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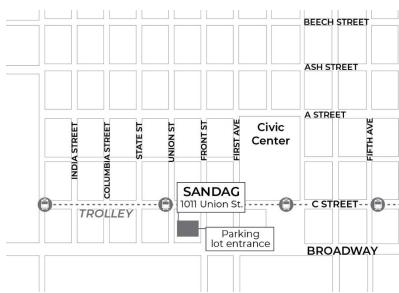
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The TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) aids in the implementation of the TransNet program, the San Diego region's half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements. The TransNet program is administered by SANDAG. As outlined in the TransNet Ordinance and Expenditure Plan, the ITOC provides an increased level of accountability for expenditures of TransNet funds. With the passage of the TransNet Extension Ordinance and Expenditure Plan in November 2004 (Proposition A), it was mandated in the Ordinance that an Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee for TransNet be formed to provide an enhanced level of accountability for the expenditure of funds under the Expenditure Plan. The Committee helps ensure that all voter mandates are carried out as required and develops recommendations for improvements to the financial integrity and performance of the program.

The ITOC generally meets at 9:30 a.m., on the second Wednesday of the month.

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Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee

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Comments and Communications

1. Non-Agenda Public Comments/Member Comments

Members of the public shall have the opportunity to address the TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) on any issue within the jurisdiction of the ITOC that is not on this agenda. Public speakers are limited to three minutes or less per person. Public comments under this agenda item will be limited to five public speakers. If the number of public comments under this agenda item exceeds five, additional public comments will be taken at the end of the agenda. ITOC members and SANDAG staff also may present brief updates and announcements under this agenda item.

Consent

+2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Francesca Webb, SANDAG

Approve

The TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee is asked to approve the minutes from its May 14, 2025, meeting.

Meeting Minutes

+3. TransNet Triennial Performance Audit: Completion Recommendations

Approve

Vanessa Leon, Adrian Paniagua, SANDAG

The TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee is asked to approve one new TransNet Triennial Performance Audit Completion Form.

TransNet Triennial Performance Audit: Completion Recommendations Att. 1 - Implementation of TPA Recommendations Completion Forms

+4. Annual Selection Process for ITOC Chair and Vice-Chair

Information

Vanessa Leon, SANDAG

In accordance with the TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) Bylaws, at the first regular meeting following commencement of the SANDAG fiscal year, the ITOC shall select a Chair and Vice Chair to serve a term of one year. This report provides an overview of the annual ITOC Chair and Vice-Chair selection process.

Annual Selection Process for ITOC Chair and Vice-Chair

Reports

5. Appointment of Subcommittee Members for FY 2025 Fiscal and Compliance Audit

Appoint

Noelle Takahashi, Marcus Pascual, SANDAG

The ITOC is asked to appoint no more than three voting members to serve on its FY 2025 Fiscal and Compliance Audit Subcommittee.

Information

+6. 2024 State of the Commute

Joaquin Ortega, SANDAG

Staff will present findings from the 2024 State of the Commute report.

2024 State of the Commute

Presentation

+7. TransNet Environmental Mitigation Program Land Management Grant Program Project Amendment

Recommend

Benjamin Gembler, SANDAG

The TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee is asked to recommend that the Transportation Committee approve a 12-month time extension for the San Diego Habitat Conservancy's Thornmint Enhancement Project.

TransNet Environmental Mitigation Program Land Management Grant Program Project Amendment

Att. 1 - SDHC Amendment Request Letter

Att. 2 - Proposed Project Schedule

Presentation

+8. Regional Bikeway Program Status Update

Information

David Cortez, Omar Atayee, SANDAG

Staff will present an overview of the status of the implementation of the Regional Bike Early Action projects and provide a summary of leveraged funding.

Regional Bikeway Program Status Update

Att. 1 - Regional Bikeway Early Action Program - Project Priority List Presentation

Adjournment

9. Adjournment

The next TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

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May 14, 2025, Meeting Minutes

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Chair Maryam Babaki (Finance/Budgeting) called the meeting of the TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) to order at 9:30 a.m.

1. Non-Agenda Public Comments/Member Comments

Public Comments: None.

Member Comments: Chair Babaki.

Senior Director of Regional Planning Antoinette Meier provided an update on agency activities.

Consent

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The ITOC was asked to approve the minutes from its April 9, 2025, meeting.

4. Overview of Developments in the Financial Markets, Quarterly Finance Report as of March 31, 2025

This report provided an update on the latest developments in the financial markets, economy, sales tax revenues, and strategies being explored and implemented to minimize possible impacts to the TransNet Program.

5. Quarterly TransNet Financial Reports for the Period Ending March 31, 2025, and Other Financial Data

This report provided an overview of the financial status of the TransNet Program.

7. FY 2015, FY 2018, FY 2021, and FY 2024 TransNet Triennial Performance Audits Recommendations: Quarterly Update

This report provided an overview of progress made to date on recommendations from the FY 2015, FY 2018, FY 2021, and FY 2024 TransNet Triennial Performance Audits (third, fourth, fifth, and sixth Triennial Performance Audits).

Public Comments: None.

<u>Action</u>: Upon a motion by Sunnie House (CEO/Private Sector) and a second by Lorraine Ahlquist (Biology/Environmental), the ITOC voted to approve Consent Agenda Item Nos. 2, 4, 5, and 7.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Babaki, Sunnie House, Lorraine Ahlquist, and Jacqueline Appleton-Deane (Contractor/Construction).

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Licensed Civil / Traffic Engineer, Licensed Engineer, and Real Estate/Right of Way Acquisition.

3. TransNet Triennial Performance Audit: Completion Recommendations

This item was pulled from consent.

Public Comments: None.

<u>Action</u>: Upon a motion by Jacqueline Appleton-Deane and a second by Lorraine Ahlquist, the ITOC voted to approve seven TransNet Triennial Performance Audit Completion Forms.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Babaki, Sunnie House, Lorraine Ahlquist, and Jacqueline Appleton-Deane.

