

San Ysidro Mobility Hub

Fact Sheet

Background

The San Ysidro Port of Entry is the primary gateway between the U.S. and Mexico and one of the busiest border crossings in the world. Nearly 1 in 5 people entering the U.S. by land cross here to work, shop, attend school, connect with family, and everything in between – resulting in a unique and dynamic cultural exchange and a vibrant binational economic hub.

Today, over 90,000 people cross northbound through this port of entry on a daily basis – a number that continues to rebound from COVID-19 related travel restrictions and climb closer to historical peaks seen in the early 2000s. More than 20,000 of these daily crossers complete their trip as pedestrians, landing immediately at the existing San Ysidro Transit Center (SYTC) located in the community of San Ysidro. For decades, this area has been an anchor connecting community residents, regional travelers, and the crossborder population to the rest of the region. Today, the Blue Line Trolley boasts the highest ridership of any light rail line in the regional system with demand at SYTC representing a significant percentage of daily riders. Pre-COVID, between 13,000 and 16,000 people boarded transit at this station each day.

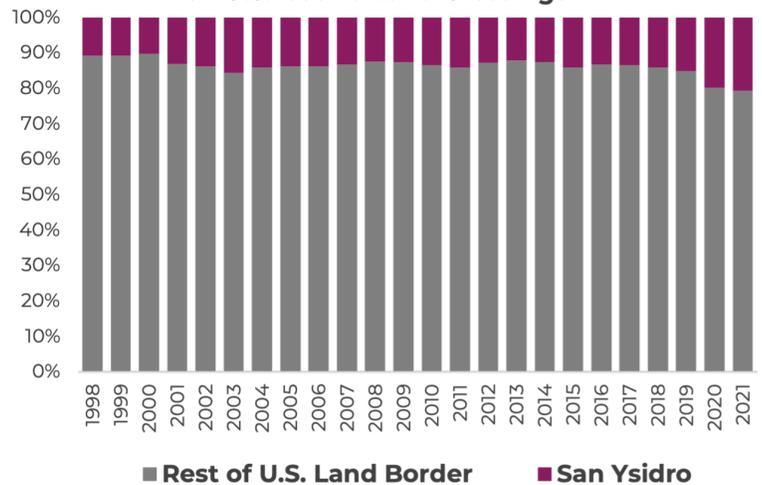
Despite serving as a workhorse for the regional system the site endures numerous challenges impacting safety, connectivity, efficiency, and user experience. The layout and configuration of SYTC as seen today has existed for several decades and operates within a highly constrained footprint. This limited space creates conflict points where pedestrians, vehicles, and transit modes converge resulting in safety and connectivity issues. These factors also limit operational capacity for transit and multimodal services while user experience often suffers due to physical disconnects between station facilities, services, and user needs. Against a backdrop of frequently long border delay, high demand, and growing need for mobility options the role of SYTC in meeting current and future demand is hard to understate.

Project Overview

Acknowledging the region’s binational identity and significance of the crossborder exchange happening 24/7 through our border – the 2021 Regional Plan sets out to implement a vision for enhancing the border dynamic. As a central component of this vision, Mobility Hubs aim to provide centralized connection points offering an integrated suite of mobility services, amenities, and supporting technologies to better connect travelers with high-frequency transit and multimodal options. The future San Ysidro Mobility Hub is envisioned as a place of connectivity where multiple travel options – walking, biking, transit, and shared mobility – come together to better serve users via world-class services, technology, and design.

To get there, SANDAG is taking a phased approach to implementing much needed improvements to the existing San Ysidro Transit Center while building towards a comprehensive long-term vision for the future San Ysidro Mobility Hub facility. Phases I and II are described in more detail below.

San Ysidro Port of Entry as share of all U.S.-bound Land Crossings



Source: U.S. Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Statistics



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Phase I focuses on ways to improve the existing San Ysidro Transit Center while addressing long-standing challenges – primarily pedestrian connectivity and safety, operational capacity, and optimization of the Transit Center space. Phase I will develop measures that can be implemented in the near-term (roughly within 5-10 years).

Status and Funding: On July 9, 2021, the SANDAG Board moved to accept up to \$1.25M in funds from Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) to initiate the San Ysidro Mobility Hub project. SANDAG, in coordination with the MTS, City of San Diego, and Caltrans, are currently carrying out Phase I planning and outreach activities which are anticipated to conclude in spring 2023.

Phase II builds on the near-term improvements planned in Phase I and incorporates a broader array of mobility, design, and land use considerations to develop a vision for a state-of-the-art Mobility Hub to serve San Ysidro. The future facility will integrate planned transportation services from the 2021 Regional Plan and explore land use opportunities that could support and benefit from investments in mobility infrastructure. Planning and design will strive to reflect the historical and cultural significance of San Ysidro and our region’s binational identity.

Status and Funding: Planning and outreach activities for Phase II are anticipated to begin in summer of 2023 and be funded through a mix of local, state, and federal sources.

For more information

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PHASE I

Objective: Improve the existing San Ysidro Transit Center through measures that enhance:

- » Pedestrian connectivity and safety
- » Capacity for the multimodal network serving the station
- » User experience via optimizing space and showcasing Mobility Hub features



PHASE II

Objective: Develop a comprehensive vision for the future San Ysidro Mobility Hub that incorporates:

- » Planned mobility connections and services
- » Innovative design to reflect San Ysidro’s cultural significance
- » Land use opportunities to support and benefit from new mobility infrastructure



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