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### I-5 North Coast Corridor Program Approved



On Aug. 13, the California Coastal Commission unanimously approved an approximately \$6 billion package of freeway, rail, bike, pedestrian, and environmental improvements for the North Coast Corridor. The 27-mile corridor spans six cities – Oceanside, Carlsbad, Encinitas, Solana Beach, Del Mar, and San Diego – and six lagoons. Officially called the North Coast Corridor Program, the integrated package of public works will be completed over the next 30 years.

### Mira Mesa Project Near Completion



Work on the I-15 Mira Mesa Direct Access Ramp (DAR) is winding down with approximately 85 percent of the project now complete. Over the next month, crews will be finishing the visual barriers, access ramps, and bridge deck in time for an early October opening. The DAR allows carpoolers, vanpoolers, solo drivers with FasTrak accounts, and transit vehicles to access the Express Lanes directly from local roads. Immediately adjacent to the DAR, crews also are working to finish the Miramar College Transit Station – including bus bays and shelters – for an October opening. The transit station will be a new hub for Rapid 235 and 237, as well as local bus routes. Stop by the SANDAG booth at the Mira Mesa Street Fair on Saturday, Sept. 20, to learn more.

### Did You Know?



This month, Cox San Diego Connection, a public affairs program, shined a spotlight on transportation topics in the San Diego region. SANDAG Executive Director Gary Gallegos joined host Sal Rivera to discuss Rapid, bike projects, and SchoolPool. Missed it? Watch the [video](#) on YouTube.

## Upcoming SANDAG Meetings

9/2/2014  
[Committee on Binational Regional Opportunities](#)

9/5/2014  
[Regional Planning Committee Transportation Committee](#)

9/9/2014  
[Environmental Mitigation Working Group](#)

9/10/2014  
[TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee](#)

9/12/2014  
[Board of Directors Executive Committee](#)

9/15/2014  
[Social Services Transportation Advisory Council](#)

9/19/2014  
[Transportation Committee Public Safety Committee](#)

9/25/2014  
[Regional Energy Working Group](#)

9/26/2014  
[Borders Committee Board of Directors](#)

## SANDAG Jobs

Are you interested in a career with SANDAG? Sign up for [email notifications](#) of job openings and internship opportunities.

### Current Openings:

[Environmental Planner](#)

[Research Analyst](#)

[Marketing Analyst](#)

[Public Outreach Officer](#)

[Regional Planning Intern](#)

SANDAG is an ADA-compliant agency. If you require special assistance to learn more about our job openings, contact us at (619) 699-1900. We will make every effort to accommodate your needs.

## Doing Business with SANDAG



Want to do business with SANDAG? First, [register](#) your firm in the SANDAG vendor database to receive emails about upcoming projects. View a list of current bids [online](#) and browse the tentative list of upcoming projects to find future contracting opportunities.

Read our DISCO Connection [brochure](#)

## Revitalizing Downtown La Mesa



A project to revitalize and beautify Downtown La Mesa broke ground on Aug. 6. The [Downtown Village Streetscape Project](#) is partially funded by a \$2 million grant provided by SANDAG under its [TransNet Smart Growth Incentive Program](#). The project includes enhanced crosswalks and pedestrian access; sidewalk, curb and gutter, and pedestrian ramps; landscaping and lighting; new benches, bike corrals, trash receptacles, and recycling containers; street signs and way-finding signs. The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2015.

## Be Part of the Rideshare 2014 Corporate Challenge!



Employers are invited to show support for alternative commute choices - carpool, vanpool, bike, walk, or transit - by registering for the [Rideshare Corporate Challenge](#). It's a friendly competition among employers in similar size categories; organizations encourage employees to rideshare and log their trips throughout the month to earn points. Winners will receive a commemorative plaque, as well as recognition in a regional newspaper ad, on SANDAG social media, and on the iCommute website. [Registration](#) closes Friday, Sept. 26, at 4 p.m.

## I-805 South Project Update



Crews continue to make progress on the [Interstate 805 \(I-805\) South Express Lanes Project](#). Since opening eight miles of [new carpool lanes](#) in March, ten sound walls also have been constructed to help lower freeway noise. The East Palomar Street [Direct Access Ramp, Transit Station and Park & Ride](#) is

upcoming projects, and Bench success stories.

under construction. When completed in fall 2015, the project will improve traffic flow and provide new travel choices for commuters.

## About SANDAG

The 18 cities and county government are SANDAG, the San Diego Association of Governments. This public agency serves as the forum for regional decision-making. SANDAG builds consensus; makes strategic plans; obtains and allocates resources; plans, engineers, and builds public transportation; and provides information on a broad range of topics pertinent to the region's quality of life.



## New Study: N. County Vivitrol Pilot Project Helps to Fight Drug Addiction

Vivitrol – an extended release medication used to treat alcohol and opiate dependency – is providing a glimmer of hope in this region's efforts to combat the rising tide of heroin and prescription painkiller abuse, according to a two-year evaluation of the North County Vivitrol Pilot Project. Conducted by the SANDAG Criminal Justice Research Division, the study found that regardless of the number of Vivitrol shots received – the full course of treatment involves six or more doses – program participants generally reported that the medication helped to control their cravings and supported their recovery. Those offenders who completed the prescribed six or more doses of Vivitrol did not relapse or re-offend during the 18-month study period.

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