

MID-COAST CORRIDOR TRANSIT PROJECT



Welcome to the summer 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.

Report to SANDAG Transportation Committee

An update on the progress of the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project will be presented to the SANDAG Transportation Committee on Friday, July 15, 2011. This update will include information about continued progress in discussions with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and on the environmental document for the project, including:

- **Project scoping to comply with NEPA:** The FTA recently decided to publish a new Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register and conduct scoping under NEPA to supplement previous scoping on the project's SEIS/SEIR. This decision was made due to the length of time since the original NOI for the project was published in April 1990. No scoping meetings are required for this NEPA scoping effort.
- **Request to Initiate Preliminary Engineering:** SANDAG and MTS recently requested FTA approval to initiate the Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase of the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project under the FTA New Starts program. SANDAG and the FTA will meet this month to discuss the status of this request.
- **Status of Draft SEIS/SEIR:** Preparation of the Draft SEIS/SEIR continues with circulation for public comment anticipated in early 2012.

More details about these issues are included in the [staff report](#). To listen to the Transportation Committee meeting live, access the "Listen Live" link from the SANDAG Web site [home page](#) approximately 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

Next Meeting of the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project Working Group

The Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project Working Group will meet in the fall to hear reports on the status of the Preliminary Engineering (PE) application submitted to the FTA, as well as on progress made on technical studies and other elements of the Draft SEIS/SEIR. Meeting agendas, summaries and materials will be posted on the [Project Working Group Web site](#).

The Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) Celebrates 125 Years of Public Transportation

To celebrate the 125th anniversary of public transit in San Diego, MTS will host customer appreciation events at transit stations July 11-14 from 4-6 p.m. MTS will have special anniversary totes and postcards for riders to commemorate the historic event. Local radio stations will give away prizes and play music.

- July 11 at Old Town Transit Center with Magic 92.5
- July 12 at H Street Trolley Station with La Nueva
- July 13 at El Cajon Transit Center with 91X
- July 14 at Euclid Transit Center with Z90

Over the past 125 years, public transportation in San Diego has helped build dynamic new communities, support professional sports and special events, and reduce traffic congestion and pollution.

San Diego continues to be a national leader in transit, as an award-winning system. MTS currently has more than 80 bus routes that serve over 570 square miles and the San Diego Trolley has grown into three lines of more than 53 miles with 53 stations. Average weekday ridership is more than 91,000 on the Trolley and 173,000 on the bus, totaling more than 90 million trips per year. Plans for new transit expansion for both bus and light rail will continue to increase MTS service across San Diego.

For further information on fares, routes, and schedules, or to plan a trip, visit www.sdmts.com or call 511. To learn more about MTS history, visit the [Anniversary page](#) on the MTS Web site.



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What is the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project?

The Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project will extend trolley 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. This project is funded in part by the San Diego region's TransNet half-cent sales tax for transportation projects.