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Licensed Civil / Traffic Engineer, Licensed Engineer, and Real Estate/Right of Way Acquisition.

6. TransNet Major Corridor and Regional Bikeway Program of Projects: Quarterly Status Report

This item was pulled from consent. This report provided an update on TransNet Major Corridor and Regional Bikeway Program projects.

Public Comments: None.

Action: Information.

Reports

8. TransNet Smart Growth Incentive Program Project Amendment

Senior Grants Program Analyst Goldy Herbon presented the item.

Public Comments: None.

<u>Action</u>: Upon a motion by Sunnie House and a second by Lorraine Ahlquist, the ITOC voted to recommend that the Transportation Committee approve a 6-month time extension for the County of San Diego's Community Based Transportation Program.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Babaki, Sunnie House, Lorraine Ahlquist, and Jacqueline Appleton-Deane.

No: None.

Abstain: None

Absent: Licensed Civil / Traffic Engineer, Licensed Engineer, and Real Estate/Right of Way Acquisition.

9. TransNet Senior Mini-Grant Program: Cycle 13 Call for Projects Eligibility

Associate Grants Program Analyst Aly Vazquez presented the item. The TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee was asked to review and confirm the proposed Senior Mini-Grant projects recommended for funding are consistent with the TransNet Ordinance.

Public Comments: None.

Action: Discussion.

10. ITOC Annual Report

Senior Financial Programing and Project Control Analyst Adrian Paniagua and Financial Analyst Vanessa Leon presented the item. The TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee was asked to review and discuss the draft 2025 ITOC Annual Report.

Public Comments: Marco Espinosa.

Action: Discussion.

11. Adjournment

The next ITOC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

Chair Babaki adjourned the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

Attendance at TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee Meeting

Jurisdiction	Name	Attend
Biology/Environmental	Lorraine Ahlquist	Yes
CEO/Private Sector	Sunnie House	Yes
Contractor/Construction	Jacqueline Appleton-Deane	Yes
Finance/Budgeting	Maryam Babaki	Yes
Licensed Civil/Traffic Engineer	Frank Rivera	No
Licensed Engineer	Les Hopper	No
Real Estate/Right-of-Way Acquisition	David Santistevan	No
Advisory Members		
San Diego County Auditor's Office	Tracy Drager	No





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TransNet Triennial Performance Audit: Completion Recommendations

Overview

The Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) is in the process of completing recommendations from its fourth, fifth, and sixth TransNet Triennial Performance Audits (TPA) as follows:

- <u>FY 2018 TPA</u> (fourth audit) on July 11, 2018
- FY 2021 TPA (fifth audit) on June 9, 2021
- FY 2024 TPA (sixth audit) on June 12, 2024

Key Considerations

As of May 14, 2025, staff has completed all 18 recommendations from the FY 2015 TPA. Previously, Quarterly and Completion Form reports included a cumulative total of 110 recommendations. Going forward, recommendations will only be included from TPAs that still have items marked as "In Progress." Based on this updated approach, the revised total number of recommendations is 92.

Of these 92 audit recommendations from active TPAs, 62 have been fully implemented, and 30 remain in progress. Most recently, staff completed one additional recommendation, as documented in the completion form (Attachment 1):

FY 2024, Item No. 9

Action: Approve

The TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee is asked to approve one new TransNet Triennial Performance Audit Completion Form.

Fiscal Impact:

The TransNet Triennial Performance Audits are conducted by the TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee, and its independent performance auditor is funded through Overall Work Program Project No. 1500200 in the SANDAG Program Budget.

Schedule/Scope Impact:

TransNet Triennial Performance Audits include a review of all TransNet-recipient agencies involved in implementation of TransNet-funded projects and programs. The audit considers changes to contracting, construction, permitting, and related processes that could improve the efficiency and effectiveness of TransNet spending.

Completion forms were introduced to streamline processes and enhance transparency and accountability in completing recommendations. These forms may include supporting documentation to validate the completion of the recommendations.

Next Steps

The next quarterly update on the audit recommendation implementation status is scheduled for the September 10, 2025, ITOC meeting.

Susan Huntington, Director of Financial Planning, Budgets, and Grants

Attachment: 1. Implementation of TPA Recommendations: Completion Forms



TransNet Triennial Performance Audit Recommendation Completion Form

TPA Year: 2024

Item Number: 9

Audit Recommendation:

Establish tools or mechanisms to track remaining Ordinance major corridor projects (boundaries and scope) clearly and accurately against the 2021 Regional Plan and future regional plans, including maintaining underlying supporting data reported.

Justification for Completion: (Continued on next page)

A new comprehensive matrix of TransNet Ordinance Projects, CIPs, and Regional Plan Projects was created in 2024 following the 2024 TransNet Triennial Performance Audit. The matrix is maintained on our TransNet Dashboard (https://transnetdashboard.sandag.org/), and tracks all Ordinance major corridor projects, including the boundaries and scope, against the 2021 Regional Plan.

In addition, TransNet ordinance projects were evaluated as part of the development process for the draft 2025 Regional Plan. An updated table showing the differences between the TransNet ordinance projects and the proposed draft 2025 Regional Plan project scope was presented to the Board, Policy Advisory Committees, and ITOC. Staff will continue to evaluate TransNet projects through future Regional Plan development processes.

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Approvals

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TPA Year: 2024

Item Number: Item 9

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Annual Selection Process for ITOC Chair and Vice-Chair

Overview

The <u>TransNet Extension Ordinance</u>, approved by voters in November 2004, established the Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC). The ITOC is intended to provide an increased level of transparency and accountability for expenditures made with revenue generated by the local TransNet sales tax measure.

