#### 2025 Board Retreat | AGENDA

#### Thursday, May 1, 2025

#### **Hilton Garden Inn Carlsbad Beach** 6450 Carlsbad Blvd Carlsbad, CA 92011

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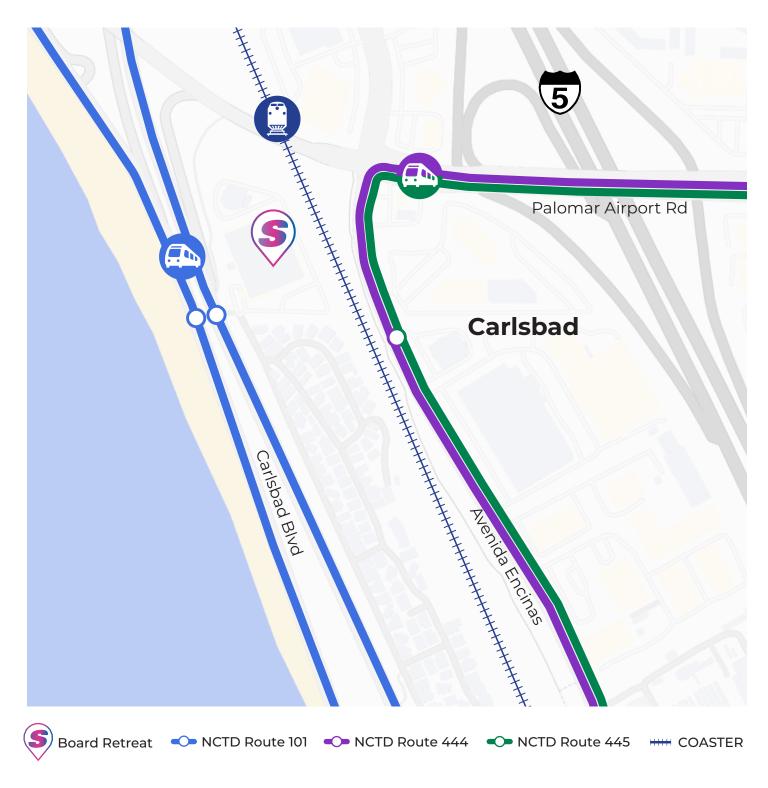
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#### 2025 Board Retreat | MAP

The SANDAG 2025 Board Retreat will be held at the **Hilton Garden Inn Carlsbad Beach** located off I-5 on Carlsbad Boulevard in Carlsbad, which is accessible by the COASTER, NCTD Bus Route 101, 444, and 445.





#### Thursday, **May 1**st

#### 2025 Board Retreat **AGENDA**

Breakfast available at 8:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

#### Item #1 – Non-Agenda Public Comment/ Member Comments

Public comments under this agenda item will be limited to eight public speakers. Members of the public shall have the opportunity to address the Board on any issue within the jurisdiction of SANDAG that is not on this agenda. Public speakers are limited to three minutes or less per person. Board members also may provide information and announcements under this agenda item. If the number of public comments under this agenda item exceeds eight, additional public comments will be taken at the end of the agenda. Subjects of previous agenda items may not again be addressed under public comment.

9:30 a.m.

#### Item #2 - SANDAG Board of Directors Workshop\*

The Board of Directors will participate in roundtable discussions and informational sessions focused on agency mandates, regional priorities, and cross-jurisdictional collaboration.

9:40 a.m.

#### **PART I: Regional Plan: Where It All Begins**

As one of the agency's core mandates, the Regional Plan sets the long-term vision for how people and goods will move around the San Diego region for years to come. This session will provide a preview of the Draft 2025 Regional Plan before its public release later in May and help to set the stage for much of the discussion throughout the retreat.

10:35 a.m.

#### PART II: Code of Engagement: What Does Success Look Like

This session will provide the chance for Board Members to discuss expectations, opportunities, and challenges and how best to position the agency to continue to deliver for the people we serve.

