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AB-2367 Regional transportation plans: implementation authority: San Diego Association of Governments. (2021-2022)

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Assembly Bill No. 2367

CHAPTER 127

An act to add Section 132354.8 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to transportation.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2367, Ward. Regional transportation plans: implementation authority: San Diego Association of Governments.

Existing law requires certain transportation planning agencies to prepare and adopt a regional transportation plan directed at achieving a coordinated and balanced regional transportation system. Existing law requires each regional transportation plan to also include a sustainable communities strategy prepared by each metropolitan planning organization.

Existing law provides for the consolidation of certain regional transportation planning, programming, and related functions in the County of San Diego from various agencies. Existing law provides for the consolidated agency, commonly known as the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), to be governed by a 21-member board of directors, each of whom is selected by the governing body of a city in the county or the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, as specified. Existing law authorizes SANDAG to exercise specified rights and powers including, among other things, adopting a regional transportation plan and issuing bonds, as provided.

This bill would explicitly authorize SANDAG to implement every component of the regional transportation plan and to seek resources and funding for projects identified in the sustainable communities strategy, as provided. The bill would also authorize SANDAG to exercise its bonding authority to implement the regional transportation plan, as provided.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: no Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 132354.8 is added to the Public Utilities Code, to read:

132354.8. (a) The consolidated agency may implement every component of the regional transportation plan described in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 65080 of the Government Code, as well as subsequent updates of the regional transportation plan. This implementation authority shall include, but is not limited to, the authority to plan, engineer, design, and seek funding sources for applicable projects.

(b) The implementation authority described in subdivision (a) shall include, but is not limited to, the authority to seek resources and fund projects identified in the sustainable communities strategy described in paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of Section

65080 of the Government Code, including habitat conservation projects, water quality improvement projects, and other environmental mitigation projects.

(c) The consolidated agency may exercise its bonding authority pursuant to Article 8 (commencing with Section 132370) to implement any component of the regional transportation plan described in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 65080, as well as subsequent updates to the regional transportation plan.