

MID-COAST CORRIDOR TRANSIT PROJECT



Welcome to the September 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.

Mid-Coast Project Approved for Entry into Preliminary Engineering

SANDAG has announced that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has approved the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project's entry into Preliminary Engineering (PE). This important milestone means that the project is officially in the pipeline and eligible to receive federal New Starts funding. The approval to enter PE moves the project development into a new phase. The focus will be on environmental review and preliminary engineering of the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA), which was approved by the SANDAG Board of Directors in July 2010.

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, October 21, 2011. This update will cover the project receiving PE approval from the FTA and progress on the environmental document for the project, including:

- **Status of Draft SEIS/SEIR:** Preparation of the Draft SEIS/SEIR continues.
- **Summary of NEPA Scoping Period:** The FTA published a new Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register and conducted scoping under NEPA to supplement previous scoping on the project's SEIS/SEIR. The scoping period for the project ended on August 15, 2011 and several comments were provided by participating agencies and members of the public. Staff will review the report summarizing these comments for submittal to the FTA.

More details about these issues will be included in the [staff report](#). To listen to the Transportation Committee meeting live, access the "Listen Live" link from the SANDAG [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 on October 26, 2011, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. at SANDAG, to hear a report from the project team about the technical studies and other elements to be included in the Draft SEIS/SEIR and other project information. The meeting agenda and reports will be posted on the [Project Working Group Web site](#).

SuperLoop Blurp

In August, SANDAG and MTS announced plans for a \$6 million dollar upgrade to SuperLoop service. SuperLoop is one of the City's busiest bus routes serving almost 2.3 million riders in the University community. SuperLoop upgrades will include features such as new and improved transit shelters, electronic signage indicating bus arrival times, improved seating, leaning rails, and environmentally friendly lighting. The project is funded by TransNet, the region's half-cent sales tax and is scheduled to be completed by late 2012. For more information visit www.sandag.org/superloop.



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What is the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project?

The Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project will extend trolley service from the Santa Fe Depot to Old Town Transit Center and north to the University City community, serving major destinations including Westfield UTC 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.

