



Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board
12463 Rancho Bernardo Road #523, San Diego, CA 92198

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SANDAG
SGIP CYCLE 6 Evaluators

RE: Support for the City of San Diego's Request to SANDAG for a Transnet Smart Growth Incentive Program Grant - Rancho Bernardo Community Plan Update

Dear SANDAG Smart Growth Incentive Program Staff:

In accordance with the intent of the Smart Growth Incentive Program (SGIP), which is to provide San Diego County residents with safer, more efficient, and accessible transportation, the Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board (RBCPB) lends its support to the City of San Diego Planning Department's request for funding from the Transnet SGIP Grant to prepare and process an update to the Rancho Bernardo Community Plan. As described on the SANDAG webpage, the grant supports transportation investments that create more accessible, walkable, bikeable, and transit-oriented communities. Specifically, SGIP provides funding to local governments to support transportation-related infrastructure improvements and planning efforts that promote smart growth development.

The proposed Community Plan Update will enable the City and the Rancho Bernardo Community to evaluate and address the current lack of efficient transit options available to serve the residents of Rancho Bernardo, options that would better connect them to outside employment centers, as well as to neighboring communities. Equally important are necessary improvements to serve the many individuals living well to the south and north of Rancho Bernardo who work at the various major companies operating within Rancho Bernardo's industrial park, as well as to serve the students enrolled at the Palomar College Rancho Bernardo Education Center.

Through the Community Plan Update process, we will collaborate with the City and other entities to ensure that the residents of Rancho Bernardo have meaningful opportunities to shape the future of our community. Through this process, we can enhance the original vision for Rancho Bernardo to provide a range of housing types while also ensuring continued availability of accessible commercial areas and regionally significant employment centers. The Smart Growth Incentive Program will be instrumental in providing the funds necessary to develop a plan that ensures long-term sustainability, continued economic prosperity, and overall quality of life for current and future residents of Rancho Bernardo.

Sincerely,

Robin Kaufman

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Chair, Rancho Bernardo Planning Board