

MID-COAST CORRIDOR TRANSIT PROJECT



Welcome to the Summer 2014 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.

STATION DESIGN PUBLIC OUTREACH

Your opportunity to provide input on design concepts for the Mid-Coast Trolley stations is just around the corner. In July and August, SANDAG will host a series of public workshops in cooperation with local planning groups to give the public an opportunity to learn more about the stations and the design options being considered. Please join us at one of the following workshops to discuss our preliminary designs and share your thoughts:

- **July 8, 3 – 5:30 p.m. – University Community Workshop**
Focusing on northern stations: Nobel Drive, VA Medical Center, Pepper Canyon, Voigt Drive, Executive Drive, Terminus at UTC Transit Center
Westfield UTC Forum Hall
(Located on 2nd floor of Wells Fargo Bank building near Nordstrom & pedestrian bridge)
4545 La Jolla Village Dr., Suite E-25
San Diego, CA 92122
- **July 15, 5 – 7 p.m. – Clairemont Community Workshop**
Focusing on southern stations: Tecolote Road, Clairemont Drive, Balboa Avenue
Cadman Elementary School Auditorium
4370 Kamloop Ave.
San Diego, CA 92117
- **July 28, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. – Linda Vista Community Workshop**
Focusing on southern stations: Tecolote Road, Clairemont Drive, Balboa Avenue
Linda Vista Branch Library, Community Room
2160 Ulric St.
San Diego, CA 92110
- **August 27 – Pacific Beach Community Workshop**
Focusing on southern stations: Tecolote Road, Clairemont Drive, Balboa Avenue
Exact time and location of workshop to be announced soon.



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What is the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project?

The Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project will extend Trolley service (light rail) from the Santa Fe Depot in Downtown San Diego north to the University City community, serving major destinations including Old Town, UCSD, and Westfield UTC. The proposed project would be funded in partnership by SANDAG (utilizing *TransNet* funds) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) New Starts program.

We hope to see you there!

SAN DIEGO FAIRY SHRIMP DISCOVERED IN PROJECT RIGHT-OF-WAY

San Diego Fairy Shrimp, a federally listed endangered species, were discovered recently in the future path of the Mid-Coast Trolley Project. Biologists found the tiny animals during monitoring surveys in a small depression with pooled water within the railroad right-of-way (see image below).

In order to meet state and federal environmental requirements, potential impacts of the project on the fairy shrimp will be analyzed in a focused SEIS/Supplement to the SEIR. **This SEIS/Supplement to the SEIR will focus only on the fairy shrimp and SANDAG's proposed mitigation. Expect an announcement soon on the opening of a public comment period for the supplement.**



MID-COAST TWITTER CHANNEL LAUNCHED

A new Twitter channel dedicated specifically to the Mid-Coast Trolley Project – **@MidCoastTrolley** – launched in May. It'll bring you regular updates on the latest project news, including public meeting notices, public involvement updates, construction updates, project-related articles, and much more.

Click [here](#) to begin following **@MidCoastTrolley**. Don't forget to retweet and share your favorite content with your followers!

CONTRACTOR SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN DESIGN PROCESS

At its May 9 meeting, the SANDAG Board of Directors voted to approve the final selection of a contractor that will participate in the design process for the Mid-Coast Trolley Project, and then be given the opportunity to negotiate a guaranteed maximum price to build the project.

The innovative contracting method – called construction manager/general contractor (CM/GC) –was chosen by the SANDAG Board to allow the contractor to collaborate with designers and stakeholders early to improve constructability and avoid problems during construction. The CM/GC contract was awarded to Mid Coast Transit Constructors, a joint venture of Stacy & Witbeck, Inc., Skanska USA, and Herzog Contracting Corporation.

This marks the first project for which SANDAG will use the CM/GC project delivery method. Mid-Coast Transit Constructors will be engaged during the design phase and work closely with SANDAG to ensure the project meets budget targets, design is optimized to reduce cost, and quality and sustainability are enhanced.

The Mid-Coast Trolley Project overlaps with two coastal rail double-tracking projects. These projects will share railroad right-of-way with the trolley project. Mid-Coast Transit Constructors also is the CM/GC for these projects, the San Diego River Bridge Project and the Elvira-Morena Double Track Project. SANDAG anticipates significant schedule and coordination advantages with all three projects under one CM/GC.

***MID-COAST TROLLEY PROJECT WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD ON
JUNE 16***

At its June 16 meeting, the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project Working Group (PWG) was brought up to speed on several project developments that have occurred since the PWG last met in November 2013. In particular, the PWG was briefed on design concepts proposed for the nine new stations along the route, as well as updated on the public outreach effort to obtain input on the design of the new stations. The presentation and other meeting materials are available on the PWG [webpage](#).



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