

San Diego Region VMT MITIGATION PROGRAM

Sustainable Communities Working Group

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Caltrans
Sustainable
Transportation
Planning Grant

\$480,000 in
Grant Funds

Program Needs
to be Completed
by June 30, 2026

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Partnership Between
SANDAG and the
County of San Diego

\$137,750 in Local
In-Kind Match

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Program Goals

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- 1 Provide a mechanism to mitigate project related VMT impacts leveraging regional assets and programs.
 - 2 Facilitate project related VMT mitigation costing options for the San Diego region.
 - 3 Prioritize the implementation of VMT reducing infrastructure, multi-modal facilities, and programs in disadvantaged communities.
 - 4 Incentivize sustainable growth and development throughout the San Diego region.
 - 5 Support the implementation of VMT reducing infrastructure and programs outlined in the 2021 Regional Plan.

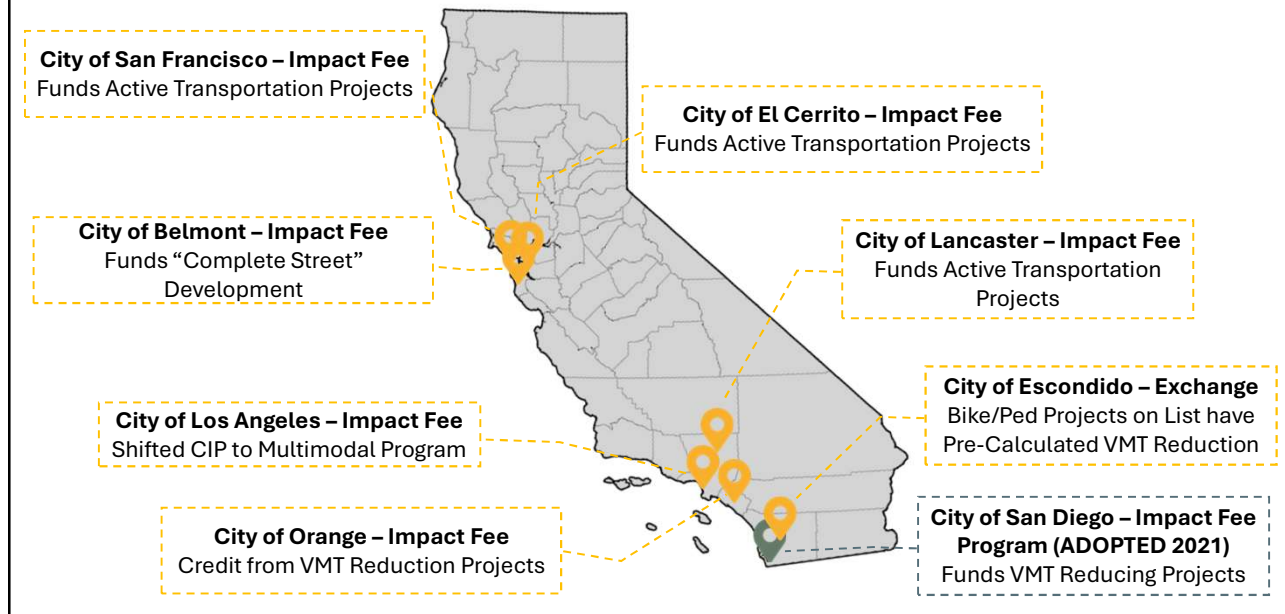
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Scope of Work

