



TransNet Smart Growth Incentive Program

Cycle 6 Funding Recommendations

Regional Planning Committee | Item 4
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Smart Growth Incentive Program (SGIP)



Competitive Grant

For local jurisdictions
funded by TransNet



Funding Awards

For transportation-related infrastructure
projects & planning activities



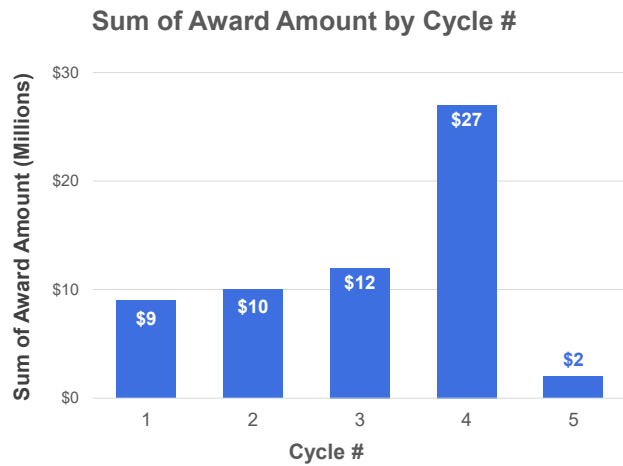
Delivers Projects

That facilitates compact, mixed-use,
transit-oriented development

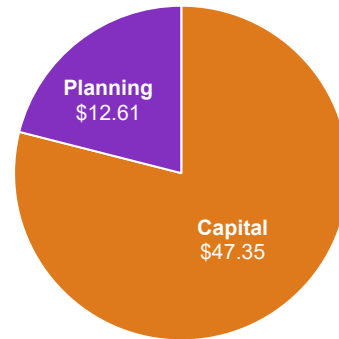
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SGIP Awards Cycle 1–5



Sum of Award Amount by Project Type (in millions)



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SGIP Projects

More than 70 planning & capital projects throughout the region

Projects include:

- Enhanced downtown streetscapes
- City plaza gathering and beautification projects
- Safer street design to include enhanced pedestrian and bike infrastructure
- Climate Action Plans, TOD Studies and Specific Plans, etc.



Third Avenue Streetscape Implementation



Armorlite Complete Street Corridor



Lemon Grove Trolley Plaza



Downtown Wayfinding Signage

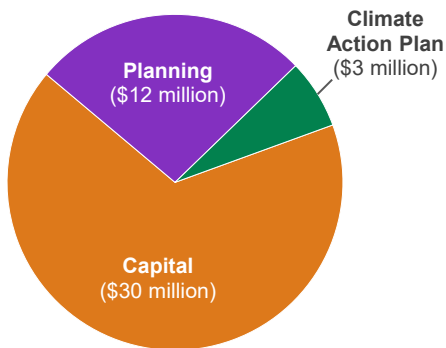
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Cycle 6 Call for Projects

