



2011 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

OVERARCHING GOAL: Pursue policy and legislative changes that enable SANDAG to better implement its adopted plans and programs.

(A) SPONSOR

NO.	GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF GOAL	PRIORITY	BOARD POSITION	T	R	P	B	JURISDICTION
1A	Pursue SANDAG priorities for the next federal surface transportation reauthorization, including appropriate funding levels, goods movements/border funding programs, transit investment and reforms, process improvements, including streamlined environmental processes, climate change, nonmotorized transportation, and tribal transportation planning. (2007)	Highest	Sponsor	•				Federal/State
2A	Pursue funding from the statewide infrastructure bond measures; participate in development of guidelines and other activities to maximize the availability and flexibility of funding for the San Diego region to support the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) implementation. (2006)	Highest	Sponsor	•	•			State
3A	Expand access to resources and technical tools that will enable SANDAG to prepare an RTP in compliance with Senate Bill 375. (2009)	Highest	Sponsor	•	•			Federal/State
4A	Pursue FY 2012 federal appropriation requests and potential infrastructure funding. (2005)	Highest	Sponsor	•				Federal
5A	Pursue statutory authority for a subregional funding mechanism dedicated to public transit. (2009)	Highest	Sponsor	•				State/Local
6A	Pursue policy and/or legislative changes to enable the use of freeway shoulders as transit lanes on major corridors in the San Diego region. (2006)	High	Sponsor	•				State

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(B) SUPPORT/OPOSE

NO.	GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF GOAL	PRIORITY	BOARD POSITION	T	R	P	B	JURISDICTION
1B	Legislation that provides incentives to jurisdictions that provide opportunities for more housing, including affordable and transit-oriented developments, supports regional fair-share allocation of housing funds, and provides additional affordable housing funding with greater local/regional control. (2002)	Highest	Support		•			Federal/State
2B	Support policies and/or legislation implementing climate change plans and programs that are consistent with the RCP and RTP. (2007)	Highest	Support	•	•			Federal/State/Local
3B	Efforts consistent with financial strategies adopted in the RTP such as, but not limited to, increase revenues for transportation and other related purposes through measures that would increase gas tax or equivalent revenue sources, bond measures, developer fees, and public/private partnerships, and maximize flexibility of federal and state funds. (2002, 2005)	Highest	TBD (based on activity)	•				Federal/State/Local
4B	Support efforts to prevent additional diversions of public transit funding. (2008)	Highest	Support	•				State
5B	Legislation assisting in the implementation of the RCP, including dedicated ongoing funding source for regional blueprint planning and funding incentives for smart growth (mixed-use projects, transit-oriented development, walkable communities, etc.). (2002)	Highest	Support		•			Federal/State
6B	Efforts to expand available methods of transportation project delivery, including design-build, design sequencing, construction manager/general contractor, and other alternative methods that expedite project delivery. (2005)	Highest	Support	•				State
7B	Efforts to pursue resources to improve regional public safety voice and data communications and interoperability, including connectivity with state and federal systems. (2005)	Highest	Support			•		Federal/State/Local
8B	Efforts to pursue Homeland Security funding at both the state and federal levels to improve public safety, enhance border security, and improve security in the San Diego region through Automated Regional Justice Information System operations and enhancements, regional transportation system improvements, and activities related to regional emergency preparedness, prevention, and response to catastrophic events. (2003, 2005)	Highest	Support	•		•		Federal/State/Local
9B	Fiscal reform initiatives that enable regions to develop their own fiscal strategies and oppose unfunded mandates on local governments. Pursue initiatives that balance the fiscal influence that sales tax revenues have upon local land use decisions. (2002)	Highest	Support		•			Federal/State/Local
10B	Lower the current two-thirds voter requirement for special purpose taxes, such as transportation and quality of life improvements, to a simple majority vote. (2002)	Highest	Support	•	•	•	•	State

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(B) SUPPORT/OPOSE (continued)

NO.	GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF GOAL	PRIORITY	BOARD POSITION	T	R	P	B	JURISDICTION
11B	Efforts assisting in the implementation of key environmental issues, including habitat conservation, planning, beach restoration and replenishment, and water quality-related issues. (2002)	Higher	Support		•			State/Local
12B	Mechanisms providing for the implementation of the RTP, including value pricing, managed lanes, high-occupancy toll lanes, the alleviation of current constraints on transponder technology, transit priority treatments, and other efforts that promote efficient use of highways and local roads. (2003)	Higher	Support	•				Federal/State
13B	Support energy-related legislation, programs, and policies that are consistent with the Regional Energy Strategy. (2002)	Higher	Support		•			Federal/State/Local
14B	Support efforts to seek changes in local, state, and federal laws to effectively apprehend, prosecute, and mete out appropriate penalties for those involved in Internet Crimes against Children. (2010)	High	Support			•		Federal/State/Local
15B	Support efforts to pursue state legislation to permanently fund graffiti abatement programs with a dedicated portion of restitution. (2010)	High	Support			•		State/Local
16B	Support legislation and/or policies that promote governmental efficiencies and cost savings. (2009)	High	Support	•	•	•	•	Federal/State/Local
17B	Transit boards' legislative programs where consistent with SANDAG policy. (2002)	High	Support	•				Federal/State
18B	Support funding opportunities for prevention and intervention programs that address substance abuse, youth and gang violence, and public safety initiatives including 211 services. (2005, 2009)	High	Support			•		Federal/State/Local
19B	Participate in efforts related to legislative and administrative reform of the state housing element law and ensure adequate state funding for the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) process. (2002)	High	Support		•			State
20B	Other organizations' legislative programs where consistent with SANDAG policy, i.e., California Association of Councils of Governments, American Public Transportation Association, National Association of Regional Councils, California Transit Association, Self-Help Counties Coalition, League of California Cities, California State Association of Counties, Caltrans, International Association of Chiefs of Police, National Sheriffs' Association, California Police Chiefs Association, California State Sheriffs' Association, and National Association of Counties. (2003, 2005)	Lower	High	•	•	•	•	Federal/State

(C) MONITOR

NO.	GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF GOAL	PRIORITY	BOARD POSITION	T	R	P	B	JURISDICTION
1C	Proposals that limit the use of eminent domain for public infrastructure projects. (2005)	Lower	Monitor/ Respond	•	•			Federal/State
2C	Legislation affecting solid waste, water supply, and storm water, support of funding opportunities to assist in these areas. (2003)	Lower	Monitor/ Respond	•	•			State/Local
3C	Legislation relating to personnel matters, i.e., workers' compensation, Public Employee Retirement Systems (PERS) benefits, and other labor related issues. (2003)	Lower	Monitor/ Respond					Federal/State/Local
4C	Legislation requiring local agencies to implement new administrative compliance measures. (2005)	Lower	Monitor/ Respond					Federal/State