



December 9, 2021

SANDAG Board of Directors
401 B Street
San Diego, CA 92101

RE: Broad Coalitional Support for SANDAG's 2021 Regional Plan and Transportation Funding Strategy

Dear Chair Blakespear, Vice Chairs Gloria and Sotelo-Solis, and Board Members,

The authors of this letter represent thousands of families, residents, and workers throughout the region advocating for an equitable, safe, and healthy transportation system for all communities in greater San Diego.

We are writing to express our **strong support** for item 2 of the SANDAG Board of Directors agenda for December 10, 2021, "2021 Regional Plan and Final Environmental Impact Report," and **urge you to pass it unanimously, as-drafted, on Friday.**

Our organizations have been closely involved in the crafting of this plan for several years, and are proud to support it. This is San Diego's first ever transit-first plan, and it makes bold commitments to environmental and transportation justice, climate action, access to jobs centers, protection of natural and working lands, and more.

Note that each piece of the plan, as-drafted, is crucial to its overall greenhouse gas emissions reductions. That means leaving all future revenue sources on the table if we hope to realize the vision of an equitable, world-class transportation system that is consistent with climate law and state mandates.

This plan is about stepping up to meet the moment. We urge a YES vote on Friday.

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