SANDAG 101”
the Regional Plan & RTP

- The San Diego region has many forms of local government – the cities, the county, school and other special districts. (map 1)

CITIES AND COUNTY IN THE SAN DIEGO REGION

- There is another form of local government we have, called an “association of governments.” In California, all major urban areas have these. In our San Diego region it is the San Diego Association of Governments – a.k.a. SANDAG. SANDAG covers the whole county area -

- SANDAG prepares a “regional plan.” The most important parts of this regional plan, are its housing part; and its public transportation part, the Regional Transportation Plan, RTP.

- **Tens of billions** of public tax dollars are, and will cont. to be, spent in the SD region for public transportation. **How and where these dollars are spent, is defined and limited by the adopted RTP.**
• These public dollars go to the region’s automobile system (freeways, and major local roadways) (map 2);
• and, to the region’s public transit system (map 3):

**CURRENT (2016) PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM**

- made up of the public buses (MTS in south county; NCTD in north county)
  - Local bus routes
  - Express bus routes
- And fixed rail services:
  - The Coaster and the Sprinter;
  - The trolley in s. county
  - And the rails along the coast which also carry Amtrak trains to the north of the county
• and, to the region’s bicycle circulation system (map 4):

CURRENT REGIONAL BICYCLE PLAN (2015)

• and, to all regional special transportation services, paratransit for seniors and disabled, etc.
• Because SANDAG is a public government agency, and because the RTP determines how public dollars are spent, Calif. Law requires that the regional plan and the RTP be updated regularly; and, that the public (that’s you!) has input into this.

• SANDAG updates the regional plan/RTP every four years. The last update was adopted in 2015; the next update final adoption had been scheduled for 2019 and is now extended into 2021; the process to create and adopt the new plan is already under way.