

TransNet FACT SHEET



The region's window to in-depth information on the TransNet program, KeepSanDiegoMoving.com includes project descriptions, construction schedules, public meeting notices, maps, and news releases.



The TransNet Dashboard, an interactive, online reporting tool, provides the public with timely information about how TransNet tax dollars are spent. This web-based tool is a key element of KeepSanDiegoMoving.com.



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Overview

Over the past three decades, the regional TransNet half-cent sales tax for transportation has funded completion of more than 650 highway, transit, bike and pedestrian, habitat conservation, local street repairs, and grant projects and programs throughout San Diego County.

As the administrator of the TransNet program, SANDAG to date has leveraged \$3.5 billion in sales tax revenues with more than \$10.6 billion in local, state, and federal dollars to deliver projects totaling more than \$14.1 billion. Learn more and see photos of these projects on the interactive TransNet story map at KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/TransNet. See reverse for a screenshot of the story map.

History of TransNet

In 1987, San Diego County voters recognized the challenge to keep the San Diego region's residents, visitors, and commerce on the move, and they approved TransNet.

That initial 20-year TransNet program generated approximately \$3.3 billion between 1988 and 2008. SANDAG distributed the money in equal thirds among transit, highway, and local road projects. In addition, \$1 million was earmarked annually for bike paths and facilities. The program also funded seven innovative Walkable Community Demonstration Projects in Encinitas, San Marcos, Oceanside, El Cajon, and the communities of North Park, Golden Hill, and Clairemont in the City of San Diego.

TransNet Extension

In November 2004, more than two thirds of voters countywide approved a 40-year extension of TransNet to 2048. The extension is expected to generate more than \$18.8 billion for transportation improvements, with the funds allocated for transit expansion, highway projects, local roads, and other new programs.

The extension funds major highway expansion projects along interstates 5, 8, 15, and 805, as well as state routes 52, 54, 56, 67, 76, 78, 94, 125, 905, and numerous local road projects. In addition, it supports the operation of a robust public transportation system, including new Rapid transit services and carpool/Express Lanes along major transportation corridors.

The TransNet extension has more features than the original TransNet program:

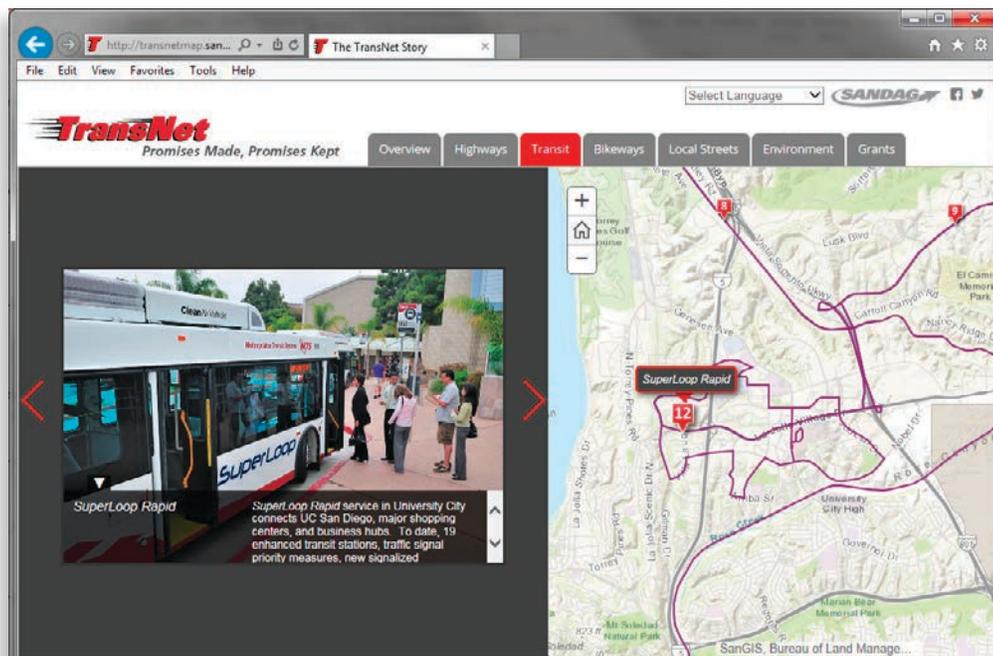
- » An innovative \$850 million Environmental Mitigation Program to offset the impacts of future transportation improvements while at the same time reducing overall costs and accelerating project delivery
- » A \$280 million smart growth incentive fund
- » Approximately \$5 million of available funds each year are set aside for bike paths and facilities, pedestrian improvements, neighborhood safety projects, and the Regional Bike Plan Early Action Program
- » Creation of the Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee to monitor expenditure of TransNet funds to ensure transparency and accountability

