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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 Regional Transportation Plan 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 Plan. 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.

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