- 01  Establish a Technical Advisory Committee
 - 02  Create Evaluation Criteria and a Program Framework
 - 03  Develop Regional VMT Mitigation Program Options
 - 04  Build a Regional VMT Mitigation Program
 - 05  Finalize VMT Mitigation Program and Approval
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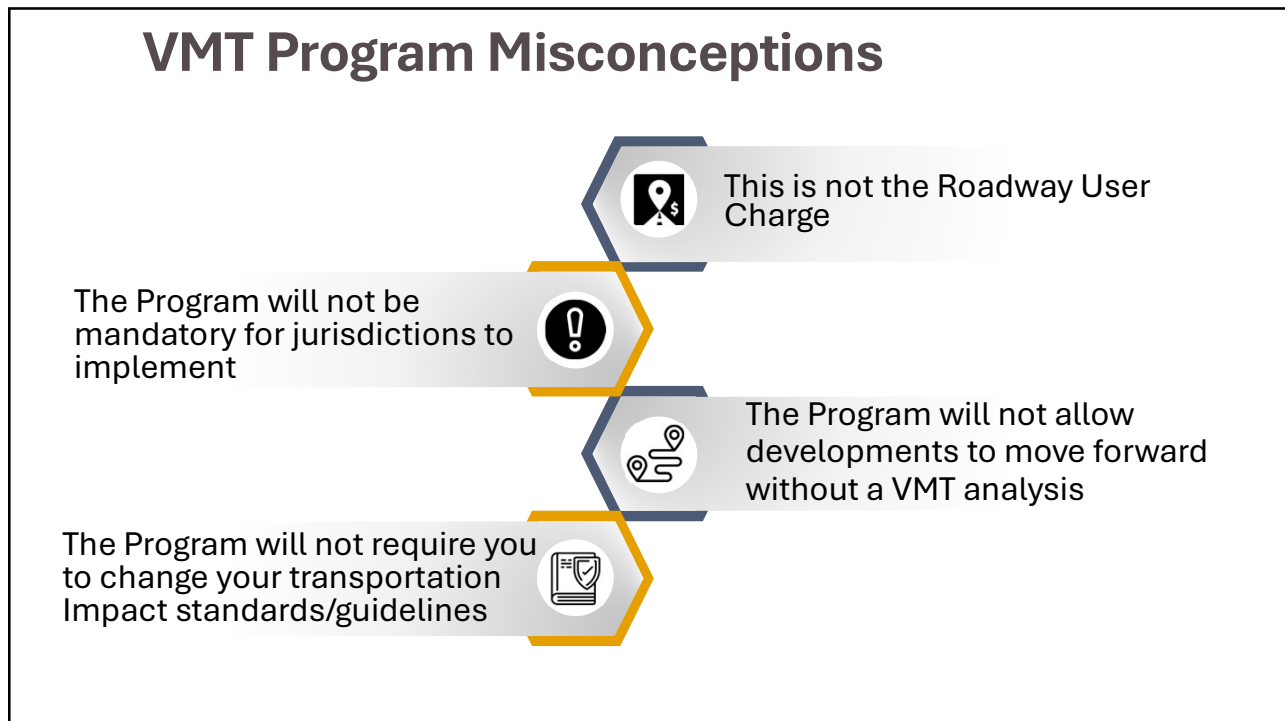
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OTHER FEE PROGRAMS IN CA



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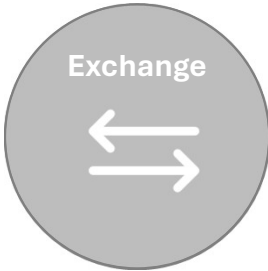
VMT Program Misconceptions



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General Types of Mitigation Programs



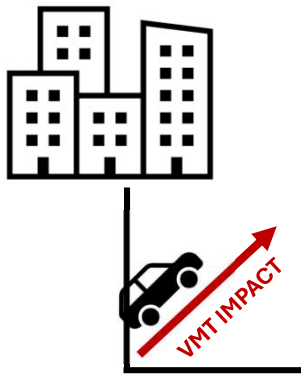
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Program Types – In Lieu Fee

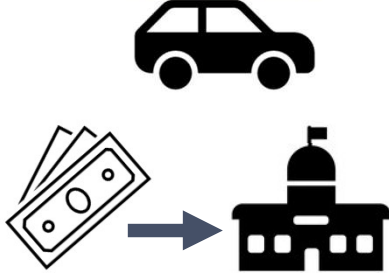
Example:

CITY OF SAN DIEGO ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION IN-LIEU FEE PROGRAM