#### Lunch

1:15 p.m.

#### **PART III: Code of Engagement: Policy Governance Structure**

Board Members will participate in a dialogue about its policy governance structure, helping to kick off this year's assessment of its Policy Advisory Committees and Working Groups.

2:00 p.m.

#### PART IV: Setting the Table: Housing and RHNA

This session will focus on SANDAG's role when it comes to housing in the region, what we are doing in Sacramento to advance RHNA reform, and how the Board can start to prepare for the  $7^{th}$  Cycle update of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).

3:15 p.m.

#### **Break**

3:30 p.m.

#### **PART V: TransNet 101**

Join us for a quick refresher course on the TransNet Program before we dive into the details the next day. Bring your questions and get ready to get into the specifics of what TransNet is, how it works, and what has been delivered so far.

4:15 p.m.

Wrap Up

6:00 p.m.

**Dinner** 



<sup>\*</sup> next to an agenda item indicates that the Board of Directors also is acting as the San Diego County Regional Transportation Commission for that item and compensation for the legislative body following simultaneous meetings is Board of Directors \$150, and Regional Transportation Commission \$100.



#### PART I:

Regional Plan: Where It All Begins

Board Retreat May 1, 2025

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#### Why do we do a Regional Plan?

#### **FEDERAL**

#### **Metropolitan Planning Organization**

Regional Plan

#### STATE

#### **Regional Transportation Planning Agency**

Regional Plan

#### **Council of Governments**

Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA)

#### **Consolidated Agency**

Plan and build transportation projects

#### **TRANSNET**

#### **Regional Transportation Commission**

TransNet program, oversight, and funding



#### LOCAL

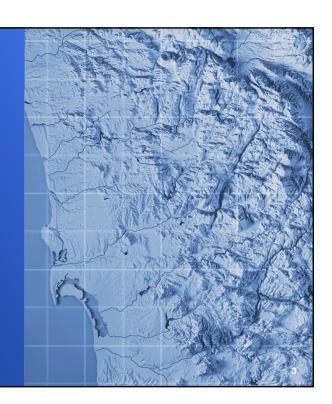
#### Automated Regional Justice Information System (ARJIS)

Cross-jurisdictional criminal justice data



#### What is a Regional Plan?

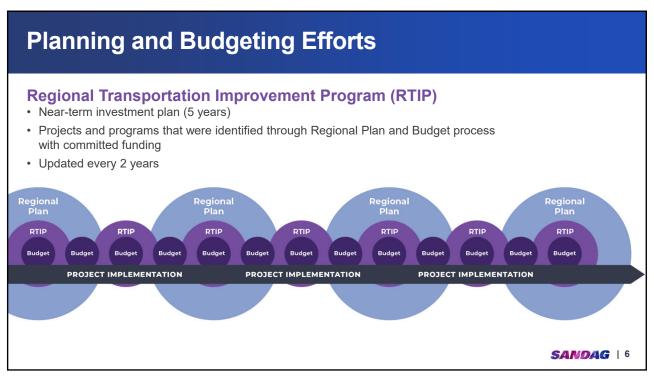
- Blueprint for how the region will grow and develop over the next 20+ years
- Developed every 4 years
- Has to meet federal and state requirements
- Uses the latest data and planning assumptions
- Includes projects, policies, programs and a financial plan

