



Regional Tribal Collaboration Accomplishments

Summary

Strategic Area	Action	Accomplishments
Government-to-Government Framework	Develop collaborative legislative agenda that benefits the region	Supported tribal efforts to pass Assembly Bill 52 (Gatto, 2016)
Transportation Infrastructure	Identify corridors critical to tribal reservations and coordinate the funding and implementation of relevant studies. Identify critical regional arterials serving tribal nations which should be included in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)	Developed the Intraregional Tribal Transportation Strategy (ITTS) (2017)
	Coordinate the incorporation of existing Tribal Transportation Plans (TTPs) into the current RTP.	8 tribes submitted TTPs for 2050 RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2011) 12 tribes submitted for the 2015 Regional Plan (2015).
	Update the collaborative initiative to address and plan for the transportation needs of Tribal nations in the San Diego region and coordinate the funding and implementation of relevant studies.	Updated the Intraregional Tribal Transportation Strategy (2021). Allocation of \$5 million toward tribal priority projects (2023). Prioritization process and selection of two tribal priority capital projects: improvements to State Route 76 from Rice Canyon Road to Pala Reservation and interchange improvements at Interstate 8 and West Willows Road (2022).
	Coordinate inclusion of critical regional arterials serving tribal nations in the Regional Plan.	Using regional priority projects identified in the ITTS, 16 ITTS projects included in 2021 Regional Plan, 19 identified in initial concept for the 2025 Regional Plan. (2021, 2025)

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Transit	Collaborate on the issue of reverse commuting for tribal enterprise employees and pursue funding opportunities.	Collaborated on an assessment of the needs of tribal employees and developed a business/marketing plan for establishing a Tribal Transportation Management Association. (2009)
	Collaborate on the pursuit of funding opportunities to implement the recommendations from the Tribal Transit Feasibility Study.	<p>Assisted the Reservation Transportation Authority on development of proposal for the Federal Transit Administration Tribal Transit Program based on recommendations of the Tribal Transit Feasibility Study (2008)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received \$2.1 million in operating funds (annual grants of approximately \$300,000-400,000) to enhance service of North County Transit District (NCTD) Route 388/389 • Received \$1.2 million capital improvement grant in FY 2009 under American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constructed a bus stop at the Park & Ride at Interstate 15 (I-15) and State Route 76 (SR 76) • Enhancements to bus stops along bus routes 864, 888, 891, 892, and 894
	Collaborate on the development of a Tribal Transportation Management Association for increased tribal participation in Transportation Demand Management (TDM) programs regionwide.	<p>Collaborated on a Tribal Transportation Demand Management Study with funding from Caltrans Environmental Justice Planning Grant to assess the needs of tribal employees and develop a business/marketing plan for establishing a Tribal Transportation Management Association (2009)</p> <p>California Highway Safety Program – Tribal set aside</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barona, San Pasqual, and Viejas received funding for projects identified in the ITTS
Transportation Funding	Create opportunities for pooling/leveraging transportation funding for mutually important projects.	<p>Collaborated on the update of tribal road inventories. Many tribes increased their transportation funding from the IRR program (2007). IRR Program replaced by a new program called TTP:(2008)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funds from the Highway Account Trust Fund are allocated among the Tribes using a new statutory formula. <p>Received a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Communities Putting Prevention to Work, also known as a “Healthy Communities” grant (2010)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • La Jolla received \$70,000 to develop a walkability study.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campo received \$10,000 to design a community park. La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians (2023) • Successful co-application for Safe Streets and Roads for All funding for the La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. \$285,000 received in funding.
	Collaborate and advocate for new transportation funding in the region, including transit and TDM.	<p>Implementation of tribal gaming mitigation agreements:</p> <p>Pala Band of Mission Indians (2008)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TDM program supported by SANDAG • Park & Ride facility at the I-15/SR 76 junction • Support for an NCTD bus stop. <p>Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians (2008)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fair share contributions for operational improvements on SR 76 East • Commitment to a specific goal of having 20 percent of their employees participate in carpools, vanpools, or other rideshare programs. <p>Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation (2012)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic improvements related to the Fee to Trust application. <p>La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians (2016)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successfully competed for statewide Active Transportation grant for the reservation – \$4.1 million
	Identify mechanisms for providing ongoing funding for new or additional transportation programs, including transit services and TDM.	Developed the Intraregional Tribal Transportation Strategy (2017)
Housing	Collaborate on the advancement of tribal housing supply utilizing Regional Early Action Planning (REAP 2.0) funding.	Developed grant program to distribute up to \$4.4 million in funding for 8 tribes in the San Diego Region to advance housing projects on or near tribal reservations. (2024, ongoing)
Broadband	Collaboration on efforts to advance broadband connectivity in tribal nations.	Joint SCTCA and SANDAG application for a Local Agency Technical Assistance (LATA) grant to improve internet connectivity for Tribal Digital Village (TDV). Awarded nearly \$500,000 for internet connectivity plan and implementation strategy for high-quality internet service to Tribal lands. (2023)
Information Sharing/ Technical Assistance	Agencies will provide ongoing training to Tribal governments on funding processes, transportation, and regional planning.	Worked closely with the Tribal Transportation Assistance Program (TTAP) managed by National Indian Justice Center (NIJC):

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIJC invited to speak on a number of occasions at Working Group meetings <p>SANDAG staff created a tribal resources spreadsheet with funding opportunities that include tribal set asides and other resources available to tribes, updated and shared regularly. (2023, ongoing)</p>
	<p>Provide information on technical support for planning and data analysis services to tribal governments parallel to member agencies.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported the UC Berkeley SafeTREC – Tribal Road Safety Program • SANDAG makes technical support available to tribal governments for planning and data analysis service • Partnered with Jamul Indian Village on Caltrans Sustainable Planning Grant – Multiuse Pathway Feasibility Study (2019) - \$280,000 • Served as pass through agency for statewide project led by NIJC. • Created the Tribal Road Safety Audit Education Program that supports the Western Regional TTAP (2016) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Caltrans Environmental Justice Grant for \$189,000 to develop an online training program. • Production of a video, online course, and support materials. • Joint SANDAG SCTCA application for Thriving Communities Program: Regional Capacity Builder initiative. Not selected. (2023)