• Project Update
• Status of Environmental Review
• Public Comment
• Location and Format of Public Meetings
• Next Steps
Build Alternative

- Extension of Blue Line from Downtown to UCSD/UTC
- 10.9 miles of new tracks – 7.4 miles at grade and 3.5 miles aerial
- Three at-grade and five aerial stations
- Optional station at VA Medical Center
- Genesee Avenue Design Option
- 7.5 minute service frequency in 2030
Status of Engineering

• Completed advanced conceptual design in support of preparation of Draft SEIS/SEIR
• Design modification includes open channel at Rose Creek
• Working on completion of preliminary engineering, including station design
Tecolote Road Station
Pepper Canyon Station (at UCSD West)
Voigt Drive Station (at UCSD East)
Terminus Station (at Westfield UTC)
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Construction Methods

• Construction Method Analysis
  – Design-bid-build
  – Design-build
  – Construction manager/general contractor (CM/GC)

• Board approved CM/GC in April 2013
  – Best value method
  – Pre-construction services
  – Construction services guaranteed maximum price (GMP)
Status of Environmental Review

- Draft SEIS/SEIR complete
  - 25 technical reports and three technical memoranda
  - Plan set containing plan and profile, typical sections, and station concept drawings
Environmental Review Schedule

- May 17, 2013: Publication of Notice of Availability in Federal Register
- May 17, 2013 – July 17, 2013: Draft SEIS/SEIR 60-day public review and comment period
• All comments received or postmarked by July 17, 2013

• Public can provide comments via:
  – U.S. mail
  – E-mail
  – Fax
  – Voice mail
  – At public meetings
  – At public hearing
Meeting Locations

• Cadman Elementary School – Auditorium
  June 4, 2013, Public Meeting 4 to 7 p.m.

• University of California, San Diego – Price Center
  June 10, 2013, Public Meeting 3 to 6 p.m.

• La Jolla Country Day School – Community Room
  June 12, 2013, Public Meeting 4 to 7 p.m.

• Caltrans District 11 Office – Garcia Conference Room
  June 18, 2013, Public Meeting 4 to 7 p.m.

• SANDAG Transportation Committee – Board Room
  June 21, 2013, Public Hearing 9 a.m.
Public Meeting Format

• Open House
  – Welcome
  – Purpose and Need
  – Alternatives Evaluated
  – Transportation Analysis
  – Construction
  – Environmental Analysis
  – Property Acquisitions
  – Public Involvement
  – Public Comment
• Project Need
  – Population and employment growth
  – Transportation needs
    • Increases in auto trips
    • More reliable transit service
Project Purpose

- Increase transit speed and reliability
- Expand transit capacity
- Reduce transfers
Alternatives Evaluated

- No-Build Alternative
  - Modifications to Route 150
  - No additional transit stations

- Build Alternative
  - Extension to University City
  - Eight new stations (five to include parking)
  - No new at-grade crossings
  - Capital cost: $1.64 billion (year-of-expenditure dollars, excluding finance charges)
Transportation

- Transit Benefits
- Bus-Trolley Connections
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Connections
• **Traffic Analysis**
  – Impacts at 15 intersections and one roadway segment
  – 13 of the 15 intersections are fully mitigated
  – Impacts remain at two intersections and one roadway segment
    • Beech Street and Pacific Highway
    • Mission Bay Drive and Garnet Avenue
    • Balboa Avenue from I-5 southbound on-ramp to I-5 northbound off-ramp
• Construction Schedule and Activities
  – 4.5 years of construction
  – Working hours will vary
  – Construction activities will overlap

• Impacts during Construction
  – Impacts remain on: air quality; noise and vibration; historic, archaeological, and paleontological resources; transportation
• Construction Mitigation and Minimization Measures
• Transportation Management Plan
Overview of environmental studies and impacts

Areas with impacts after mitigation:
- Communities and neighborhoods (Genesee Avenue Design Option only)
- Visual resources and aesthetics (Genesee Avenue Design Option only)

Focus on:
- Noise analysis
- Ecosystems and biological resources
Environmental Analysis

- Transportation
- Land Use
- Communities and Neighborhoods
- Socioeconomic and Fiscal (Business/Access)
- Property Acquisitions
- Visual Resources and Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Climate Change
- Noise and Vibration
Environmental Analysis (Cont.)

- Ecosystems and Biological Resources
- Water Resources
- Hazardous Materials
- Geotechnical, Geologic, and Seismic Conditions
- Energy
- Safety and Security
- Electromagnetic Fields
- Historic, Archaeological, and Paleontological Resources
- Construction
- Environmental Justice
Property Acquisitions

• Overview of federal and state policies
• SANDAG Board Policy No. 021 – Acquisition of Real Property Interests and Relocation Assistance (December 2008)
• Summary of anticipated property acquisitions
Next Steps

• July 17, 2013: Complete public review and comment period
• Summer/fall 2013: Review and respond to comments
• Fall/winter 2013/2014: Prepare Final SEIS/SEIR
• Early 2014: Publish Notice of Availability of Final SEIS/SEIR
• Mid-2014:
  – SANDAG Notice of Determination on Final SEIR
  – FTA Record of Decision for Final SEIS
Questions?