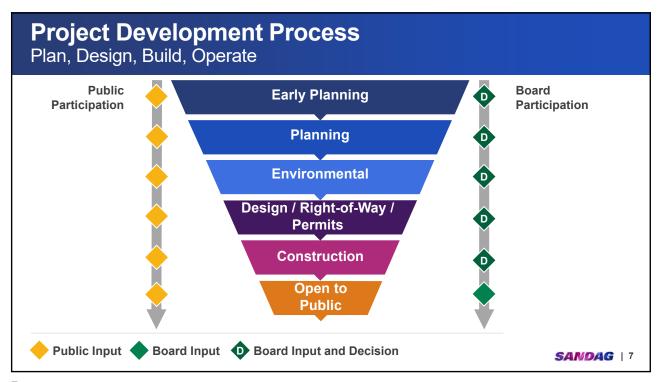


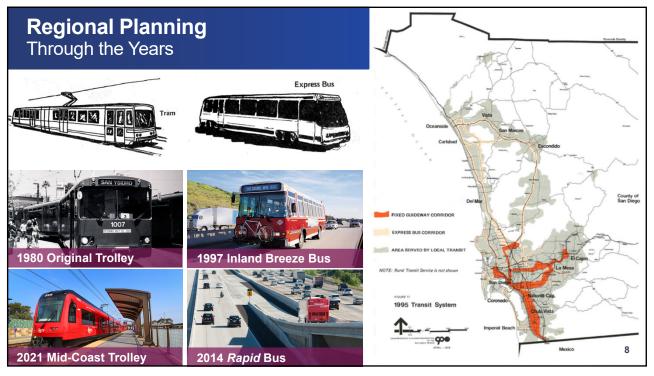
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# Planning and Budgeting Efforts Regional Plan • Conceptual long-term vision (25 years) • Updated every 4 years Regional Plan Regional Plan Regional Plan Regional Plan Regional Plan Regional Plan

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#### California Senate Bill 375

Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act

- Requires a Sustainable Communities Strategy that reduces greenhouse gas emissions through coordinated transportation, housing, and land use planning
- CARB sets regional GHG reduction targets for cars and light trucks
  - 19% per capita by 2035 from 2005 levels
  - GHG reduction is primarily based on reducing VMT
- CARB is required to update targets every 8 Years. Target setting is in progress
  - SB 375 reform efforts underway



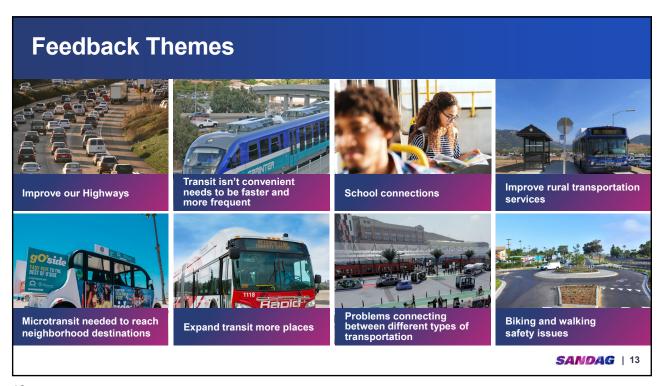
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#### **Developing the 2025 Regional Plan**



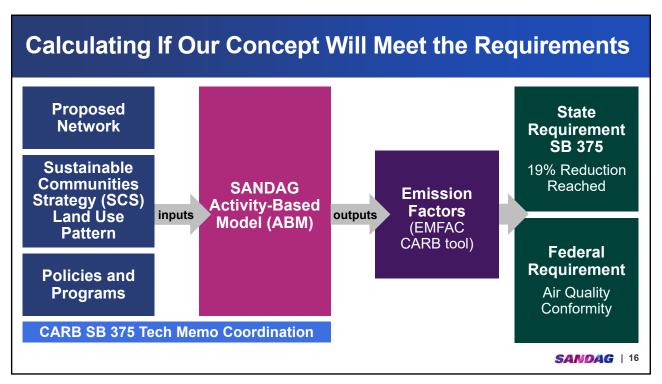
- 7 Board of Directors Workshops
- 8 Community Workshops
- 7 Joint Workshops with PACs/WGs
- 45 pop-up events by Community Based Organizations partners
- More than 2,000 comments online
- More than 8,000 unique visits to website
- Online engagement regionwide