Key Considerations

The <u>ITOC Bylaws</u> call for selection of a committee Chair and Vice-Chair by majority vote of the committee on an annual basis. The selection is to be made at the first regular meeting following commencement of the SANDAG fiscal year, which runs July 1 through June 30.

The bylaws further state that the Chair will run the ITOC meetings, work with staff to set the agenda for the meetings and serve as the primary spokesperson for the ITOC to the Board of Directors, Transportation Committee, other groups and organizations, and the media. The Vice-Chair serves in this capacity when the Chair is not available. The Chair and Vice-Chair serve a term of one year each.

Next Steps

ITOC will select a Chair and Vice Chair at its July 9, 2025, meeting with the new Chair expected to lead the next regularly scheduled meeting on September 10, 2025.

Susan Huntington, Director of Financial Planning, Budgets, and Grants

Action: Information

In accordance with the TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) Bylaws, at the first regular meeting following commencement of the SANDAG fiscal year, the ITOC shall select a Chair and Vice Chair to serve a term of one year. This report provides an overview of the annual ITOC Chair and Vice-Chair selection process.

Fiscal Impact:

Consistent with TransNet Extension
Ordinance provisions, TransNet Independent
Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC)
members shall serve without compensation
except for direct expenses (parking/mileage
for attendance at meetings) related to the
work of the ITOC.

Schedule/Scope Impact:

ITOC will select a Chair and Vice Chair at its July 9, 2025, meeting. The newly selected Chair would lead the next regularly scheduled meeting on September 10, 2025.





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2024 State of the Commute

Overview

Reviewing annual performance monitoring is one of the responsibilities of the TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC). Paragraph seven of the ITOC Responsibilities section of the "Statement of Understanding Regarding the Implementation of the ITOC for the TransNet program" of the TransNet Extension Ordinance establishes this responsibility as follows:

"On an annual basis, review ongoing SANDAG system performance evaluations, including SANDAG's "State of the Commute" report, and provide an independent analysis of information included in that report. This evaluation process is expected to include such factors as level of service measurements by roadway segment and by time of day, throughput in major travel corridors, and travel time comparisons by mode between major trip origins and destinations. Such information will be used as a tool in the RTP development process."

Action: Information

Staff will present findings from the 2024 State of the Commute report.

Fiscal Impact:

Development of the annual State of the Commute report costs approximately \$90,000 in staff time, funded in Overall Work Program Project No. 3311700.

Schedule/Scope Impact:

The State of the Commute provides transportation performance monitoring and reporting to be used as a tool in the development of Regional Transportation Plans. Staff will begin working on the next annual State of the Commute in winter 2025.

Key Considerations

The <u>2024 State of the Commute</u> represents the most recent annual report on system performance evaluations which began in 2005 and is the third iteration that is an interactive data dashboard hosted on SANDAG's Open Data Portal. New to this report are transit ridership estimates for the Metropolitan Transit System Rapid 227 and the Copper Line Trolley services, which began operating in 2023 and 2024, respectively.

Next Steps

Staff will prepare the 2025 State of the Commute and return to the ITOC in spring 2026.

Grace Mino, Senior Director of Data Science



2024 State of the Commute Dashboard

TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee | Item 6 Joaquin Ortega, Senior Researcher and Modeler June 11, 2025

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Background on ITOC's role for the State of the Commute (SOC) Report

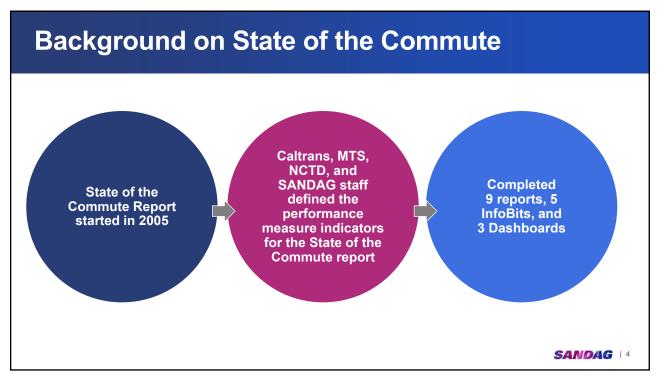
Transnet Ordinance for the State of the Commute report:

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- and travel time comparisons by mode between major trip origins and destinations.
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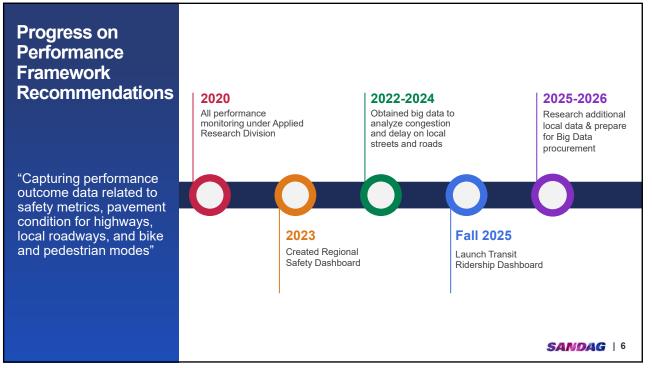
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State of the Commute

Items added in 2021	Items added in 2022	Items added in 2023	Items added in 2024
Top Highway Routes with most congested bottlenecks for AM and PM peak times	Big data for congestion and mobility on arterial roads	New Bridge data source getting more specific	Improved transit data fidelity from new passenger count program
Safety data for motorist, bicycles, and pedestrians	Bridge data	More years of transit and highway travel data	Data for new MTS Rapid Bus 227 and Copper Line Trolley
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TransNet Environmental Mitigation Program Land Management Grant Program Project Amendment

Overview

The TransNet Environmental Mitigation Program Land Management Grant (EMP LMG) Program allocates funding to land managers to help maintain and enhance the integrity and size of regional habitat preserves and protect endangered species. These efforts help maintain the region's biological integrity, avoiding the future listing of species as endangered.