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Cycle 6 Funding Overview

Available Funding: \$45 million

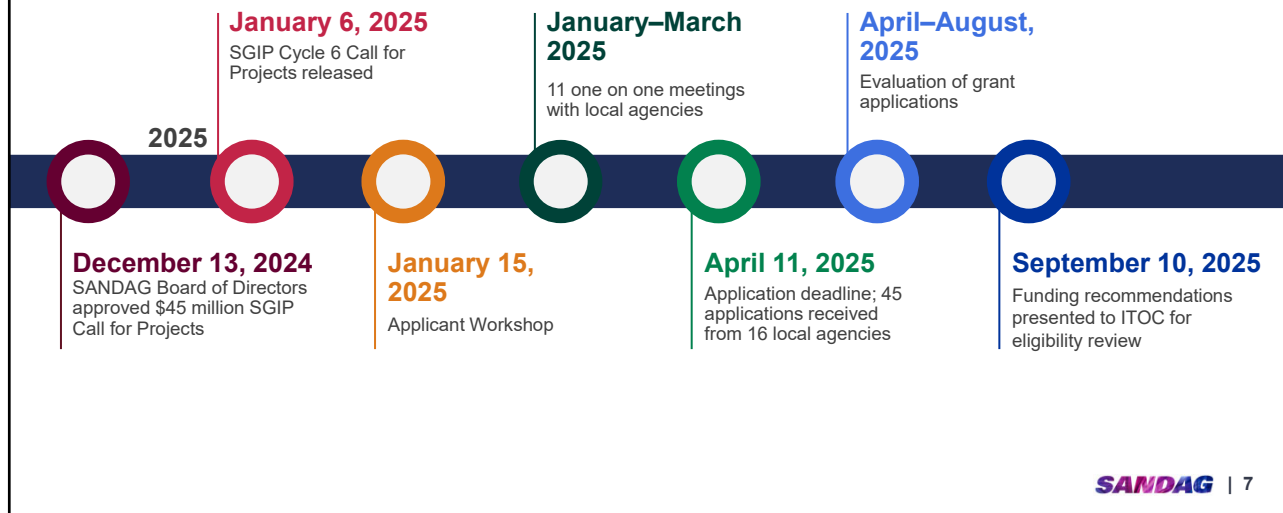


Award Amounts and Performance Periods

	Climate Action Plan	Planning	Capital
Minimum	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$500,000
Maximum	\$400,000	\$1 million	\$3.5 million
Performance Period (NTP+)	3 years (36 months)	3 years (36 months)	3.5 years (42 months)

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Timeline



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Geographic Distribution Example

Applicant	Project Title	Project Score	Award Request Amount
City A	Project 1	98	\$100
City B	Project 1	95	\$100
City C	Project 1	90	\$100
City A	Project 2	89	\$50
City D	Project 1	88	\$50
City E	Project 1	82	\$50
City B	Project 2	80	\$100
City F	Project 1	75	\$100
TOTAL			\$500

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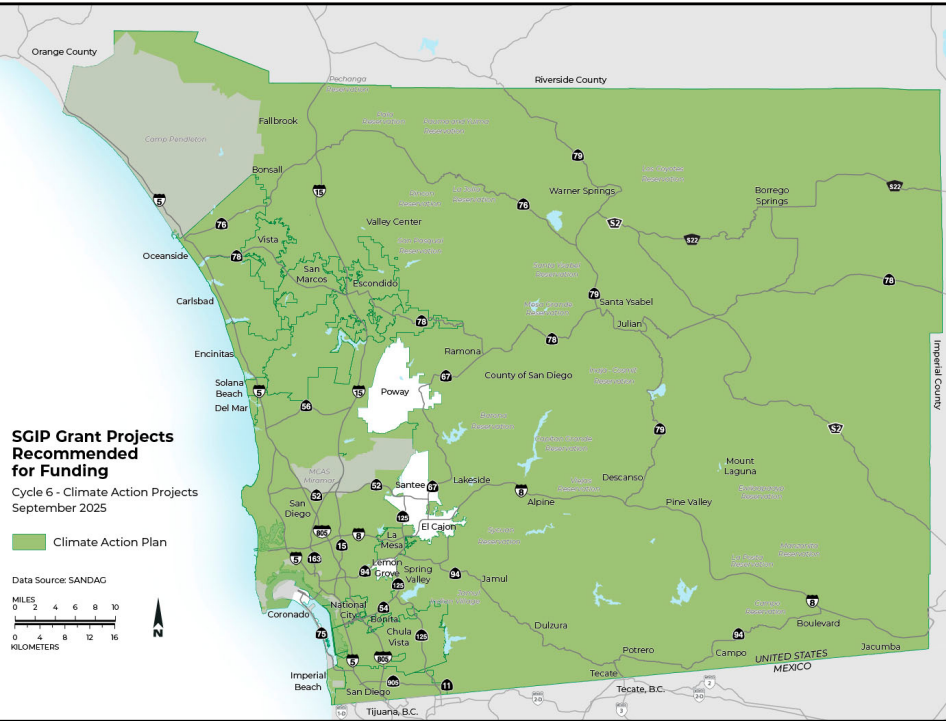
Recommended Projects

Climate Action Planning Projects

- All 7 applications recommended for award
- \$1,001,500 surplus will be used to fund Capital projects

Applicant	Project Title	Award Amt
San Diego	City of San Diego Climate Action Plan Update	\$400,000
Del Mar	Climate Action Plan Update and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Project	\$164,000
Vista	Updating the City of Vista's Climate Action Plan	\$335,000
National City	National City Climate Action Plan Implementation Monitoring	\$234,500
Imperial Beach	Climate Action Plan Update	\$150,000
Solana Beach	Regional Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventory Project	\$400,000
San Marcos	Climate Action Plan (CAP)	\$315,000
TOTAL		\$1,998,500

