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2025 Regional Plan Update

Overview

Over the past three years, the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) has worked closely with the Board of Directors, Policy Advisory Committees, Working Groups, community partners, and residents to develop the [Draft 2025 Regional Plan](#) (Plan). On May 23, 2025, SANDAG released the Draft 2025 Regional Plan for a 55-day public review and comment period. SANDAG hosted six in-person and one virtual learning session to solicit feedback on the Plan in addition to giving numerous presentations to organizations across the region and holding a public hearing at the [July 18, 2025](#), Transportation Committee meeting.

In total, SANDAG received 1,332 comments. Key themes from public comments were:

- **Transit Investments** – Support for expanded high-frequency, reliable transit service and improved regional connectivity, expanding services to rural communities, expanding microtransit service areas, improved transit amenities and user experience enhancements, and a desire to implement these changes in the early years of the Plan. Multiple comments supporting the continuation of the youth opportunity pass.
- **Highway and Roadway** – Requests for congestion relief, safety improvements, and in some cases, opposition to new lanes due to environmental impacts.
- **Bikeways and Walkways** – Support for improved bike and pedestrian infrastructure and safer multimodal connections. Some specific concerns about the design of bikeways.
- **Housing and Land Use** – Interest in aligning transportation investments with housing and mixed-use development. Concern and support over different state legislation that establishes development standards near major transit stops.
- **Climate/GHG** - Support for climate initiatives and greenhouse gas reduction efforts.
- **Title VI Communities** - Comments related to prioritizing the needs of disadvantaged communities.

Key Considerations

SANDAG staff coordinated with member agencies and transportation operators to make adjustments that addressed their feedback while continuing to meet state and federal requirements and advance the region's long-term goals. A summary of key network changes is outlined below and detailed in Attachment 1.

Action: Discussion

Staff will present an overview of public comments received and proposed changes to the draft 2025 Regional Plan.

Fiscal Impact:

Development of the 2025 Regional Plan is funded through the Overall Work Program Project Nos. 3103000 and 31000408.

Schedule/Scope Impact:

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

- Updated phasing of rail connection to the airport to align with current planning work
- Removal of SR 75 Coronado Bridge managed lane due to operational concerns
- U.S. Mexico Border Transit Connection moved to unconstrained network
- Moving SR 125 toll removal to post-2035 timeframe to reflect updated toll financial analysis
- Various freeway network updates to align with Caltrans plans, cost estimates, or other minor changes requested (e.g., extending I-5 managed lanes to Vandegrift/Harbor, I-8 operational improvement updates, etc.)
- Limited updates to transit routes or service levels based on input from operators
- Small number of bike network changes to align with cities' updated mobility or community plans
- Reduction of proposed regional sales taxes
- Addition of microtransit and goods movement projects to the unconstrained network at the request of MTS and the Port of San Diego
- Updates to chapters and appendices as needed

With these proposed network changes, the 2025 Regional Plan continues to achieve a 19.36% greenhouse gas emission reduction from cars and light trucks compared to 2005 levels. The Plan is estimated to cost approximately \$125 billion (in 2024 dollars).

Next Steps

The draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) analyzing the draft 2025 Regional Plan was released for a 45-day public review period on August 26, 2025, and will remain open until Oct 13, 2025. Comments are accepted through various channels ([SANDAG - 2025 Regional Plan Environmental Impact Report](#)). In late 2025, the Board will be asked to consider adoption of the 2025 Regional Plan and certification of the final EIR.

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Attachment: 1. Summary of Proposed 2025 Draft to Final Changes