MID-COAST TROLLEY ACCEPTED INTO FINAL ENGINEERING

SANDAG received notice this month from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) that the Mid-Coast Trolley project is approved to enter into engineering and may proceed with final design. This is an important milestone in the project’s development, and represents the next step forward in the process of seeking federal New Starts funding.

With the Record of Decision in November 2014, SANDAG was given authority to move forward with specific project activities such as right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation, and the purchase of trolley vehicles. With approval for engineering, the next steps will be to finalize design and seek approval of the Full Funding Grant Agreement. The Full Funding Grant Agreement, which confirms federal funds, is anticipated in late 2015.

STATION DESIGN PRESENTATIONS

This month SANDAG will present design concepts for Mid-Coast Trolley stations to community planning groups within the corridor. These presentations are follow-ups to station design workshops that were conducted in University City, Clairemont, Pacific Beach, and Linda Vista in the summer of 2014.

The summer workshops provided SANDAG with important input from the community about priorities and preferences for station design elements. This input was used by the design team to advance the station design concepts. Project team members will present these concepts at the following community planning group meetings this month:

* **University Community Planning Group**
  Presentation occurred on Tuesday, April 14, 6 p.m.
  Forum Hall, Westfield UTC (above Wells Fargo Bank), 4315 La Jolla Village Drive

* **Clairemont Community Planning Group**
  Tuesday, April 21, 6:30 p.m.
  Cadman Elementary School, 4370 Kamloop Avenue

* **Linda Vista Planning Group**
  Monday, April 27, 5:30 p.m.
  Linda Vista Branch Library, Community Room, 2160 Ulric Street

* **Pacific Beach Planning Group**
  Wednesday, May 27, 6:30 p.m.
  Earl & Birdie Taylor Library, 4275 Cass Street

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 project would be funded in partnership by SANDAG (utilizing TransNet funds) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) New Starts program.