Climate Action Planning Project Locations



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Planning Projects

- All 15 applications recommended for award
- \$2,736,394 surplus will be used to fund Capital projects

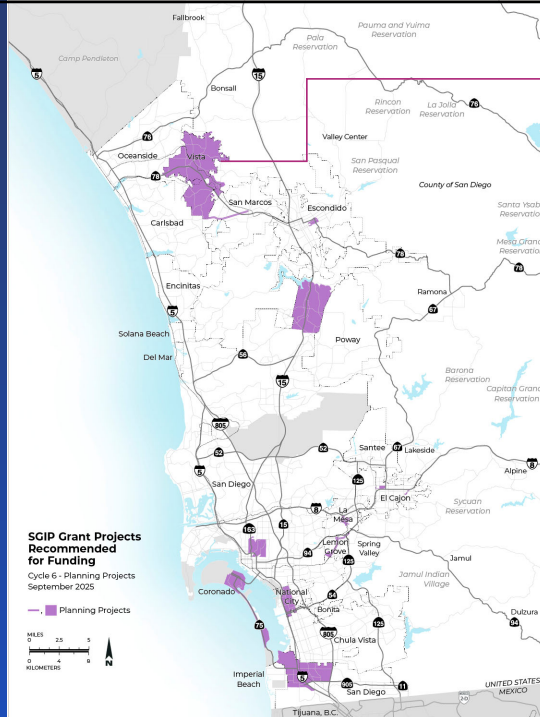
Applicant	Project Title	Award Amt
National City	National City Downtown Specific Plan Update	\$500,000
San Diego	Otay Mesa-Nestor Community Plan Update	\$1,000,000
Vista	City of Vista Active Transportation Plan	\$407,900
Lemon Grove	Lemon Grove Massachusetts Avenue Safe Routes to Transit Connectivity Plan	\$465,067
Lemon Grove	Lemon Grove Regional Bikeway Corridor Study	\$632,500
El Cajon	Parkway Specific Plan	\$650,000
San Diego	Balboa Park Master Plan: Connecting Parks, People and Places	\$1,000,000
National City	Housing Supportive Infrastructure Assessment	\$599,000
El Cajon	Mixed Use Overlay	\$500,000
San Diego	Rancho Bernardo Community Plan Update	\$1,000,000
La Mesa	La Mesa Downtown Village Specific Plan	\$372,289
County	Buena Creek Specific Plan	\$751,500
San Marcos	San Marcos Boulevard Corridor Plan	\$920,350
Escondido*	Affordable Housing Trust Fund	\$315,000
Coronado	Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Needs Assessment & Master Plan	\$150,000

TOTAL \$9,263,606

* ITOC commented that this project was not eligible for SGIP under TransNet

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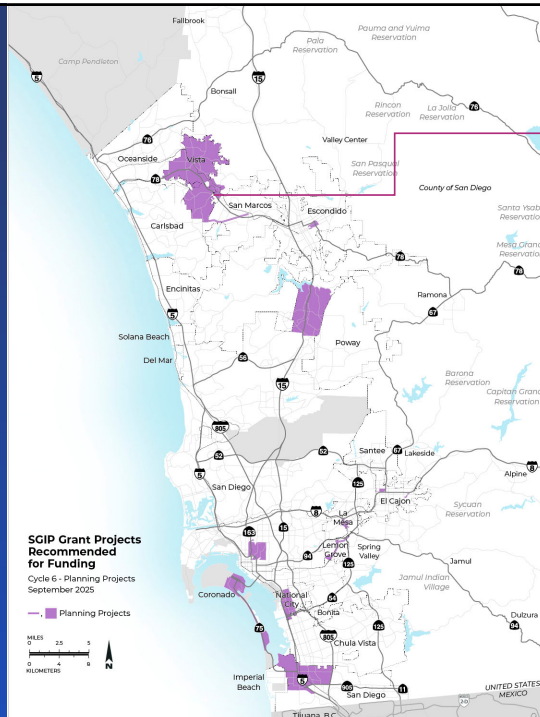
Planning Project Locations