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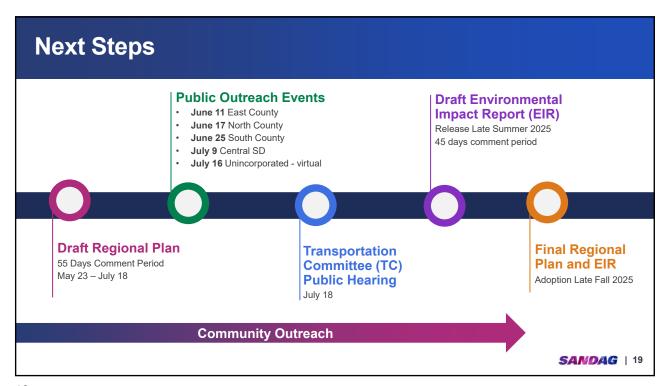


#### Estimated Cost of Draft Plan \$125-130 billion (2024\$)

- Highway Capital
  - Interchanges, Ramps, and Operational Improvements
  - Goods Movement
  - Managed Lanes and Connectors
  - Technology
- Highway Operations and Maintenance
- Transit Capital
  - Transit amenities
  - Transit vehicles
- Transit and Flexible Fleet Operations
  - Transit operations
  - Microtransit and shuttle services
  - Transit Fare Subsidies (including youth opportunity pass)

- Active Transportation
- Local Streets and Roads
- Debt Service
- Policies and Programs
  - Transportation Demand Management
  - Environmental Mitigation and Habitat
  - Zero Emission Vehicles
  - Vision Zero
  - Grant Programs (Smart Growth, Housing, and Active Transportation)

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#### **PART IV:**

Setting the Table: Housing & RHNA

**Board Retreat** May 1, 2025

#### **SANDAG's Role in Housing**

#### **FEDERAL**

#### **Metropolitan Planning Organization**

Regional Transportation Plan

#### **STATE**

#### **Regional Transportation Planning Agency**

Regional Transportation Plan & Sustainable Communities Strategy (Regional Plan)

#### **Council of Governments**

Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA)

#### **Consolidated Agency**

Plan and build transportation projects

#### **Regional Transportation Commission**

TransNet program, oversight, and funding

#### **SANDAG** TransNet Program

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#### **SANDAG's Role in Housing**

#### Regional Plan & Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS)

 Coordinated transportation and land use strategy

#### **Smart Growth Incentive Program (SGIP)**

 Grant program for local jurisdictions to incentivize smart growth

#### Housing Acceleration Program (HAP)

 Financial and technical assistance to advance the state's housing and climate goals

#### Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA)









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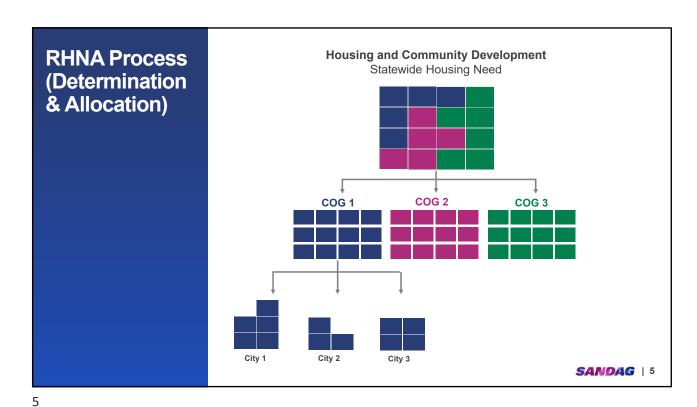
#### Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA)

State-mandated process to determine how much housing must be planned to meet 'projected and existing' housing needs at a variety of affordability levels in each jurisdiction

#### It is NOT:

- A prediction of building permits, construction, or housing activity
- A ceiling of potential housing market demand or production
- Limited due to existing land use capacity or growth (rezoning is often necessary to accommodate RHNA)