SANDAG Board Policy 035-Competitive Grant

Procedures outlines project milestones and completion deadlines that grantees must adhere to. Section 4.3 of the Policy states that extension requests beyond twelve months aggregate or that would cause the project to miss a completion deadline must be approved by the appropriate Policy Advisory Committee.

Action: Recommend

The TransNet Independent Taxpayer
Oversight Committee is asked to recommend
that the Transportation Committee approve a
12-month time extension for the San Diego
Habitat Conservancy's Thornmint
Enhancement Project.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Schedule/Scope Impact:

If approved by the Transportation Committee, the San Diego Habitat Conservancy's Thornmint Enhancement Project will be completed by June 27, 2026.

Key Considerations

On October 28, 2022 (Item 7), the Board of Directors awarded \$2.4 million in TransNet EMP LMG funding for the Cycle 10 program, including \$79,876.80 to the San Diego Habitat Conservancy (SDHC) for its San Diego Thornmint Enhancement Project (Project). The project will expand and enhance three populations of San Diego Thornmint on SDHC-managed property by improving habitat and increasing the seed bank of this plant, thereby reducing the likelihood of extinction in our region. SDHC received the Notice to Proceed on the Project on April 21, 2023, which was later than anticipated due to SANDAG implementing enhanced project reviews and training sessions with all awarded applicants regarding state labor compliance requirements. Due to the delayed Project start, SDHC requested a 10-month time extension in February 2024, which was approved by staff and extended the grant termination date to June 27, 2025.

SDHC is requesting a second amendment for a 12-month time extension due to the lack of rainfall during the winter of 2024-2025, resulting in less-than-ideal seeding conditions. The extension will enable seed planting and weed control during the 2025-2026 winter. Additional details on the SDHC request can be found in Attachment 1.

Next Steps

The amendment will be presented to the Transportation Committee at its meeting on June 20, 2025. If approved, the grant termination date would be extended to June 27, 2026. If not approved, the grant will expire on June 27, 2025, and the unexpended grant balance, approximately \$35,668, will be returned to the EMP LMG program for use in the Cycle 11 call for projects.

Susan Huntington, Director of Financial Planning, Budgets, and Grants

Attachments:

- 1. SDHC Amendment Request Letter
- 2. Proposed Project Schedule



May 9, 2025

Jenny Russo Grants Program Manager SANDAG 401 B Street, Suite 800 San Diego, CA 92101

Subject: Amendment Request for Agreement Number S1125501 Regarding the San Diego Thornmint Enhancement Project

Dear Mr. Russo,

The San Diego Habitat Conservancy (SDHC) is requesting an amendment to grant agreement number S1125501 for a 12 month extension for the San Diego Thornmint Enhancement Project (Project). The requested extension will allow for additional seed installation and weed control due to the lack of rainfall during the winter 2024-2025. SANDAG Board Policy No. 035 Competitive Grant Program Procedures requires the following information to be provided to substantiate the request.

Previous efforts undertaken to maintain the project schedule.

The grant was executed on February 27, 2023, with an original project period of 18 months ending on August 27, 2024. On February 22, 2024, SDHC requested an extension for 10 months due to a delayed notice-to-proceed, which was approved for a new end date of June 27, 2025. SDHC anticipated performing additional seeding and weed control during the extended schedule; however, due to a lack of rainfall, conditions were not suitable for seeding and weed control was minimal

A detailed explanation on the reason for delay, and how it was unavoidable.

As noted above, SDHC was planning to perform the additional seed installation to take advantage of natural rainfall; however, winter 2024-2025 yielded less than average rainfall, SDHC was advised by local authorities to put off seeding efforts until next seasons rainfall. Seeding this rare plant with less than suitable conditions would have been a waste of seed that was timely and costly to collect.

Demonstrate the ability to succeed in the extended timeframe the grantee is requesting.

During the initial year of this Project, SDHC installed the seed as planned and observed successful growth in both seeded populations. We work with experienced botanists and researchers that monitor local San Diego thornmint populations, and we defer to their guidance on our conservation activities for this species. Delaying use of these funds will greatly improve our ability to fund the enhancement of these local populations.



Enclosed with this letter is the revised project schedule that would be included in the grant amendment, if approved. Thank you for considering this request. Please contact Vince Rivas, Habitat Manager at 619.365.4839 or VinceR@sdhabitat.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

Don Scoles Executive Director

Enclosure: Revised Project Schedule

Exhibit C - Project Schedule						
Task #	Task Name	Task Start Date ¹	Months Needed to Complete Task (Current)	Months Needed to Complete Task (Revised)	(Current)	Task End Date (Revised)
1	ACIL Monitoring	2 Months from NTP	16 Months	38 Months	18 Months	40 Months
2	Invasive Control in surrounding ACIL areas	2 Month from NTP	16 months	38 Months	18 Months	40 Months
3	Reporting and Invoicing	3 Months from NTP	15 Months	37 Months	18 Months	40 Months
4	Administrative	1 Month from NTP	17 Months	39 Months	18 Months	40 Months

¹ Assumes Fall 2022 Notice to Proceed.

If ACIL does not express due to the delay of NTP or weather conditions, an additional year will be requested to fulfill Task 1. ACIL monitoring.