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The *TransNet* story map on KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/TransNet allows you to take a virtual tour of projects and programs funded by the regional half-cent sales tax for transportation.

TransNet Program Successes:

- » San Diego Trolley extended to Santee, Old Town, and through Mission Valley to San Diego State University and La Mesa
- » COASTER commuter rail service opened between Oceanside and San Diego
- » State Route 125 completed from Spring Valley to Santee
- » South Bay and East County communities connected via major expansion of State Route 54 and the acquisition of South Bay Expressway
- » State Route 56 completed, linked I-15 to I-5
- » State Route 78 widened to six lanes and many interchanges upgraded
- » The 20-mile I-15 Express Lanes completed between Escondido and San Diego
- » SPRINTER light rail opened between Oceanside and Escondido
- » State Route 52 extended from I-15 to Santee
- » State Route 76 widened through Fallbrook
- » I-805 South HOV Express Lanes and new Direct Access Ramp at Palomar Street
- » I-805 North HOV Express Lanes and new Direct Access Ramp at Carroll Canyon Road
- » Sweeping overhaul of the San Diego Trolley Blue and Orange lines, including station enhancements to improve efficient and reliable service
- » Introduction of *Rapid* transit service along I-15 into Downtown, through Mid-City from SDSU to Downtown and in the University City/Golden Triangle area
- » Border Improvements: Freeway connectors that link state routes 905/125/11



The TransNet Major Corridor Program

With the goal of efficiently using *TransNet* extension funds, SANDAG created the Early Action Program to expedite congestion relief. The program focused on jumpstarting construction of the region’s top priority transportation infrastructure projects.

In September 2013, the SANDAG Board of Directors approved \$200 million to implement the Regional Bike Plan Early Action Program (EAP). The Bike EAP comprises 42 projects totaling about 77 miles of new bikeways spread throughout San Diego County, from San Ysidro and Imperial Beach to Vista and Oceanside, from inland urban cores to scenic coastal communities.

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In summer 2017, the Board of Directors initiated a Ten-Year Comprehensive Review of all *TransNet* projects and programs to evaluate and improve performance of the overall program. In a two-step process, the first step, a “look-back” assessed the performance of the overall *TransNet* program to date.

View the *TransNet* Extension Ordinance: **10-Year Look-Back report**, which was presented to the Board on January 26, 2018.

The “look-forward” portion of the review, which will consider potential revisions to the Expenditure Plan and other provisions of the Ordinance to improve performance of the *TransNet* Program going forward, will be completed in early Fiscal Year 2019, concurrent with the development of San Diego Forward: The 2019-2050 Regional Plan.

TransNet Dollars Keep San Diego Moving

TransNet is a success story. *TransNet* dollars leveraged with state and federal funds have helped pay for upgrades to the region’s highways, including the 20-mile I-15 Express Lanes; extensions of the San Diego Trolley and COASTER commuter rail lines; acquisition of more than 8,600 acres for habitat conservation in the San Diego region; discounted transit passes for disabled people, seniors, and students; a \$2.1 billion effort underway to extend the Trolley from Downtown San Diego to the University City community; more than 800 local roads projects; and bike and pedestrian improvements, such as the Bayshore Bikeway and I-15 Commuter Bike Facility. For additional information and documents, visit sandag.org/TransNet.