

NEWS ADVISORY

**SANDAG Board Members to Demand Mileage Tax is Removed Ahead of
Crucial Hearing at SANDAG**

WHAT: In a significant development, San Marcos Mayor Rebecca Jones and SANDAG Board members are championing the cause to eliminate the Regional Road User Charge, which will be addressed at the upcoming SANDAG Board of Directors meeting. Despite years of political rhetoric suggesting the removal of this tax from the Regional Transportation Plan, the mileage tax remains a part of SANDAG's strategic blueprint.

In anticipation of this pivotal meeting, SANDAG Board members are taking a firm stand, demanding the definitive removal of this tax from future plans.

WHEN: **Friday, September 22 @ 8:00am**

WHERE: Wells Fargo Plaza
401 B St, San Diego, CA 92101

WHO: San Marcos Mayor, Rebecca Jones
El Cajon Mayor, Bill Wells
Oceanside Deputy Mayor, Ryan Keim
Poway Deputy Mayor, Caylin Frank
Escondido Councilmember, Mike Morasco
Coronado Councilmember, John Duncan
Santee Councilmember, Rob McNelis

WHY: In December 2021, SANDAG (San Diego Association of Governments) approved the 2021 Regional Transportation Plan, introducing a contentious Road User Charge, commonly referred to as a mileage tax. Despite public outcry, the plan advanced.

Last September, SANDAG's Board of Directors voted to exclude the controversial mileage tax from SANDAG's Regional Transportation plan. However, SANDAG's Executive Director proceeded with a plan that retained the Road User Charge. Nearly a year has passed, and SANDAG has yet to present an alternative funding solution for their ambitious \$160 billion project.