Workshop Purpose

- Provide information on improvements planned for SR 78 corridor
- Share State Route 78 Corridor Study
- Gather input on needs for SR 78
Corridor Study History

- County’s worst bottleneck at Barham Drive
- 2030 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP): SR 78 project in 2030
- Caltrans Planning Partnership Grant
- 2050 RTP: SR 78 project in 2020
SR 78 Project Development Process

1. SR 78 Corridor Study
2. Prepare Project Study Report
3. Project Report/Environmental Studies/Environmental Document
4. Secure Project Approval
5. Final Design/Plans, Specifications & Estimates | Right-of-Way
6. Prepare and Advertise Contract
7. Construction
8. Project Opens
Corridor Study Objectives

- Examine the feasibility of toll and other non-toll alternatives to address current and future travel demand
- Estimate revenues that could be collected through user fees on new toll lanes
SR 78 Corridor Study Area
2050 Regional Transportation Plan

- Addition of two Express Lanes (one eastbound, one westbound)
- Operational improvements to SR 78
- I-15/SR 78 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) connectors
- I-5/SR 78 HOV and freeway connectors
Alternatives Evaluated

• Alternative 1
  – Express Lanes
    • Carpools and transit access the lanes for free
    • Excess capacity would be sold to solo drivers

• Alternative 2
  – Toll Lanes
    • All drivers pay for access (except transit vehicles)

• Both alternatives include auxiliary lane, transit, and connector improvements consistent with 2050 RTP

• Travel demand analyzed for 2020, 2035, and 2050
Preliminary Toll Financial Analysis – Findings

- Range of pricing strategies examined
- Revenues could be utilized to fill state or federal funding gaps
Preliminary Highway Geometrics and Cost Estimate

- High level planning analysis
- Addition of one Express or Toll Lane in each direction and auxiliary lanes
- Standard Caltrans cross-section
- Cost range $917 million to $1.1 billion
- Cost and design will be refined during project development process
Public Outreach

- Community Outreach Meetings from 5 to 7 p.m.
  - March 14, 2012, City of San Marcos City Hall – Valley of Discovery Room
  - March 15, 2012, Oceanside – El Corazon Senior Center

- Information about the study and an online comment tool: www.sandag.org/sr78study
Next Steps

- Compilation of Public Comments
- Implementation Strategy
- Final Report
- Study completion anticipated in May 2012
- Study results will be presented to SANDAG Transportation Committee and Board of Directors
- Final Study will be available on SANDAG website
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