TransNet Environmental Mitigation Program Land Management Grant Program Project Amendment

TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee | Item 7 Benjamin Gembler, Associate Grants Program Analyst June 11, 2025

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Project Area and Scope

Scope: Tasks 1 & 2

- Thornmint Monitoring, including seeding and watering
- · Invasive species treatment and trimming



Locations:

Carlsbad Raceway Preserve (A) Taylor Preserve (B) Emerald Pointe (C)





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Grant Disbursement

Grant Award: \$79,876.80 **Amount Invoiced**: \$44,207.86 **Amount Remaining**: \$35,668.94



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Amendment Request

12-month Time Extension

- Second Amendment Request
- Delays were mostly due to dry conditions not being suitable for Thornmint seeding and weed control
- Extension will allow for additional seed installation and weed control

Original Deadline: June 27, 2025

New Deadline Requested: June 27, 2026



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June 11, 2025

Regional Bikeway Program Status Update

Overview

In 2013, the Board of Directors approved a \$200 million initial investment of TransNet funds, through the TransNet Extension Ordinance Bicycle, Pedestrian & Neighborhood Safety Program, to implement the Regional Bike Plan Early Action Program (EAP).

The EAP (Attachment 1) is a network of high-quality bikeways comprised of new facilities designed to increase transportation options for people to make connections to transit, schools, employment, shopping, recreational centers, and other everyday destinations.

Key Considerations

Since the approval of the EAP, 13 projects have opened to the public, 7 are in construction, and 7 projects are in the final design phase. The initial investment has allowed the EAP Program to leverage

Action: Information

Staff will present an overview of the status of the implementation of the Regional Bike Early Action projects and provide a summary of leveraged funding.

Fiscal Impact:

Since the inception of the EAP, the Regional Bikeway Program has leveraged \$172 million of TransNet funding to include \$309 million of Federal, State and Local funding.

Schedule/Scope Impact:

Thirteen projects have been opened to the public, seven projects are currently in construction, and seven projects are in the final design phase.

outside funding consistent with the intent of TransNet. To date, 41% of expenditures have been TransNet funds while leveraging 59% of funds from outside Federal, State, or Local sources.

Current Implementation Status



Projects in construction: Bayshore Bikeway: Barrio Logan, Border to Bayshore Bikeway, Imperial Avenue Bikeway, Uptown Bikeways: Eastern Hillcrest, Inland Rail Trail 3B, Uptown Bikeways: Washington Street, North Park | Mid-City Bikeways: University Avenue.

Projects anticipated going into construction next year: Bayshore Bikeway: Barrio Logan Phase 2, North Park | Mid-City Bikeways: Orange Avenue, North Park | Mid-City Bikeways: Central Avenue.

Next Steps

Staff is continuing to deliver active transportation capital improvement projects that are programmed and funded consistent with the approved Board work program.

David Cortez, Director of Engineering and Construction

Attachment:

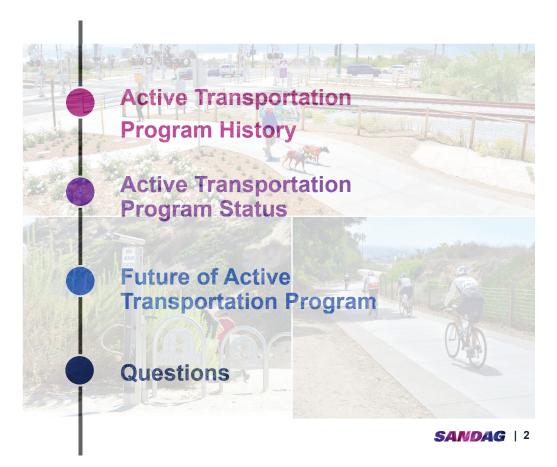
1. Regional Bikeway Early Action Program—Project Priority List

