriculture and other federal agencies will run into the tens of billions of dollars potentially. It is clear this will need to be addressed in the post-election session of Congress.

At this week's APTA meeting in Anaheim, congressional staffers indicated that they believe Congress is most likely to enact another CR to push the final work on annual spending bills into the new Congress. They further opined that the response to Helene would require a renegotiation of the current spending cap on "emergency" funding. That category of funding includes "real" emergencies (such as Helene) but also budgetary emergencies (such as the need to find a way to fund the infrastructure programs in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law). The renegotiation will create the opportunity to make room for emergency funding that might not be directly related to Helene damage.

This increase in the emergency spending cap could allow room for the Public Transit Emergency Relief Fund to receive funding. That program currently has no money in it and there is a backlog of eligible costs associated with declared disasters from calendar years 2023 and 2024, not to mention whatever damage to transit facilities may have been caused by Helene. Other potential beneficiaries of this dynamic may be projects that are seeking an extension to their obligation deadline for DOT grants made under the BIL. Some of those projects were funded with advance appropriations under that act, which are considered "emergency" funding. The extension of their deadlines – which requires an appropriation of fiscal 2025 funds, would be facilitated by the emergency spending cap increase.

October is the month to address these issues on Capitol Hill at the staff level, before the Members return after the election.

#### **FRA Releases Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail NOFO**

The Federal Railroad Administration on Monday released the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail (FSP) program. Applications are due on December 16.

The NOFO indicates that after meeting obligations to projects that received multi-year funding commitments last year, there are just over \$1.05 billion in fiscal year 2024 funds available for award. In addition to those funds, FRA could pledge around \$ 2.0 billion in future years funds that have yet to be committed to projects either through a Phased Funding Agreement or a Letter of Intent.

Click [HERE](#) to see the DOT press release on the NOFO, which includes a link to the full NOFO itself.

## Legislative Status Report: Borders

### Overview

2024 has been a very active political year in Mexico, not only because for the first time in 200 years of elections in the country, the first woman was elected President of Mexico, Claudia Sheibaum, with an impressive majority. In addition, the federal congress, nine state governorships, and the municipal governments of Mexico were up for election.

It is important to also note that an intense constitutional reform has been carried out with the intention of modifying the vision of the nation in Mexico. Some of these reforms have been very controversial and are being discussed to be resolved through judicial means.

### Key Considerations

In February 2024, then-President of Mexico Andrés Manuel López Obrador (AMLO) introduced a comprehensive package of legislative proposals to be codified in the national constitution. Below are a selection of some of the now-constitutional rights afforded to Mexican citizens:

1. Recognize native peoples and communities as subjects of public law, giving them preferential treatment.
2. Reaffirm the right to a pension for senior citizens from the age of 65.
3. Guaranteeing Mexicans the right to education and work.
4. Grant scholarships to students from poor families at all levels of education.
5. Guarantee free medical care to all Mexicans.
6. Prohibit the extraction of hydrocarbons through fracking in the national territory.
7. Enforce water-scarce areas and only authorize concessions for domestic use.
8. Prohibit the trade of vapes and chemical drugs such as fentanyl.
9. Not allowing the minimum wage increase to be less than inflation.
10. The minimum wage for teachers, national guards, soldiers, marines and doctors cannot be less than what workers registered with the IMSS (Instituto Mexicano del Seguro Social in Spanish) receive.
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12. The 18 thousand kilometers of concessioned railroad tracks that are currently used only for freight transportation will be also used for passenger trains.
13. Judges, magistrates and ministers of the Judicial Branch, instead of being proposed by the Executive, will be directly elected by the people.

With the result of the June 2024 elections, the new legislature had the necessary powers to pass the proposals of President AMLO.

The magnitude of the changes and the agile approval process are an unprecedented event in the constitutional history of Mexico. There is noted opposition to some of the provisions, including requests for the new Administration to review and correct the most controversial ones, including the judicial reforms.

### Next Steps

Staff will continue to monitor the matter and report on any developments.