



BOARD POLICY No. 010

BALLOT MEASURES

The purpose of this policy is to provide criteria for use by the Board and Executive Committee to determine what position SANDAG should take on ballot measures and to describe the Board's ability to place measures on the ballot.

It is difficult to categorize or predict what propositions will be placed on the ballot at future elections. Such measures are highly varied in their content, scope and impacts. It is easier, however, to determine which propositions relate to SANDAG's roles and responsibilities.

Procedures

1. The following criteria shall be applied to ballot propositions to be considered by the Board and Executive Committee:
 - 1.1 The proposition should be on a statewide or countywide ballot, or be a measure placed on a ballot by or regarding the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System or the San Diego North County Transit District;
 - 1.2 The proposition should not result in usurpation of the authority of any member agency, unless such member agency is on record in support of the proposition;
 - 1.3 The subject matter of the proposition should be within SANDAG's purview; and
 - 1.4 The subject matter of the proposition should have potential for substantial regional impact.
2. The Board or Executive Committee shall review the proposition for compliance with these criteria. Then, if the criteria are satisfied, the Board or Executive Committee may consider whether a position should be taken. The Board or Executive Committee may direct staff to provide an analysis of the impacts of the measure and information on pro and con positions prior to taking any action.
3. Pursuant to Public Utilities Code section, if SANDAG provides compensation to San Diego County for the cost of including an ordinance or measure on the ballot, the Board may call an election, including an advisory election, in San Diego County on any ordinance or measure regarding SANDAG's governance or matters related to its powers, privileges, or duties, including, but not limited to, merger or complete consolidation of transit boards.

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