Regional Bike Plan EAP Board Approved Project Priority

	Phasing: EAP within \$200m ca	EAP exceeding \$200m cap				Funding Throug	h	
				FY Starting	Existing Project Phase	Project Phase		
Priority Facility Type	Project		Jurisdiction(s)				Cost	Rolling Total Cost
1 High-Priority Urban Bikeway	1	Uptown	San Diego	14	Design	Const.	\$ 22,889,000	\$ 22,889,000
1 High-Priority Urban Bikeway	3	Uptown	San Diego	14	Design	Const.	\$ 17,979,000	\$ 40,868,000
1 High-Priority Urban Bikeway	7	Uptown	San Diego	14	Design	Const.	\$ 2,579,000	\$ 43,446,000
2 High-Priority Urban Bikeway	Δ	North Park Mid-City	San Diego	14	Design	Const.	\$ 5,727,000	\$ 49,173,000
2 High-Priority Urban Bikeway	-	North Park Mid-City	San Diego	14	Design	Const.	\$ 5,775,000	\$ 54,948,000
2 High-Priority Urban Bikeway	6	North Park Mid-City North Park Mid-City	San Diego	14	Design	Const.	\$ 2,688,000	\$ 57,636,000
2 High-Priority Urban Bikeway2 High-Priority Urban Bikeway	14	North Park Mid-City North Park Mid-City	San Diego San Diego	14 14	Design Design	Const.	\$ 4,869,000 \$ 4,319,000	\$ 62,505,000 \$ 66,824,000
3 Class I Bikeway	31A	San Diego River Trail - Qualcomm Stadium	San Diego	14	Design	Const.	\$ 829,000	\$ 67,652,000
4 Class I Bikeway	31B	San Diego River Trail - Father Junipero Serra Trail to Santee	Santee	14	Design	ROW	\$ 2,816,000	\$ 70,469,000
5 Class I Bikeway	33	Coastal Rail Trail San Diego - Rose Creek	San Diego	14	Design	Const.	\$ 20,636,000	\$ 91,105,000
6 Class I Bikeway	36	Bayshore Bikeway - Main St to Palomar	Chula Vista/Imperial Beach	14	Enviro	Const.	\$ 2,959,000	\$ 94,064,000
7 Class I Bikeway	39C	Coastal Rail Trail Encinitas - Chesterfield to G	Encinitas	14	Design	Const.	\$ 6,885,000	\$ 100,949,000
8 Class I Bikeway	39D	Coastal Rail Trail Encinitas - Chesterfield to Solana Beach	Encinitas	14	Design	Eng.	\$ 100,000	\$ 101,050,000
9 Class I Bikeway	51 (A,B,C,D)	Inland Rail Trail	San Marcos, Vista, Co. of SD	14	Env/Design	Const.	\$ 32,691,000	\$ 133,740,000
13 Class I Bikeway	52	Coastal Rail Trail Oceanside - Wisconsin to Oceanside Blvd.	Oceanside	14	Const	Const.	\$ 200,000	\$ 133,940,000
14 Class I Bikeway	53	Plaza Bonita Bike Path	National City	14	Const	Const.	\$ 400,000	\$ 134,340,000
15 Class I Bikeway	55	Bayshore Bikeway - National City Marina to 32nds St	San Diego/National City	14	Const	Const.	\$ 1,503,000	\$ 135,843,000
16 Class I Bikeway	54	I-15 Mid-City - Adams Ave to Camino Del Rio S	San Diego	14	Engineering	Const.	\$ 9,341,000	\$ 145,184,000
17 Class I Bikeway	50	Bayshore Bikeway - Barrio Logan	San Diego	14		ROW	\$ 4,604,000	\$ 149,789,000
18 High-Priority Urban Bikeway	6A	Pershing and El Prado	San Diego	15		Const.	\$ 7,282,000	\$ 157,071,000
18 High-Priority Urban Bikeway	7A	Pershing and El Prado	San Diego	15		Const.	\$ 613,000	\$ 157,684,000
19 High-Priority Urban Bikeway	8	Downtown to Southeast connections	San Diego	15		ROW	\$ 787,000	\$ 158,471,000
19 High-Priority Urban Bikeway	9	Downtown to Southeast connections	San Diego	15		ROW	\$ 3,045,000	\$ 161,516,000
19 High-Priority Urban Bikeway	10	Downtown to Southeast connections	San Diego	15		ROW	\$ 2,825,000	\$ 164,341,000
20 High-Priority Urban Bikeway	13	San Ysidro to Imperial Beach - Bayshore Bikeway Connection	Imperial Beach/San Diego	15		ROW	\$ 1,726,000	\$ 166,067,000
20 High-Priority Urban Bikeway	21	San Ysidro to Imperial Beach - Bayshore Bikeway Connection	Imperial Beach/San Diego	15		ROW	\$ 860,000	\$ 166,927,000
21 High-Priority Urban Bikeway	18	Terrace Dr/Central Ave - Adams to Wightman	San Diego	15		Const.	\$ 1,407,000	\$ 168,334,000
22 Class I Bikeway	31C	San Diego River Trail - I 805 to Fenton	San Diego	16		Const.	\$ 1,741,000	\$ 170,075,000
23 Class I Bikeway	31D	San Diego River Trail - Short gap connections	San Diego	16		Const.	\$ 1,370,000	\$ 171,445,000
24 Class I Bikeway	39B	Coastal Rail Trail Encinitas - Leucadia to G Street	Encinitas	16		Const.	\$ 4,763,000	\$ 176,209,000
25 Class I Bikeway	45	Coastal Rail Trail San Diego - UTC	San Diego	16		ROW	\$ 791,000	\$ 177,000,000
26 Class I Bikeway	46	Coastal Rail Trail San Diego - Rose Canyon	San Diego	16	Env/Design	ROW	\$ 2,508,000	\$ 179,508,000
27 Class I Bikeway	48D	Coastal Rail Trail San Diego - Pac Hwy (W. Washington Street to Laurel Street)	San Diego	16		Const.	\$ 4,050,000	\$ 183,559,000
28 Class I Bikeway	48E	Coastal Rail Trail San Diego - Pac Hwy (Laurel Street to Santa Fe Depot)	San Diego	16		Const.	\$ 7,628,000	\$ 191,187,000
8** Class I Bikeway	39D	Coastal Rail Trail San Diego - Encinitas Chesterfield to Solana Beach (construction phase)	Encinitas	17		Const.	\$ 127,000	\$ 191,314,000
29 Class I Bikeway	48C	Coastal Rail Trail San Diego - Pac Hwy (Taylor Street to W. Washington Street)	San Diego	17		Const.	\$ 3,994,000	\$ 195,308,000
20** High-Priority Urban Bikeway	13, 21	San Ysidro to Imperial Beach - Bayshore Bikeway Connection	Imperial Beach/San Diego	18		Const.	\$ 6,204,000	\$ 201,513,000