City of Vista Active Transportation Plan



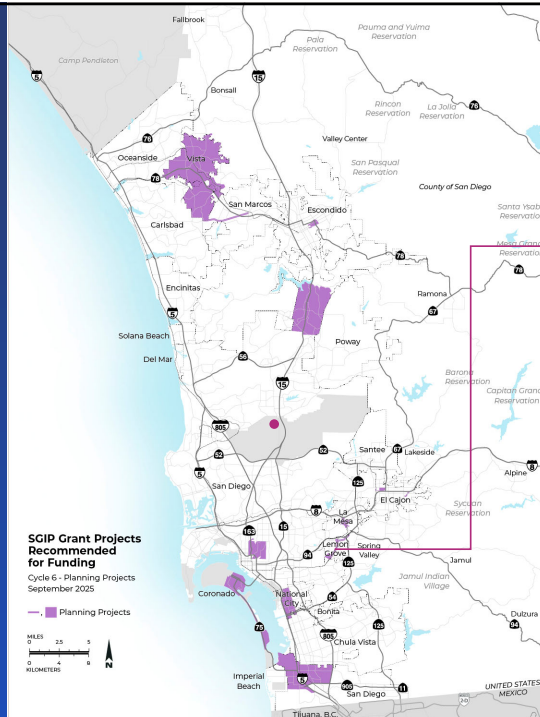
Planning Project Locations



County of San Diego Buena Creek Specific Plan



Planning Project Locations



City of Lemon Grove Massachusetts Ave Safe Routes to Transit Connectivity Plan



Capital Projects

- 23 applications received requesting \$66.9 million
- 13 applications recommended for award (12 for full funding and one for partial funding)

Applicant	Project Title	Award Amt
Oceanside	Coast Highway Corridor Improvements Phase 1	\$3,499,474
National City	National City Boulevard Smart Growth Revitalization Project	\$3,499,450
El Cajon	El Cajon Boulevard Streetscape Phase 2	\$2,712,275
Escondido	Grand Avenue Vision Project	\$2,000,000
San Diego	Vibrant C: Redefining the C Street Corridor	\$3,250,000
Vista	City of Vista W. Bobier Dr. Complete Streets	\$3,500,000
Solana Beach	Connect Glencrest - Glencrest Drive Pedestrian Connectivity Project	\$605,000
San Marcos	San Marcos Boulevard Multi-Modal Improvements	\$3,500,000
Imperial Beach	Palm Avenue Streetscape and Gateway Project	\$2,399,000
Encinitas	La Costa Avenue Pedestrian Path	\$1,197,238
Lemon Grove	Broadway and Sweetwater Road Intersection Improvements	\$3,500,000
Del Mar	Camino Del Mar Bridge Replacement Project	\$2,700,000
County of San Diego*	Poinsettia Avenue Active Transportation Improvements Project	\$1,375,457