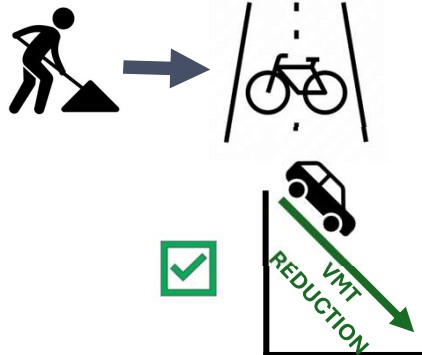
Projects with VMT Impacts



Pays Fees to a Jurisdiction



Jurisdiction Uses Fee Revenue to Builds Multi-Modal Facilities



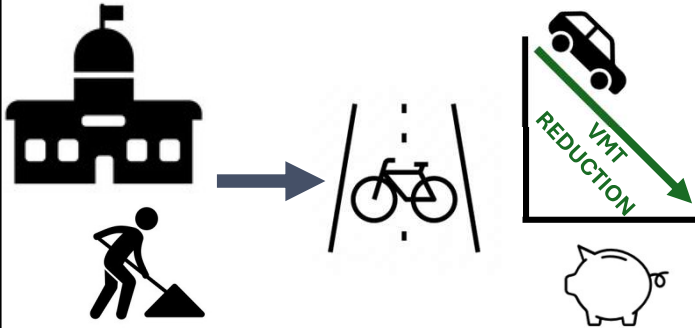
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Program Types – Mitigation Bank

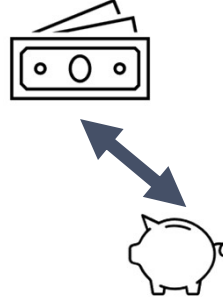
Example:

LA METRO VMT MITIGATION BANK PILOT PROGRAM

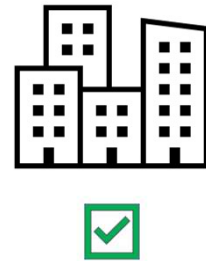
Jurisdictions Build Multi-Modal Facilities and Bank the Credits for the Associated VMT Reductions



Jurisdictions Sell the VMT Credits to Impacted Projects



Credits Off-Set Project's VMT Impacts



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Program Types – Exchange Program

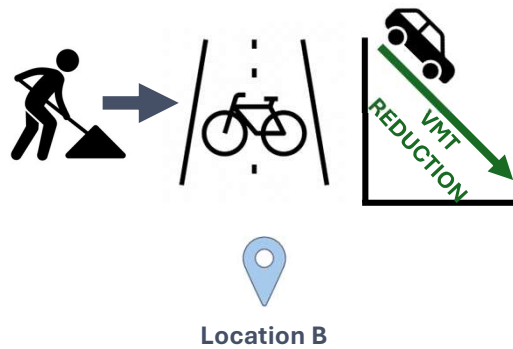
Example:

CITY OF ESCONDIDO VMT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Projects with VMT Impacts In Location A



