

Regional Assessment of Employment Centers

Overview

The San Diego region is a growing and dynamic place to live and work. As the community, policymakers, and other stakeholders collaborate on how to create competitive, environmentally-responsible transportation options for residents, it is essential that data regarding where people live and work is used to help invest in strategies that will best serve the region's communities.

In support of San Diego Forward: The 2021 Regional Plan, SANDAG is undertaking an effort to identify employment centers in the region. Employment centers are areas with high densities of employment. The analysis identifies where employment centers are in the region, what industries are located there, where the employees in these areas commute from, and what their commutes look like. The analysis will inform the 2021 Regional Plan by providing quantitative data to help develop critical transportation connections throughout the region.

Key Considerations

The [analysis](#) shows there are more than 75 employment centers across the San Diego region, representing more than 1.2 million jobs, or more than 80 percent of all jobs in the region.

These centers, which are divided into four tiers based on the number of employees, vary on a number of dimensions, including the percentage of employees who live and work in the center, how these employees travel to work, and the distance they travel on average, as well as the types of jobs that are in the center.

Next Steps

This information can help create a better understanding of the commute patterns associated with employment centers and will help inform the planning process to develop a regional transportation network and local connections to facilitate access among roadways, mobility hubs, and the transit network.

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Action: **Information**

An overview of key employment centers in the San Diego region and how this information will be used as part of the 2021 Regional Plan development will be presented.

Fiscal Impact:

Analysis of key employment centers in the San Diego region is funded through Overall Work Program Element No. 2301200 in the FY 2020 Program Budget.

Schedule/Scope Impact:

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