



News from

## Council President Todd Gloria

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City of San Diego ▪ District Three

Friends,

Earlier today I was notified that I was appointed Chair of the Transportation Committee of the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG). I am grateful to SANDAG Chair Jack Dale for selecting me for this position, and am excited about tackling this critical issue from a regional perspective.

SANDAG serves as the regional planning agency for transportation and allocates millions of dollars each year in local, state, and federal funds for the region's transportation network. SANDAG develops the Regional Transportation Plan to implement a long-range vision for buses, trolleys, streetcars, rail, highways, major streets, bicycle travel, walking, goods movement, and airport services.

As a member of the Transportation Committee for the past four years, I am well aware of the transportation-related challenges that face our region: air quality, scarcity of available land, growing population, lack of infrastructure for active transportation, funding, and a public transportation system that is not seen as efficient, are just a few. And as a lifelong San Diegan and resident of urban neighborhoods, I know that building and expanding freeways is not the primary way we will meet these challenges.

Thanks largely to consistent input from neighbors like you, my colleagues at SANDAG are pursuing more alternative transportation and active transportation projects than ever before, including the Bike Corridor Projects in North Park—Mid-City and Uptown. We must also continue to investigate funding sources for the operation of our transit system, and advocate strongly to our state and federal delegations that this investment is worthwhile.

I will proudly voice District Three's and the City of San Diego's priorities and concerns with my SANDAG Transportation Committee colleagues, and know we will make great progress as a region in the coming year. I urge you to check out the SANDAG Transportation Committee's [webpage](#) to learn more about our priority projects, and invite you to share with me your thoughts as I take on this new leadership position.

SANDAG Transportation Committee meetings are open to the public and generally held on the first and third Fridays of the month at 9:00 a.m. at 401 B Street on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

Todd