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#### **Statutory Objectives of RHNA**

- 1. Increasing the supply and mix of housing types in an equitable manner
- 2. Promoting infill development, the protection of environmental resources, and the achievement of the region's GHG emission reduction targets
- 3. Promoting an improved relationship between jobs and housing, including jobs housing fit
- 4. Allocating more lower income housing to high income areas, and vice versa
- 5. Affirmatively Further Fair Housing (AFFH)

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#### Accountability & Enforcement

- Housing Accountability Act (HAA)
  - "Builders Remedy"
- SB35/SB423
- HCD's Housing Accountability Unit (HAU)

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**RHNA Reform & Advocacy Efforts** 

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#### Report to Legislature Released, April 18, 2024



- 10 Recommendations to Legislature
- 3 Policy Considerations to Legislature
- 9 HCD Future Implementation Efforts

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#### **RHNA Reform – Legislative Initiatives**

#### **AB 3093 (Ward)**

- Created 2 new income categories in the RHNA process
  - Acutely Low Income (ALI): <15% of Area Median Income (AMI)
  - Extremely Low Income (ELI): <30% of AMI

#### 2025 Legislative Cycle

- 160 housing bills
- 60 additional housing related "spot bills"
- September 12 Deadline for Legislature to pass legislation
- October 12 Last day for the governor to sign/veto

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#### **RHNA Reform - HCD Implementation Efforts**

Things HCD has the Authority to do Now

- 1. Apply Cost Burdened & Overcrowded Determination Adjustment Factors to Existing Households Rather than Projected
- Improve the Precision of Vacancy Rate Determination Adjustment Factor
- Refine the Jobs/Housing Determination Adjustment Factor
- 4. Account for Housing Lost to Vacation Homes and Short-Term Rentals
- Increase Transparency During the Determination Process
- Adjust Income Distribution to Better Address Housing Needs of All Regions
- 7. Adjust How Populations Living in Group Quarters are Treated in Determination, Credit Wider Range of Housing Types in APR
- Reduce Allocation to Unincorporated Areas Outside of Population Centers
- Improve Technical Assistance for the Subregion Process

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#### SANDAG's Advocacy Efforts

SANDAG Legislative Platform #23: Lead efforts to pursue legislative and/or administrative reform of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment process and state housing element law.

- · Cities have been blamed for the state's housing crisis, citing refusal to allow affordable housing to be built within their jurisdictions
- Tide of actions from Governor's Office to Legislature to litigation supporting this narrative presents challenges for actions easing RHNA process on cities and MPOs
- Highlights of recent challenging policy actions
  - SB 35 (Wiener, 2017) created a streamlined approval process for infill projects in localities that have failed to issue sufficient housing permits to meet their RHNA; SB 423 (Wiener, 2023) extended SB 35 and applied it to sites in the coastal zone
  - AB 1886 (Alvarez, 2024) removed cities' ability to "self-certify" their housing elements
  - · 2025 "Fast Track Housing" package of 22 bills to speed up housing approvals would increase pressure on cities

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#### SANDAG's Advocacy Efforts

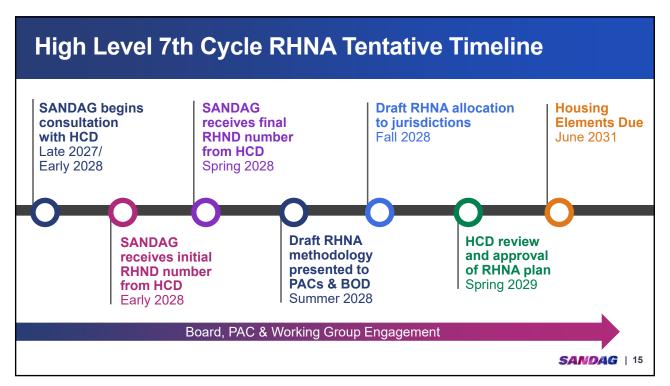
- Board's letter outlining legislative principles for RHNA reform used as basis for advocacy to the Governor's Office, Lt. Gov., Chairs of Housing Committees, HCD
- Alongside other COGs, successfully advocated to restore \$260 million for the Regional Early Action Program (REAP) 2.0 in 2024; advocating for an extension for the REAP 2.0 expenditure deadlines in 2025
- Obtained favorable amendments to SB 233 correcting an error that would have led to SANDAG receiving less time to meet and consult with HCD regarding the RHND
- Working with advocates and coordinating efforts on legislative initiatives, opportunities, and concerns with other MPOs, CALCOG, League of California Cities
- Continue to work with the State on SB 35/423 impacts

