

FILE NUMBER: 2025-147

DATE: Tuesday, July 15, 2025

SUBJECT: Presentation from San Diego Association of Governments: Draft Regional Transportation Plan

DESCRIPTION: Receive a presentation from San Diego Association of Governments staff on the draft Regional Transportation Plan

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) will provide a general update on their draft 2025 Regional Transportation Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is an informational update, and no action will be taken.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

COMPASS STRATEGIC GOALS:

This agenda item supports the following Strategic Goal(s).

- A Port with a comprehensive vision for Port land and water uses integrated to regional plans.

DISCUSSION:

The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) will provide a general update on their draft 2025 Regional Transportation Plan.

The goal of the 2025 Regional Plan is to make transportation more convenient, reliable, equitable, healthy, and safe for everyone. The Plan will include short- and long-term plans for the region's transportation system. It is updated every four years.

The draft environmental impact report is expected to be released in summer 2025. These comprehensive documents will describe the proposed transportation projects, programs, and policies, and outline anticipated funding sources. The documents will also explain how the plan aligns with other local planning documents and include a technical analysis of the plan's environmental impact.

General Counsel's Comments:

The Office of the General Counsel has reviewed this agenda sheet, as presented to it, and approves the same as to form and legality.

Environmental Review:

The presentation from SANDAG staff regarding the 2025 Regional Plan does not constitute a project under the definition set forth in California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15378 because no direct or indirect changes to the physical environment would occur. CEQA requires that the District adequately assess the environmental impacts of projects and reasonably foreseeable activities that may result from projects prior to the approval of the same. Any project that is developed related to this presentation requiring the District or the Board's discretionary approval resulting in a physical change to the environment would be analyzed in accordance with CEQA prior to such approval. CEQA review may result in the District, in its sole and absolute discretion, requiring implementation of mitigation measures, adopting an alternative, including without limitation a "no project alternative," or adopting a Statement of Overriding Consideration, if required. The exercise of this discretion is in no way limited by any Board direction from this informational presentation. Therefore, no CEQA review is required at this time.

In addition, this presentation complies with Section 35 of the Port Act which allows the Board to do all acts necessary and convenient for the exercise of its powers. The Port Act was enacted by the California Legislature and is consistent with the Public Trust Doctrine. Consequently, any Board direction related to this presentation is consistent with the Public Trust Doctrine.

Finally, this presentation does not allow for development, as defined in Section 3010 of the California Coastal Act, or new development, pursuant to Section 1.a. of the District's Coastal Development Permit (CDP) Regulations because there will not be, without limitation, a physical change, change in use or increase in intensity of uses. Therefore, issuance of a CDP or an exclusion is not required. However, development within the District requires processing under the District's CDP Regulations. Future development would remain subject to its own independent review pursuant to the District's certified CDP Regulations, Port Master Plan (PMP), and the relevant chapter(s) of the Coastal Act. The exercise of the District's discretion under the District's CDP Regulations is in no way limited by any Board direction related to this presentation.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Program:

This agenda sheet has no direct impact on District workforce or contract reporting at this time.

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Attachment(s): N/A