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MEMO TO: SANDAG Board of Directors
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SUBJECT: Notice to Agendize Potential Action on Assembly Bill 805

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SANDAG is responsible for planning and implementing an efficient regional transportation system and comprehensive plan that meets the mobility needs and improves the quality of life for all San Diegans. As such, the agency's enabling legislation provides that any future governance changes include public participation, accountability, and proportional representation, subject to approval by the voters of San Diego County. Current law also provides SANDAG with the authority to call for an election on matters related to the governance or duties of the agency.

Assembly Bill 805 (AB 805) (Gonzalez Fletcher) would make significant changes to the governance, powers, privileges, and duties of SANDAG. The legislative changes being proposed by the state would impact regional collaboration, transparency, and local decision-making.

As Chair and Vice Chair, we intend to place an item on the July 28, 2017, Board Business meeting agenda to consider a potential November 2018 ballot measure(s) regarding governance changes to SANDAG. In accordance with the statutory authority of SANDAG, it is critical that the people of San Diego County have the opportunity to participate in a public and deliberative stakeholder process to determine any future governance reform to SANDAG. Accordingly, the Board will be asked to request that the provisions in AB 805 be carefully considered during a thorough public outreach process, and that any changes that are proposed to be made to SANDAG be placed on a countywide ballot for a vote of the people of this region. Through this process, the public would have an opportunity to suggest their own ideas for other reform.

In addition, the Board of Directors is scheduled to receive a report from Hueston Hennigan LLP on August 4, 2017, regarding the independent examination of Measure A revenue estimate communications. The findings from this report will help to inform what changes would best serve the agency and its ability to carry out its mission. Time should be allowed for consideration of any potential reforms to the agency that may be recommended at the conclusion of that examination.

We look forward to a robust discussion with the Board on July 28th and welcome any feedback you may have.