Mid-Coast Trolley Extension Supplemental Report on San Diego Fairy Shrimp Released for Public Review

SANDAG has prepared a supplemental environmental document for the Mid-Coast Trolley extension project that evaluates a previously unidentified impact to San Diego fairy shrimp, a federally listed endangered species. The 45-day public comment period for this document begins today and will end September 2, 2014.

Available at sandag.org/midcoast, the report discloses impacts to fairy shrimp that were detected adjacent to the existing railroad tracks during surveys in 2014, and it also identifies proposed mitigation. The document is a supplement to the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIS/SEIR), which was circulated for review and comment from May 17, 2013 to July 17, 2013.

During the review period, comments are limited to the analysis of impacts to fairy shrimp. They may be submitted in writing via U.S. mail, email or fax, or may be made orally on the project’s voice mail.

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Responses to comments received on the Supplement will be provided in the Final SEIS/SEIR, along with responses to the comments received on the previously-released Draft SEIS/SEIR. The SANDAG Board is expected to take action on the document later this year.

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.