

Project Funding Overview, Strategy and Considerations

Overview

Staff will provide an overview of regional transportation funding, including major revenue sources, policy requirements, and delivery considerations, to help inform Board decisions on regional priorities and investments.

Action: Discussion

Staff will present an overview on regional transportation funding, including trends and considerations for future decision-making.

Key Considerations

Funding for transportation in the SANDAG region comes from a mix of federal, state, regional, and local sources, each with its own restrictions and priorities.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Schedule/Scope Impact:

None.

Federal programs (through the Highway Trust Fund and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act/ Bipartisan Infrastructure Law) provide significant support for highways and transit. At the state level, fuel taxes (including SB 1), cap-and-trade revenues, and programs like State Transportation Improvement Program, State Highway Operation and Protection Program, and the Active Transportation Program shape major investment decisions. Regionally, SANDAG manages the allocation of TransNet (San Diego's half-cent sales tax) and coordinates local contributions and grants.

With a finite amount of resources and project costs continuing to rise, the development of a strategic funding strategy will be critical to ensuring the effective delivery of agency projects, programs, and services.

Next Steps

This discussion is the first in a series that will lead to programming new regional revenues for projects over the next five years. Staff will seek Board feedback on key policy decisions that will guide regional funding priorities.

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