Network Characteristics

Transit Propensity - Expanding Transit in the Most Urbanized Areas

Builds on San Diego’s innovative trolley system -- expands transit in the trolley ring and in the region’s most urbanized areas, many of which are characterized by Pre-WWII street grid patterns. Provides very frequent transit services, alleviating riders from schedules and allowing easy transfers. Major investments may include streetcars, grade separations, priority treatments, transit nodes, expanded light rail, enhanced bike and walk access, and improvements to the public realm.

- **Expands Transit in the Most Heavily Urbanized Areas in Region:** An expanded network of Local Bus services, along with Rapid Bus services in key arterial corridors would be provided in the region’s most heavily urbanized areas. In addition, new light rail lines would serve the Mid-City/Southeastern San Diego/National City/Chula Vista communities, and double tracking would be completed in the Sprinter and Coaster corridors.

- **Focuses on Shorter Transit Trips that Allow for Easy Transfer Connections:** The most urbanized areas would have 10-minute all-day service frequencies on Local and Rapid Bus services, enabling spontaneous trip-making, and making transfer connections fast and easy. Extensive use of transit priority measures such as signal priority treatments and queue jump lanes along congested arterial streets would improve both travel speeds and trip reliability.

- **Provides Links to Major Regional Job Centers:** Expanded service on existing commuter rail and light rail lines, along with Bus Rapid Transit in key corridors would provide links from the most urbanized areas to job centers in Downtown San Diego, UTC/Sorrento Mesa, and Kearny Mesa.

- **Creates Strong Internal Circulation in Most Urbanized Areas:** Streetcar lines in the downtown areas of San Diego, El Cajon, Chula Vista, National City, Escondido, and Oceanside, along with shuttle routes in key job centers, would provide a high level of internal circulation and connections to regional rail and BRT services.