TOTAL \$33,737,894

* Project is recommended for Partial Funding

Capital Project Locations



San Marcos
 San Marcos Boulevard
 Multi-Modal Improvements



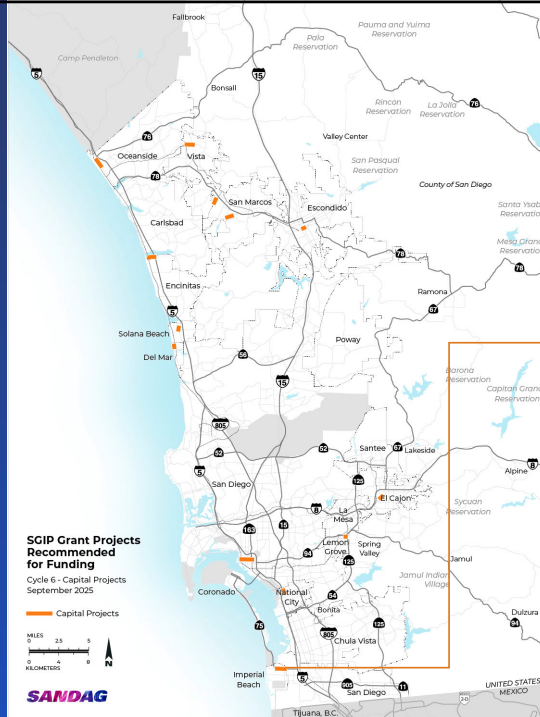
Capital Project Locations



City of Encinitas
 La Costa Avenue Pedestrian Path



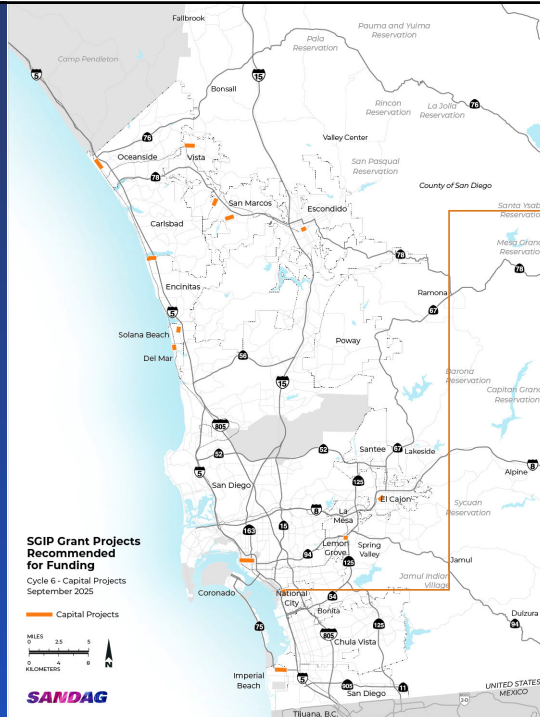
Capital Project Locations



Imperial Beach
Palm Avenue Streetscape and Gateway Project



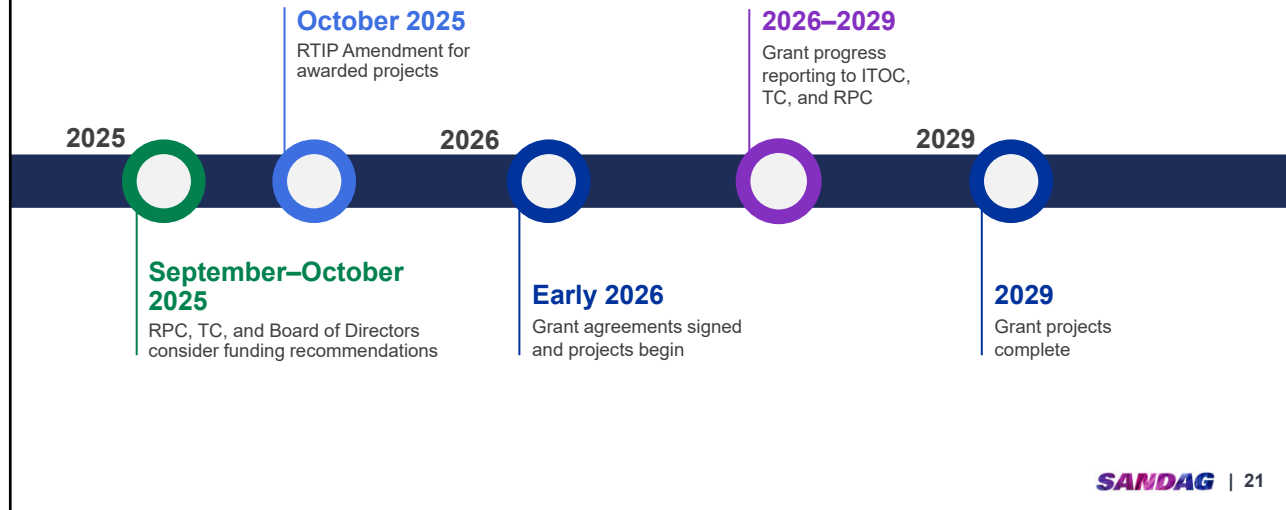
Capital Project Locations



National City
National City Boulevard
Smart Growth
Revitalization Project



Next Steps



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Eligibility Review

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City of Escondido Affordable Housing Trust Fund

- Planning Project recommended to receive \$315,000
- Will establish an Affordable Housing Trust Fund an associated in-lieu fee for Escondido's East Valley Specific Plan area to assist in the delivery of affordable housing within central Escondido
- Project includes:
 - Creation of the trust fund program and procedure for distribution from the fund;
 - Ordinance for incorporation into the Escondido Zoning Code
 - Establishment of an in-lieu fee to be paid into the fund
 - Public outreach and engagement

SGIP Language in TransNet Ordinance

Section C.3.

*An estimated \$280 million will be allocated to the Smart Growth Incentive Program to provide funding for a broad array of **transportation-related infrastructure improvements** that will assist local agencies in better integrating transportation and land use, such as enhancements to streets and public places, funding of infrastructure needed to support development in smart growth opportunity areas consistent with the Regional Comprehensive Plan, and community planning efforts related to smart growth and improved land use/transportation coordination.*

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