



**TO:** Interested Agencies, Organizations, and Individuals

**FROM:** San Diego Association of Governments

**SUBJECT:** Public Notice of Availability and Notice of Completion of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the 2025 Regional Plan (SCH # 2023010039)

The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the 2025 Regional Plan (2025 Regional Plan).

**Project Title:** Draft Environmental Impact Report for the 2025 Regional Plan

**Project Location:** The 2025 Regional Plan covers the entire San Diego region: including the Cities of Carlsbad, Chula Vista, Coronado, Del Mar, El Cajon, Encinitas, Escondido, Imperial Beach, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, National City, Oceanside, Poway, San Diego, San Marcos, Santee, Solana Beach, Vista, and the unincorporated areas within the County of San Diego.

**Project Description:** SANDAG is a regional planning agency and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) composed of 18 cities and the county government within the San Diego region. SANDAG must prepare a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) every 4 years (Government Code Section 65080 et seq.; 23 United States Code Section 134). The current, approved RTP is the Amended 2021 Regional Plan. The RTP must include a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) consisting of land use, housing, and transportation strategies that, if implemented, would allow the region to meet its regional targets for greenhouse gas emissions reductions from passenger vehicle use established by the California Air Resources Board (Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008, Senate Bill 375, Chapter 728, Statutes of 2008).

The 2025 Regional Plan integrates land uses, transportation systems, infrastructure needs, and public investment strategies within a regional framework intended to preserve and improve quality of life, maximize mobility and transportation choices, and conserve and protect natural resources. It meets the requirements of federal and state transportation planning law as well as the requirements for the Regional Comprehensive Plan for the San Diego Region established by state law (Assembly Bill 361, Chapter 508, Statutes of 2003).

**Probable Environmental Effects:** The Draft EIR found that the 2025 Regional Plan would result in less than significant impacts to Energy, Hydrology and Water Quality. Additionally, the Draft EIR found that the 2025 Regional Plan would result in significant and unavoidable impacts, both direct and cumulative, to Aesthetics and Visual Resources, Agricultural and Forestry Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology, Soils, and Paleontological Resources, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Land Use, Mineral Resources, Noise and Vibration, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation and Utilities, Transportation, Tribal Cultural Resources, Water Supply, and Wildfire.

**Availability and Comments:** In accordance with Sections 15105 and 15087 of the CEQA Guidelines, this Public Notice officially notifies the general public, public agencies, and interested individuals and organizations that a 49-day public review period will begin August 26, 2025. Written comments regarding the adequacy of the Draft EIR must be received by October 13, 2025. All comments sent digitally or postmarked by October 13, 2025, will be accepted as timely.

To share your comments on the Draft EIR, you can either:

- Submit a comment using the online form at [bit.ly/2025RegionalPlanEIRcomment](https://bit.ly/2025RegionalPlanEIRcomment).
- Email comments to: [RegionalPlanEIR@sandag.org](mailto:RegionalPlanEIR@sandag.org) with the subject “2025 Regional Plan EIR.”
- Or mail written comments to: SANDAG Regional Plan EIR, 1011 Union Street, Suite 400, San Diego, CA 92101, c/o Kirsten Uchitel, Senior Planner.

Copies of the Draft EIR and supporting appendices are available on the SANDAG website at [www.sandag.org/2025RegionalPlanEIR](http://www.sandag.org/2025RegionalPlanEIR) or at the SANDAG offices at 1011 Union Street, Suite 400, San Diego, California, 92101.

The following statement is required to be included in this notice: Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15087(c)(6), the Regional Plan Location contains hazardous waste sites as enumerated under California Government Code Section 65962.5.

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