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Did You Know?

Looking forward to adopting a more active lifestyle in the New Year? Break out your bike and explore the more than 1,000 miles of existing bikeways in the San Diego region. One of the most popular and scenic routes in our region is the Bayshore Bikeway, which SANDAG is working to complete. Currently, about 13 miles of the 24-mile loop around San Diego Bay are built. Construction of the bikeway is paid for by federal, state, and local dollars, including revenues from the regional *TransNet* half-cent sales tax.

Bike Resources

Bayshore Bikeway Map
San Diego Regional Bike Map

Construction Underway on SR 11 to Reduce Border Congestion

After more than a decade of planning, SANDAG and Caltrans broke ground Dec. 10 on a major project to build critically needed border infrastructure – a new freeway and eventually a new port of entry in Otay Mesa – to cut border wait times and boost crossborder trade. Estimated to cost $700 million to $750 million, the State Route 11/Otay Mesa East Port of Entry project is the result of collaboration by a number of key local, state, and federal agencies in both the United States and Mexico. Currently, all border crossings between the San Diego area and Tijuana are congested, with border wait times routinely exceeding two hours. Border traffic congestion and delays cost the U.S. and Mexican economies an estimated $7.2 billion in gross output and more than 62,000 jobs in 2007.

Kim Kawada Named SANDAG Chief Deputy Executive Director

Kim Kawada, who has served in a variety of leadership roles at SANDAG for nearly 19 years, has been promoted to Chief Deputy Executive Director. She succeeds Renée Wasmund who is retiring from her post after a decade-long career at SANDAG. Kawada, who was most recently the agency's *TransNet* and Legislative Affairs Program Director, assumed her new role effective Dec. 1. She was selected from a pool of highly competitive candidates from around the country after SANDAG conducted a search to fill the position. As the Chief

Bike Safety Tips
Bikes on Transit
Regional Bicycle Locker Program

Upcoming SANDAG Meetings

1/8/2014
TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee

1/10/2014
Board of Directors

Executive Committee

1/13/2014
San Diego Regional Military Working Group

1/14/2014
Environmental Mitigation Program Working Group

1/22/2014
Social Services Transportation Advisory Council

1/24/2013
Board of Directors

Borders Committee

1/29/2014
Board of Directors

Census Transportation Planning Projects Workshop

SANDAG Jobs

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

Current Openings:

Toll Operations and Maintenance Intern

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.

Bid Opportunities:

CM/GC services for the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project

Environmental Impact Report for San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan

On-call Printing and Related Services

SANDAG FasTrak Retail Program

About SANDAG

Deputy Executive Director for SANDAG, Kawada is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day activities of an agency with a $1.15 billion budget and about 330 employees.

New Bus Shelters at Del Lago and Rancho Bernardo Transit Stations

The Del Lago and Rancho Bernardo Transit stations received an early holiday gift – six new bus shelters, three at each station. These silver shelters feature sleek, modern designs. They serve commuter bus lines running along Interstate 15 between Downtown and North County. Starting in 2014, they also will serve Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) in the corridor. The Rapid buses, like the existing commuter coaches, will take advantage of the I-15 Express Lanes to reduce travel time and improve schedule reliability. The first of its kind in the region, the I-15 BRT system will run more often than existing services, and it will offer increased reliability and customer convenience similar to light rail services. More info

Construction Progress on Mid-City Rapid Bus Project

Construction is in full swing along Park and El Cajon boulevards to improve streets and build amenities for the launch of the Mid-City Rapid bus line in 2014. On Park Boulevard between University and Polk avenues, crews are working to build transit-only lanes and station platforms in the center median. On El Cajon Boulevard at 30th and 35th streets, crews are upgrading underground utilities, sidewalks, street lights, and traffic signals, in addition to building new bus stations. Work is generally progressing south to north on Park Boulevard between University Avenue and El Cajon Boulevard and west to east on El Cajon Boulevard between Park and College Avenue. More info

Santa Gets Help from the I-805 Construction Team

The Boys & Girls Club of South County in Chula Vista was filled with squeals of delight from children during a special breakfast with Santa on Dec. 21, thanks to some help from the I-805 construction team. SANDAG and Caltrans staff partnered with Granite Construction to collect dozens of toys to benefit the annual event held at the Chula Vista Clubhouse. The clubhouse on Oleander Avenue is located next to the East Palomar Direct Access Ramp (DAR), Transit Station, and Park & Ride Project. This project is part of Phase 1 of the I-805 South Express Lanes Project, which will add carpool lanes from East Palomar Street to SR 94.

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.

158 Gangs Call S.D. County Home

Although crime in general has been decreasing in the San Diego region, gangs continue to play a significant role in a variety of crimes, such as drug distribution, robbery, and prostitution, according to a new report released by SANDAG. San Diego County is home to 158 gangs and a total of about 7,500 documented members. Increasingly gangs are working together to maximize profits, so it's more important than ever for local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to work together to address gang-related crime.

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