

MID-COAST CORRIDOR TRANSIT PROJECT



Welcome to the June edition of the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project eNewsletter. This newsletter will provide you with up-to-date information about this important expansion of San Diego's regional transit system.

Scoping for Mid-Coast project a success

From May 3 through June 1, 2010, SANDAG conducted scoping for the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project. The scoping period allowed the public the opportunity to comment on project alternatives, the project's purpose and need, issues to be studied in the environmental document, and the draft Public Involvement Plan. Five scoping meetings were held at locations throughout the corridor to solicit public input. Nearly 300 people participated in these scoping meetings, with additional comments being submitted by mail, fax and e-mail. These public comments will help SANDAG develop the scope of the draft environmental document, assess project alternatives and determine which alternative(s) should be studied further in the draft environmental document.

Decision on Mid-Coast Project expected in summer

A decision about which project alternative(s) will move forward for further study in the draft environmental document for the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project is expected in summer 2010. Now that the scoping period is complete, SANDAG staff will review public input on the project alternatives and prepare a Final Comparative Evaluation of Alternatives Report. This report will include information about the development and evaluation of alternatives, a summary of comments received during scoping along with responses, and a recommendation on which alternative(s) should move forward for detailed analysis in the draft environmental document. The recommendations are expected to be considered by the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project Working Group, and the SANDAG Transportation Committee and Board of Directors this summer.

June meeting of the Project Working Group cancelled

The June 2010 meeting of the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project Working Group (PWG) has been cancelled. The next meeting is expected to be held on July 14, 2010, where SANDAG will present the comments provided during the scoping period, the Final Comparative Evaluation of Alternatives Report, and the recommendation for the alternative(s) to move forward for further study in the draft environmental document. The meeting will be scheduled in advance of the SANDAG Transportation Committee consideration of the report. [Agendas and meeting materials](#) for past meetings of the PWG are available on the SANDAG Web site.

Urban Area Transit Strategy moves forward

SANDAG is working to craft a new vision for public transit as part of its [2050 Regional Transportation Plan \(RTP\)](#). This vision of creating a world-class transit system is taking shape now, as SANDAG develops the Urban Area Transit Strategy (UATS), an innovative transit network within the San Diego region. The goals of the UATS are to maximize transit ridership in the greater urbanized area of the region, and to test the role of the transit network to reduce vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions. [Three network alternatives](#) have been developed to test the advantages and disadvantages of different transit approaches. Public comments on the three network alternatives are encouraged. Please e-mail your comments to 2050rtp@sandag.org.



Scoping Meeting at
Clairemont High School



Mid-Coast Corridor Map

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What is the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project?

The Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project will extend transit service from the Old Town Transit Center north to the University City community, serving major destinations including Westfield University Towne Centre shopping mall, UCSD, and downtown San Diego.

