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Attn: Revised Draft 2020 Business Plan
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Subject: SANDAG Comments on the Revised Draft 2020 Business Plan

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On behalf of the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Revised Draft 2020 Business Plan. We appreciate the partnership over the past several years on the state's plans for a high-speed train network.

As we originally commented in our April 2020 letter, we respectfully request that more emphasis be given in the plan to the Phase 2 segments, and specifically the segment connecting San Diego to the rest of the state. Proposition 1A calls for completion of the entire 800-mile system, including Phase 2 improvements from Los Angeles to San Diego via the Inland Empire. While we appreciate the additional attention given to San Diego in Phase 2, the revised draft plan does not provide details on cost, schedule, or future work for this Phase, only alluding to how private financing would be used to fund future extensions.

SANDAG is currently undergoing a process to develop a bold new transportation vision through our Regional Transportation Plan process. A key component of the vision is a state-of-the-art transit system that will include a network of high-speed, high-capacity, high-frequency rail services that connect where people live—with a specific focus on increasing mobility options for our most underserved communities.

The Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) corridor is the backbone to this rail system and will be a critical feeder corridor to high speed rail—linking California's two largest population centers to the state and nation. SANDAG has already invested a billion dollars in the corridor and has more than \$660 million worth of projects ready for construction to further improve the reliability and safety of the system. Moving forward on these projects now would provide benefits in the short term – increasing ridership, creating jobs, and improving the environment – while building the foundation to maximize the benefits of high speed rail once it does reach the San Diego region.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments; we look forward to continuing to work on implementing high-speed train service in southern California. If you have any questions, please reach out to Principal Regional Planner Linda Culp, at linda.culp@sandag.org.

Sincerely,



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