Can Construct Off-Site Multi-Modal Infrastructure in Location B

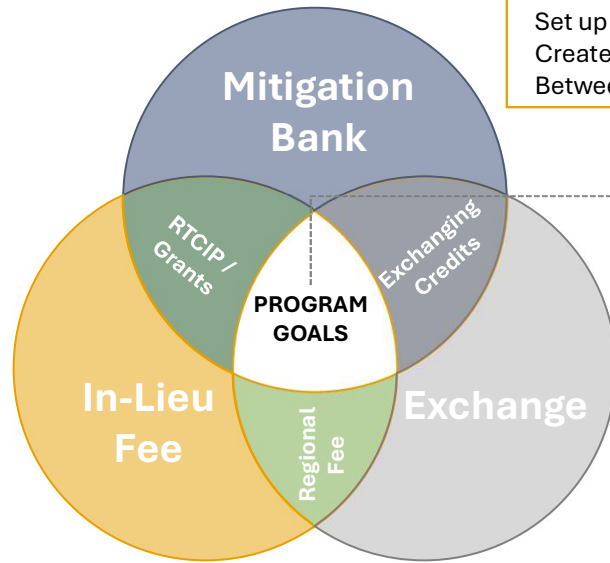


VMT Reductions Off-Set Project's VMT Impacts



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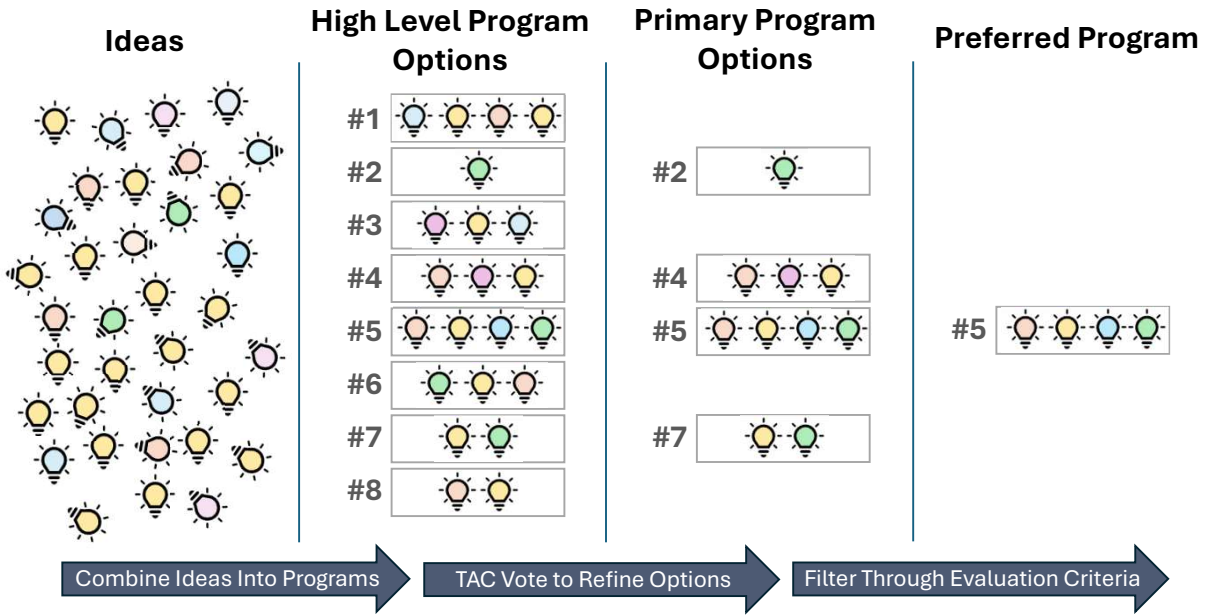
Hybrid System



PROGRAM GOALS
 Set up Regional Fee & Bank Programs
 Create a Framework for Interactions
 Between Local Jurisdictions

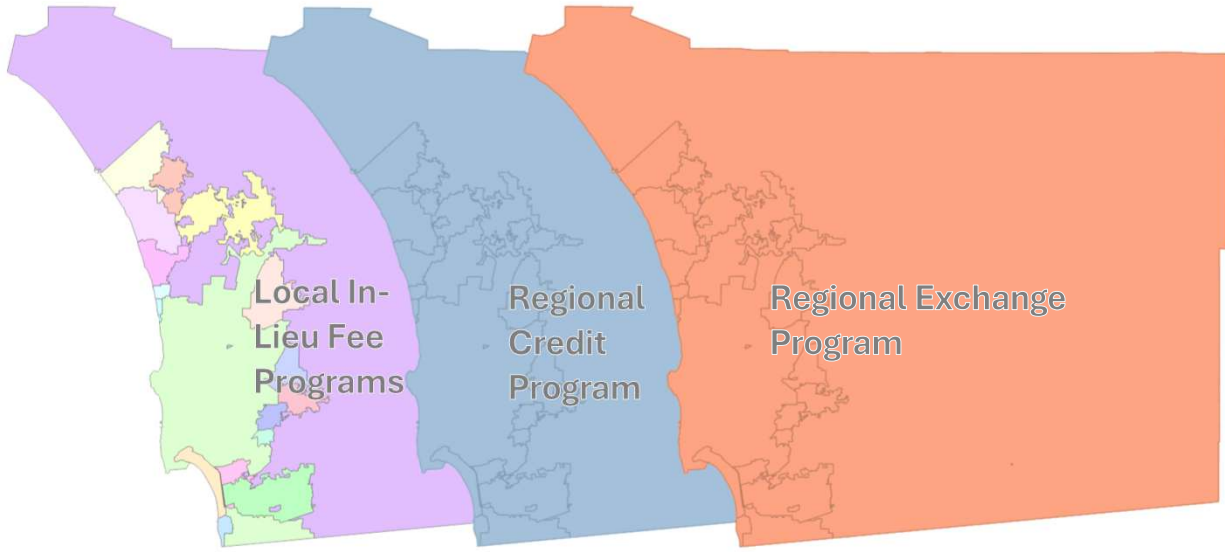
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Program Development Process



