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Draft 2025 Regional Plan: Public Hearing

Overview

On May 23, 2025, San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) released the draft 2025 Regional Plan for public review and comment. Community members have been encouraged to share their feedback through several channels, including an online form, email, voicemail, mail, and in-person events. To ensure broad regional participation, SANDAG hosted five subregional meetings: four in-person sessions across the region and one virtual session focused on the unincorporated areas of San Diego County. Moreover, staff presented to a range of stakeholders, including jurisdictions, local organizations, and other agencies.

In partnership with community-based organizations from the Social Equity Working Group, SANDAG also created additional opportunities for residents from traditionally underserved communities to engage with the draft Plan and provide input.

On June 13, 2025, the Board of Directors authorized the Transportation Committee to conduct a public hearing on the draft Plan. This hearing marks the first of two required public hearings. The second will take place later this fall when the Board considers adoption of the final Plan. The public comment period remains open through July 18, 2025.

Key Considerations

Over the past three years, SANDAG has worked closely with the Board, Policy Advisory Committees, Working Groups, community partners, and residents to develop the draft [2025 Regional Plan](#). This process has involved community engagement, collaboration with jurisdiction and agency partners, technical research, and extensive transportation modeling – ensuring that public input and data informed the Plan’s development.

As of July 9, 2025, SANDAG has received a total of 421 public comments. Most were submitted through the website (87%), followed by Learning Sessions (9%). Comments reflect a mix of support and concerns regarding both the overall plan and individual projects and programs.

Key themes in the feedback received to date include:

- Requests for more frequent and reliable transit service across the region
- Calls for improved safe routes to school infrastructure to enhance safety for children walking and biking
- Strong emphasis on maintaining and repairing existing infrastructure, including roads, bridges, and transit facilities
- Feedback on specific transportation modes, including:
 - Support for new and better-connected bikeways

Action: **Conduct Public Hearing**

The Transportation Committee is asked to conduct a public hearing to receive public comment on the draft 2025 Regional Plan and its Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Fiscal Impact:

Development of the 2025 Regional Plan is funded through the Overall Work Program Project Nos. 3103000 and 3100407.

Schedule/Scope Impact:

The final Regional Plan and its environmental document are expected to be brought to the Board of Directors for consideration and approval in late 2025.

- Mixed feedback on managed lanes, with some stakeholders expressing support for their potential to improve traffic flow and generate revenue, while others raised concerns about accessibility and impacts on the environment
- Ongoing emphasis on addressing climate change through reduced greenhouse gas emissions and improved air quality
- Desire for more housing in the San Diego region with a greater focus on affordable housing
- Requests for more details regarding key projects and programs, including the Purple Line, LOSSAN Corridor, airport transit connections, and the Youth Opportunity Pass.

Next Steps

Late this summer, SANDAG will release the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for a 45-day public review period. In late 2025, the Board will be asked to consider adoption of the final 2025 Regional Plan and certification of the final EIR.

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