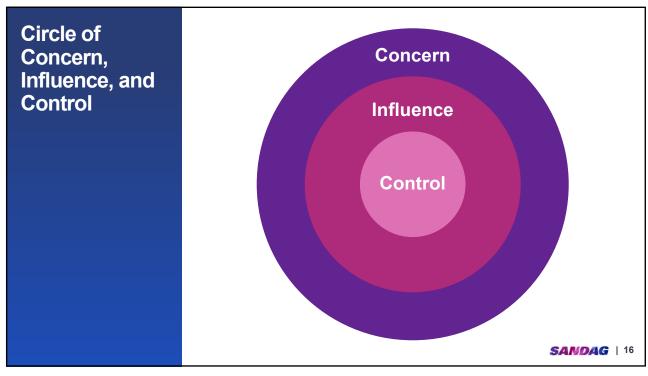
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#### **Preparing for the 7th Cycle**

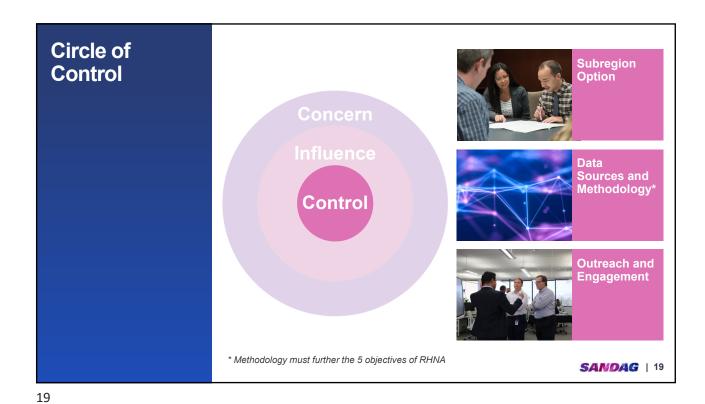






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#### **TransNet Overview**

Voter-approved sales tax for transportation projects









- Voters approved a halfcent local transportation sales tax in 1987 for 20 years (1988-2008)
- In 2004, voters approved an ordinance and expenditure plan extending the half-cent sales tax an additional 40 years (2008-2048)

#### **TransNet**

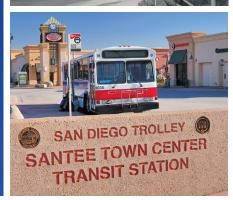
Original Ordinance 1988-2008

#### \$3.3 billion program

- Built and upgraded 60 miles of highways
- Added 35 miles to Trolley system
- Provided 65 miles of COASTER commuter rail
- · Expanded bus services
- Improved and maintained local roads
- Funded regional bikeways and walkable communities









#### **TransNet**

Extension Ordinance and Expenditure Plan 2008-2048

#### Outlined funding for

- major transportation infrastructure projects
- regional bike, pedestrian, and neighborhood safety projects and programs
- · environmental mitigation
- operations support for new transit services
- subsidized transit passes and specialized and ADA transit services
- smart growth incentives
- local streets and roads projects
- formation of Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC)