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Preferred Program Option

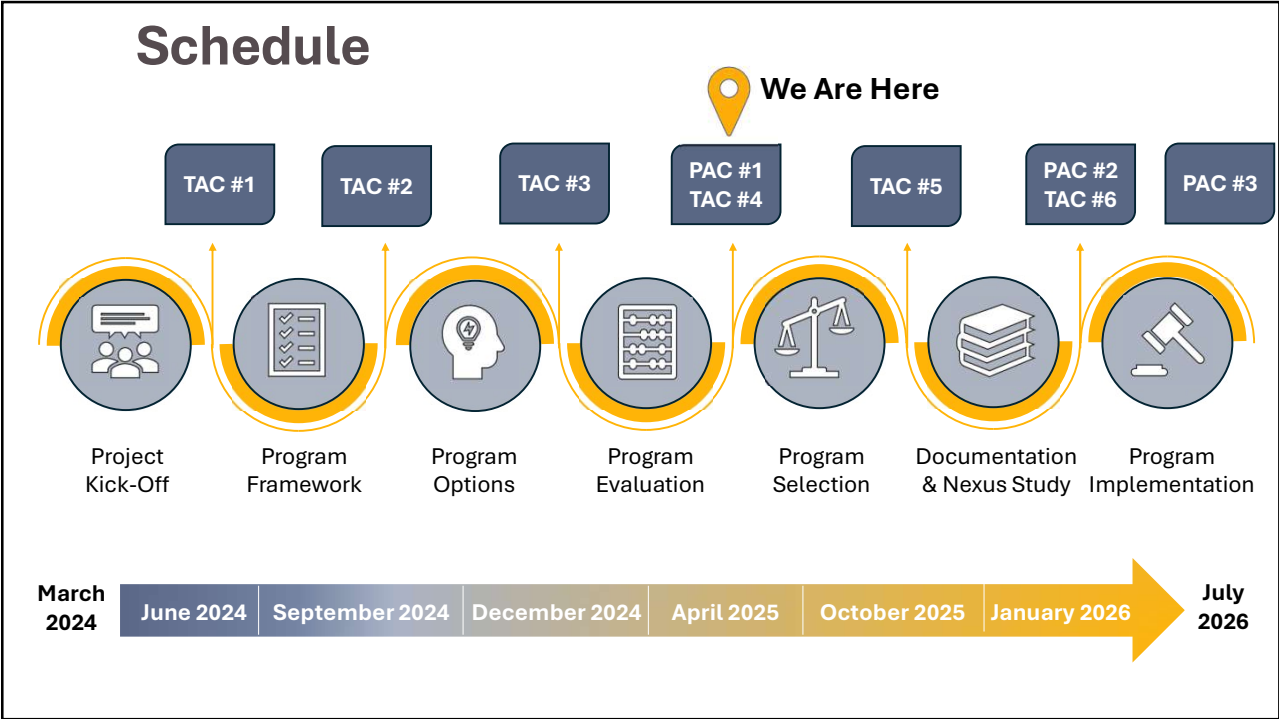


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Next Steps



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