



Proposed Approach to Update the Regional Comprehensive Plan

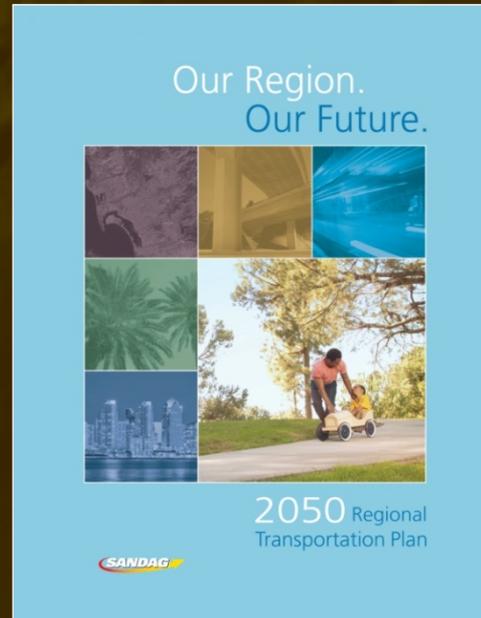
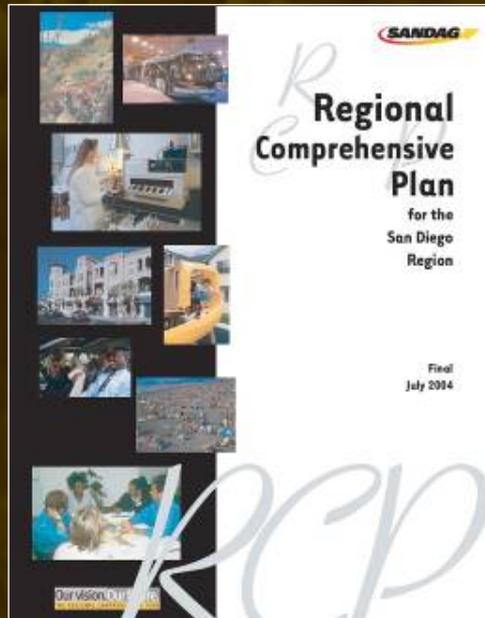
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Background

- 2002: Initiated RCP preparation
- 2003: AB 361 (Kehoe)
- 2004: Adopted RCP
- 2011: Adopted 2050 RTP/SCS



Scoping Process

- Key question: Should RCP update be more comprehensive or technical in nature?
- Feedback from:
 - SANDAG Board
 - Regional Planning Committee
 - Regional Planning Technical Working Group (TWG)
 - Community Based Organizations (CBOs)
 - Other Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)
- Proposed approach: Incorporate RCP update with next RTP/SCS

Changes Since the Plan's Adoption

- Data in RCP is outdated
- SANDAG has adopted new plans/programs
- New issues have emerged
- California adopted climate change and GHG reduction laws: AB 32 (2006), SB 375 (2008)
 - While the RCP addresses sustainability, it does not include GHG emission reduction targets and analysis, like the 2050 RTP/SCS

Possible Outcomes of Merging the RCP with the next RTP/SCS

- One clearly-defined, overarching regional planning document
- “SCS Plus” type of methodology
- Opportunity to better communicate with the public about the regional vision
- More understandable and relevant than multiple documents
- More successful public engagement



Five Key Steps

1. Technical update of data in RCP
2. Work on 2050 RTP/SCS implementation actions and RCP-related commitments
3. Conduct policy-level discussions on emerging areas through “white papers”
4. Comprehensive public participation and outreach
5. Develop combined plan



SANDAG Board Action

May 2012 - Approved the integration of the Regional Comprehensive Plan update with the development of the next SANDAG Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy.



Next Steps

- Prepare scope of work and public participation strategy for combined document
- Present draft scope and public participation strategy to SANDAG working groups, Policy Advisory Committees and SANDAG Board
- Work on combined plan over next three years
- Finalize/approve merged plan by July 2015