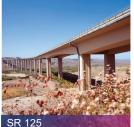
#### **TransNet**

Extension Ordinance Goals

To relieve traffic congestion, improve safety, and match state/federal funds by:

- Expanding I-5, I-8, I-15, SR 52, SR 54, SR 56, SR 67, SR 76, SR 78, SR 94, SR 125, I-805;
- Maintaining/improving local roads;
- Increasing transit for seniors and disabled persons;
- Expanding commuter express bus, Trolley, COASTER service





















# TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC)

Section 11 of the 2008 TransNet Extension

- Ensures accountability, voter mandate compliance, and financial integrity of TransNet funds
- Develops recommendations to improve program performance



#### **TransNet Extension Ordinance**

Flow of Funds

- Percentage/Dollar distribution specified in Ordinance
  - \* Percentages based on 2002 dollar estimates in TransNet Extension Ordinance and Expenditures Plan
  - \*\* Formula Distribution to local jurisdictions based 2/3 on population and 1/3 on maintained road miles with a \$50,000 base per jurisdiction.

On May 14, 2021, the SANDAG Board of Directors, acting as the San Diego County Regional Transportation Commission, approved an adjustment to increase the administrative expense limitation from 1% to 2% beginning in FY 2022.



#### **TransNet Major Corridor Capital Projects**

Regional transportation projects along major corridors

38%













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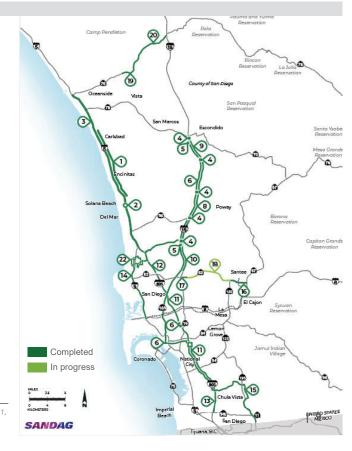
#### **TransNet**

**Extension Early Action** Program (EAP)

- Approved by BOD in December 2005
- · A program made up of a subset of major corridor projects to prioritize first
- **Progress** All project corridor groupings are in progress or completed

- I-5 HOV Lane Extension
- I-5 Lomas Santa Fe Interchange
- I-5 North Coast Complete (Environmental)
  - I-15 BRT Stations (SR 163 to SR 78)
  - I-15 BRT DARs (Hale & Hillery)
- I-15 BRT Stations
- I-15 FasTrak
- I -15 Middle (SR 56 to Centre City Pkwy)
- 9 I-15 North (Centre City Pkwy to SR 78).
- 10 I-15 South (SR 163 to SR 56)
- I-805 Middle (SR 94 to SR 52)
- 12 I-805 North (SR 52 to I-5) (Environmental)
- 13 I-805 South (SR 905 to SR 94)
- 14 Mid-Coast LRT
- 15 Otay BRT (Phase 1)
- 16 SR 52 (SR 125 to SR 67)
  - SR 52 Truck Lane
- SR 52 Managed Lanes (I-15 to SR 125)
- 19 SR 76 (Melrose to Mission Road)
- SR 76 (Mission to I-15) Widen
- 21 SR 76 Environmental Enhancement
- Super Loop BRT

Project list from BOD Meeting Agenda, Dec. 16, 2005, Item 11, Attachment 2, p. 18, "TransNet EAP: Project Descriptions"



#### TransNet Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP)

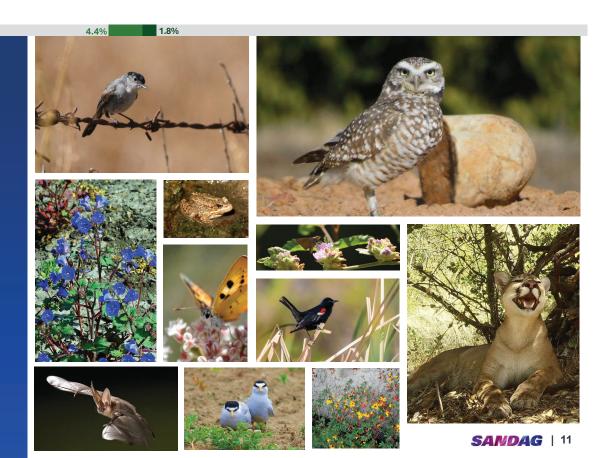
Acquisition, restoration, and management of critical habitat





