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Mary D. Nichols  
Chair  
California Air Resources Board  
1001 "I" Street  
P.O. Box 2815  
Sacramento, CA 95812

Re: Public Meeting to Hear Update on San Diego's Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS),  
and SCS Development in other Regions in California

Dear Ms. Nichols:

On behalf of the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC), San Diego Chapter, Inc., we strongly recommend that the California Air Resources Board (CARB) approve the SCS for the San Diego region. We believe that the SANDAG 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and its SCS accomplish the stated goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions while advancing mobility goals for the San Diego region. SANDAG has demonstrated that it meets the greenhouse gas reduction targets established by CARB.

AGC strongly supports the balance of transportation improvements outlined in the SANDAG 2050 RTP/SCS. The highway and public transit projects will provide multibillion-dollar investments in major corridors throughout the region, helping create much needed local jobs.

The RTP/SCS lays the foundation for near-term construction jobs that are important to our members. With one of the highest unemployment rates in the nation, California needs to invest in major infrastructure projects that will support our long-term economic recovery, as well as put people back to work. Every \$1 billion invested in infrastructure construction creates over 18,000 direct construction related jobs -- jobs that we desperately need in the San Diego region.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that CARB approve the SANDAG 2050 RTP/SCS.

Sincerely,

Bradford E. Barnum  
Vice President Government Relations