30 Class I Bikeway	48B	Coastal Rail Trail San Diego- Pac Hwy (Fiesta Island Road to Taylor Street)	San Diego	18		Const.	\$ 7,270,000	\$ 208,783,000
1** Class I Bikeway	31B	San Diego River Trail - Father Junipero Serra Trail to Santee (construction phase)	Santee	19		Const.	\$ 7,412,000	\$ 216,195,000
17** Class I Bikeway	50	Bayshore Bikeway - Barrio Logan (construction phase)	San Diego	19		Const.	\$ 13,591,000	\$ 229,786,000
19** High-Priority Urban Bikeway	8, 9, 10	Downtown to Southeast connections (construction phase)	San Diego	19		Const.	\$ 17,015,000	\$ 246,801,000
25** Class I Bikeway	45	Coastal Rail Trail San Diego - UTC (construction phase)	San Diego	19		Const.	\$ 2,691,000	\$ 249,492,000
31 High-Priority Urban Bikeway	11, 16, 16A	City Heights /Encanto/Lemon Grove	Lemon Grove/San Diego	19		Const.	\$ 7,045,000	\$ 256,537,000
32 High-Priority Urban Bikeway	12, 12A	City Heights/Fairmount Corridor	San Diego	19		Const.	\$ 12,216,000	\$ 268,753,000
33 High-Priority Urban Bikeway	14A	Roland to Grossmont/La Mesa	La Mesa/El Cajon/San Diego	19		Const.	\$ 2,469,000	\$ 271,222,000
34 High-Priority Urban Bikeway	15, 15A, 20, 20A	La Mesa/Lemon Grove/El Cajon connections	Lemon Grove/La Mesa	19		Const.	\$ 5,458,000	\$ 276,680,000
26** Class I Bikeway	46 31E	Coastal Rail Trail - Rose Canyon (construction phase)	San Diego	20		Const.	\$ 8,433,000	\$ 285,112,000
35 Class I Bikeway 36 Class I Bikeway	31F	San Diego River Trail - Qualcomm Stadium to Ward Rd	San Diego	20		Const.	\$ 1,568,000	\$ 286,681,000 \$ 286,944,000
,		San Diego River Trail - Rancho Mission Road to Camino Del Rio North	San Diego	20		Const.	\$ 263,000	. , ,
37 Class I Bikeway 38 Class I Bikeway	33A 38B	Coastal Rail Trail San Diego - Rose Creek Mission Bay Connection Coastal Rail Trail Carlsbad - Reach 4 Cannon to Palomar Airport Rd.	San Diego Carlsbad	20 20		Const.	\$ 3,990,000 \$ 5,084,000	\$ 290,934,000 \$ 296,018,000
39 Class I Bikeway	38C	Coastal Rail Trail Carlsbad - Reach & Calmon to Palomar Airport Road to Poinsettia Station	Carlsbad	20		Const.	\$ 2,738,000	\$ 298,757,000
40 Class I Bikeway	39A	Coastal Rail Trail Encinitas - Carlsbad to Leucadia	Encinitas	20		Const.	\$ 6,634,000	\$ 305,391,000
40 Class I Bikeway 41 High-Priority Urban Bikeway	41	Coastal Rail Trail Del Mar	Del Mar	20		Const.	\$ 396,000	\$ 305,391,000
42 Class I Bikeway	42	Coastal Rail Trail San Diego - Del Mar to Sorrento via Carmel Valley	Del Mar/San Diego	20		Const.	\$ 411,000	\$ 306,199,000
43 Class I Bikeway	43	Coastal Rail Trail San Diego - Der Mar to Sorrento Via Carrier Valley Coastal Rail Trail San Diego - Carmel Valley to Roselle via Sorrento	San Diego	20		Const.	\$ 867,000	\$ 307,066,000
44 Class I Bikeway	44	Coastal Rail Trail San Diego - Roselle Canyon	San Diego	20		Const.	\$ 4,958,000	\$ 312,024,000
45 High-Priority Urban Bikeway	13B, 24	Chula Vista National City connections	Chula Vista/National City	21		Const.	\$ 10,516,000	\$ 322,540,000
46 High-Priority Urban Bikeway	19, 30	Pacific Beach to Mission Beach	San Diego	21		Const.	\$ 9,509,000	\$ 332,049,000
47 High-Priority Urban Bikeway	25, 26, 26A	Ocean Beach to Mission Bay	San Diego	21		Const.	\$ 23,815,000	\$ 355,864,000
48 Class I Bikeway	31H	San Diego River Trail - Bridge connection (Sefton Field to Mission Valley YMCA)	San Diego	22		Const.	\$ 7,259,000	\$ 363,122,000
49 Class I Bikeway	311	San Diego River Trail - Mast Park to Lakeside baseball park	Santee	22		Const.	\$ 10,335,000	\$ 373,458,000
50 Class I Bikeway	35	I-8 Flyover (Camino del Rio South to Camino del Rio North)	San Diego	22		Const.	\$ 9,914,000	\$ 383,371,000
51 Class I Bikeway	37B	Coastal Rail Trail Oceanside - Broadway to Eaton	Oceanside	22		Const.	\$ 445,000	\$ 383,817,000
52 High-Priority Urban Bikeway	17, 23, 29, 29A	El Cajon - Santee connections	El Cajon/La Mesa/Santee	22		Const.	\$ 12,289,000	\$ 396,106,000
53 Class I Bikeway	31J	San Diego River Trail - Father JS Trail to West Hills Parkway	San Diego	22		Const.	\$ 2,883,000	\$ 398,989,000
54 Class I Bikeway	32	Inland Rail Trail Oceanside	Oceanside	22		Const.	\$ 18,786,000	\$ 417,775,000
55 Class I Bikeway	38A	Coastal Rail Trail Carlsbad - Reach 3 Tamarack to Cannon	Carlsbad	22		Const.	\$ 4,814,000	\$ 422,589,000
56 High-Priority Urban Bikeway	22	Clairemont Drive (Mission Bay to Burgener)	San Diego	23		Const.	\$ 7,688,000	\$ 430,277,000
57 High-Priority Urban Bikeway	25A	Harbor Drive (Downtown to Ocean Beach)	San Diego	23		Const.	\$ 6,980,000	\$ 437,257,000
58 High-Priority Urban Bikeway	28	Mira Mesa Bike Boulevard	San Diego	23		Const.	\$ 3,751,000	\$ 441,008,000
59 Class I Bikeway	13C	Sweetwater River Bikeway Ramps	National City	23		Const.	\$ 8,883,000	\$ 449,891,000
•	37A	Coastal Rail Trail Oceanside - Alta Loma Marsh bridge	Oceanside	23		Const.	\$ 4,684,000	\$ 454,575,000
O Class I Bikeway								
60 Class I Bikeway 61 Class I Bikeway	48A	Coastal Rail Trail San Deigo - Mission Bay (Clairemont to Tecolote)	San Diego	23		Const.	\$ 3,092,000	\$ 457,667,000