## TransNet Land Management Grants

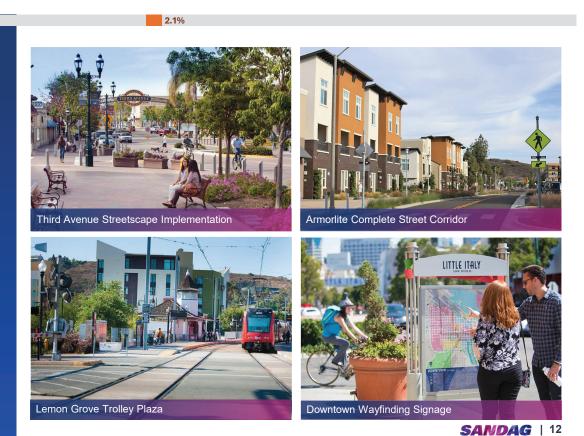
- · 136 grants awarded
- \$18.8 million total
- Local organizations, jurisdictions, and nonprofits
- Benefitting over 71 species of rare plants and animals



# TransNet Smart Growth Incentive Program

Projects include:

- Bringing housing closer to transit
- · Mixed use development
- Enhanced downtown streetscapes
- City plaza gathering and beautification projects
- Pedestrian improvements
- · Bike connections



29.1%

### TransNet Local Streets and Roads

- Over \$1.1 Billion allocated to jurisdictions
- Funds supplement other local revenues
- Can be used for road maintenance, safety enhancements, ADA, traffic signal, pedestrian, and other improvements













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#### **TransNet Transit Services**

Subsidies, grants, and specialized services







16.5%

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### TransNet Transit Operations

- To pay for new and upgraded Major Corridor transit services
- Currently supports
  - SuperLoop Rapid
  - I-15 Rapid Routes
  - Mira Mesa Rapid
  - Mid-City Rapid
  - South Bay Rapid
  - Mid-Coast Trolley
  - COASTER peak and midday frequency increases



# TransNet Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Neighborhood Safety

#### **Since 2013**

- 12 completed projects
- 27 miles completed
- 29 miles in final design or construction

#### Regional Bikeway Project Delivery Status\*

in miles

19 miles	2	10 miles	19 miles	27 miles
Planning	Prelim. Engineering & Env. Clearance	Design	Construction	n Completed

#### **Completed Projects**







<sup>\*</sup> As of April 2025 Source: SANDAG, "Bikeway Early Action Program Quarterly Status Report" p. 10, April 2025.



#### **TransNet Active Transportation Grant Program**

Bike and pedestrian improvements, plans, and education

- · Improvements include bike lanes, cycle ways pedestrian trails, and bike parking
- Supportive policies and plans
- Education, Encouragement, and Awareness (EEA) Campaigns









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#### **Key TransNet Partners**





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Santee Town Center















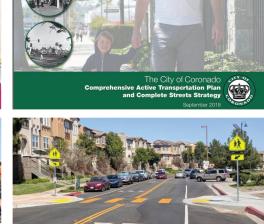












#### **TransNet**

Extension Ordinance Delivered to Date

#### \$4.8 billion generated as of Dec 2024

- 91 current projects
- Over \$378 million in new and expanded transit services and operations
- Over \$1.36 billion to for local projects
- More than 240 grants for smart growth, senior, and active transportation
- Acquired or helped restore 9,215 acres of habitat
- 60 miles of bikeways in final design, construction, or completed



















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