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Dear Mr. Weiss:

Subject: 2022 Local Partnership Program Draft Guidelines

The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments regarding the 2022 Local Partnership Program (LPP) Draft Guidelines.

The LPP was created to provide funding to counties, cities, districts, and regional transportation agencies where voters have approved fees or taxes for transportation improvements. The LPP would serve as an important resource to help maximize local investments, and SANDAG looks forward to continuing to partner with the California Transportation Commission (CTC) on development and implementation of LPP-funded projects for the San Diego region.

SANDAG would like to offer the following suggestions as it relates to the draft guidelines.

#### Evaluation Criteria

SANDAG supports the inclusion of funding under the LPP that will advance local transportation, land use, and housing goals. These policies are in alignment with SANDAG regional priorities and help further equity in the transportation planning process.

#### Funding Restrictions: Supplemental Funding

SANDAG appreciates that the guidelines allow for nomination of supplemental funding to an existing project phase. SANDAG also supports that supplemental funding may be expended before supplemental funding allocation. This provides much needed flexibility to agencies ensuring project expenditures can continue without interruption as supplemental funding is allocated and helps expedite the project delivery process.

#### Eligible Projects

SANDAG appreciates that the draft guidelines encourage projects that identify and incorporate climate and equity goals and projects that identify and incorporate the installation of conduit and/or fiber where appropriate and feasible in strategic corridors. The identified eligible projects provide for a balanced approach that takes community needs and impacts into consideration.

Evaluation Criteria

SANDAG supports the inclusion of accessibility, community engagement, and pro-housing criteria for historically impacted and marginalized communities. These policies are in alignment with SANDAG regional priorities and help further equity in the transportation planning process.

Sincerely,



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