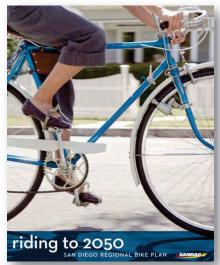


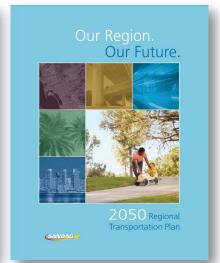
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Origins of the Regional Bike Plan Early Action Program

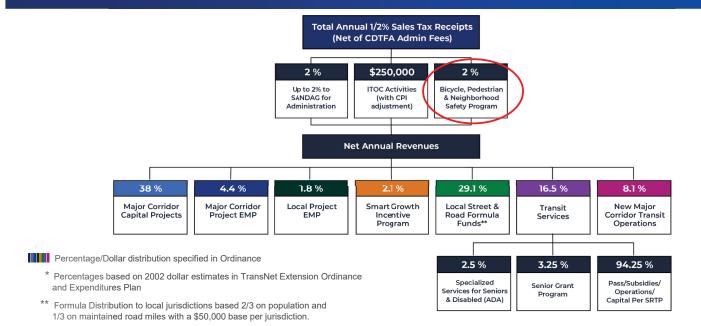
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TransNet Extension Ordinance Flow of Funds

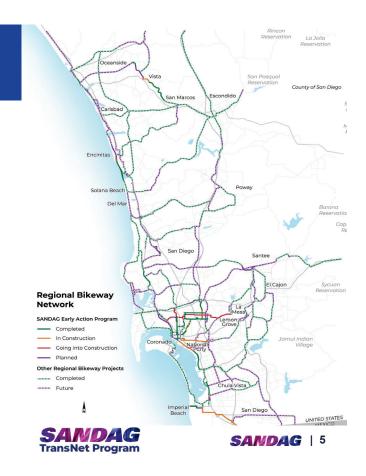


On May 14, 2021, the SANDAG Board of Directors, acting as the San Diego County Regional Transportation Commission, approved an adjustment to increase the administrative expense limitation from 1% to 2% beginning in FY 2022.

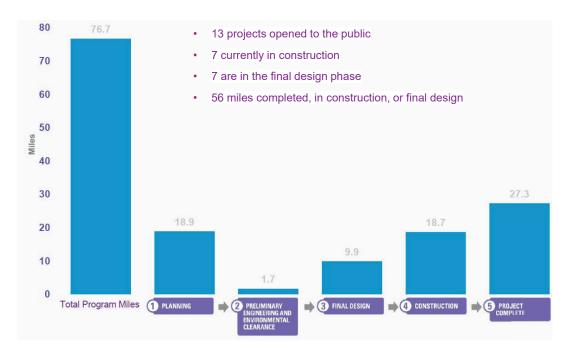
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TransNet Regional Bike Early Action Plan (EAP)

- Board approved \$200M in 2013 to Implement identified high-priority projects (77 Miles)
- Create vibrant, safe, and inviting streets that improve neighborhood connections
- Encourage more people to ride bikes for everyday trips
- Provide links to existing regional bike network corridors
- Improve safety for all street users



TransNet Regional Bike Early Action Plan (EAP)



27 Miles of Completed Projects

- √ Bayshore Bikeway: Segment 4 & 5
- ✓ SR 15 Commuter Bikeway
- ✓ Coastal Rail Trail: Rose Creek Bikeway
- ✓ Coastal Rail Trail: E Street to Chesterfield Drive
- ✓ Uptown Bikeway: 4th & 5th Avenue
- ✓ Inland Rail Trail: Phase 1 & 2
- ✓ Pershing Bikeway
- ✓ North Park/Mid City: Georgia-Meade, Landis
- ✓ Sweetwater Bikeway: Plaza Bonita Bikeway
- √Coastal Rail Trail: Oceanside

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18+ Miles of Projects In Construction

In Construction:

- North Park/Mid City: University Bikeway
- Uptown Bikeways: Washington Street
- Uptown Bikeways: Eastern Hillcrest
- Imperial Avenue Bikeway
- Inland Rail Trail 3B
- Border to Bayshore Bikeway
- · Bayshore Bikeway: Barrio Logan





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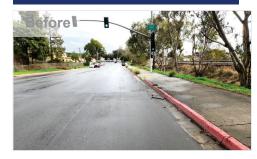
Construction **Projects**

Bayshore Bikeway: Barrio Logan Phase 1





Border to Bayshore Bikeway





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3 Projects To Be Advertised in FY26



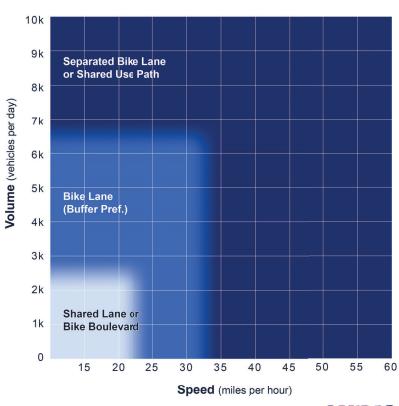




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Appropriate Bicycle and Pedestrian **Accommodation** Measures—Urban

Source: FHWA Bikeway Selection Guide, February 2019



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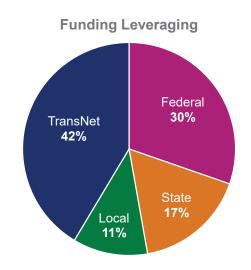
Case Study: Coastal Rail Trail -Rose Creek Bikeway Riders' Preference

75% total increase in ridership with only 6% of all riders continuing to use Santa Fe Street



TransNet BPNS Leveraging: 1.4 to 1

Funding Category	Funding Total	Percentage
Federal	\$160,024,622	30%
State	\$89,116,158	17%
Local	\$60,038,923	12%
TransNet	\$218,545,362	41%
Total Funding	\$527,725,065	100%



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TransNet Regional Bike Early Action Plan (EAP)

- Already reached the \$200 Million threshold
- How do we deliver the rest of Tier 1 EAP projects?
- How do we deliver the vision of the 2050 RTP?
- · What is the future of our Bike Program

