

State Legislative Program

During 2009, the nation faced its most serious economic challenge since the 1930's and the State faced an unprecedented financial crisis. The impact of this widespread economic downturn resulted in double-digit unemployment, lower than projected tax receipts for local governments and an overwhelming dependence on local transportation sales tax measures, also known as "self-help" measures, to backfill state funding obligations for transportation infrastructure.

State funding for transportation infrastructure was well supported by the State Legislature, as demonstrated by the 2009-10 adopted State Budget that provides roughly the same spending authority as in the prior year. Yet, even as spending remains relatively constant, with the exception of transit, there is a need to protect existing transportation funding streams, to prevent the diversion of local transportation and transit funds, to seek funding to implement SB 375, and to advocate for funding flexibility.

The demands on our aging transportation network are great, and pressure exists to better inter-link various transportation modes while working towards air quality attainment and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. While the use of local transportation taxes, bonding and federal stimulus funds have offset State funding shortfalls, alternative procurement methods and continued state commitments on the maintenance of effort for past funding guarantees are vitally important to keep projects on schedule and people working.

SANBAG's 2010 State Legislative Program establishes legislative priorities, increased advocacy efforts and a reaffirmation of issues supported/opposed in past years.

Overall Objectives

1. Work on Targeted Legislative Issues
2. Increase Advocacy Efforts
3. Promote Support of Legislative Program

Transportation Investments

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JOBS!



Ceremonial Groundbreaking for the I-215 Widening Project, Sept. 2009

1. SANBAG's Targeted Legislative Issues

- A. Protect transportation-related funds from budget cuts or budgetary funding deferrals.
- B. Amend Proposition 1B timelines to coincide with the State's bonding ability.
- C. Encourage regional flexibility on SB 375 implementation.
- D. Support alternative funding strategies and project delivery methods.

2. Our Advocacy Efforts Include You!

- A. Increase SANBAG's overall presence in the legislative process.
- B. Utilize existing relationships to promote SANBAG's deliverability goals.
- C. Coordinate efforts with local jurisdiction advocates to promote shared priorities with the Legislature.
- D. Ask that new policies sync with existing programmatic processes.

3. Regional Commitment to the Legislative Program

- A. Support advocacy strategies with shared goals.
- B. Protect transportation funding levels.
- C. Optimize transportation revenues and funding resources.
- D. Maximize funding flexibility.
- E. Reduce administrative and regulatory processes.

— See detailed Legislative Program on following pages —

SANBAG's Mission Statement

SANBAG's mission is to enhance the quality of life for all residents in San Bernardino County by improving cooperative regional planning, developing an accessible, efficient, multi-modal transportation system, strengthening economic development efforts and exerting leadership in creative problem solving.