

I-15 Interregional Partnership

FACT SHEET



About the I-15 Interregional Partnership

Formed in 2001, the I-15 Interregional Partnership (I-15 IRP) is a voluntary compact between elected officials representing the Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG), SANDAG, the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), and the Riverside Transit Agency (RTA), as well as Caltrans and other affected agencies and organizations.

Currently, more than 29,000 people live in Riverside County but commute to San Diego County for work, travelling for more than two hours each day. More than 85% of these commuters travel alone. This means less time for those commuters to be with their families and friends and more pollution from car exhaust. Through the I-15 IRP, southwestern Riverside and San Diego Counties can collaborate on mutually beneficial housing, transportation, and economic planning to improve the quality of life for all residents.

The goals of the I-15 IRP are to:

- » Achieve a more equitable jobs/housing balance by encouraging employment growth closer to where people live in southwest Riverside County and more affordable housing closer to major employment areas in the San Diego region.
- » Establish more sustainable methods of moving people between their homes and distant jobs.

To achieve these goals, the I-15 IRP has developed a set of 21 short- and long-range strategies that address three key interregional issues:

- » The need for employment growth in southwestern Riverside County that matches the needs of I-15 interregional commuters
- » The need for moderately-priced housing in the San Diego region
- » The need to promote transportation alternatives for drive-alone I-15 commuters

Program Strategies

The I-15 IRP's comprehensive, collaborative approach to addressing key interregional issues includes the following short- and long-term strategies:

Economic Development Strategies

- » Achieve greater economic development agency collaboration
- » Promote jobs in employment clusters

Housing Strategies

- » Provide a range of housing affordability and housing types in all communities
- » Support fiscal reform to encourage housing construction
- » Provide incentives for moderate cost housing construction
- » Require moderate cost housing construction in new development
- » Encourage infill development in older residential neighborhoods

Transportation Strategies

- » Coordination of interregional vanpool and carpool programs
- » Expand park-and-ride lots
- » Conduct joint outreach and marketing for transit, vanpool, and ridesharing programs
- » Implement interregional public transit

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Three Phrases of the I-15 IRP

Phase I and Phase II are now complete, and the I-15 IRP is currently heading into Phase III, the final part of the process.

Phase I

- Generate a policy structure for technical support
- Established existing conditions
- Conducted interregional survey to understand issues/commuter behavior
- Developed strategies to better balance jobs and housing
- Identified current programs to resolve interregional issues

Phase II

- Implemented the short-term strategies
- Laid the foundation for several long-term strategies
- Conducted first interregional employment cluster study to establish how industries in San Diego and Riverside are connected

Phase III

- Interregional economic development strategic action plan
- Interregional Strategic Transportation Implementation Plan
- Initial Smart Growth Opportunity Area Map for pilot southwestern Riverside cities
- Interregional Origins and Destinations Study to Understand ridership for vanpools, buspools, and transit

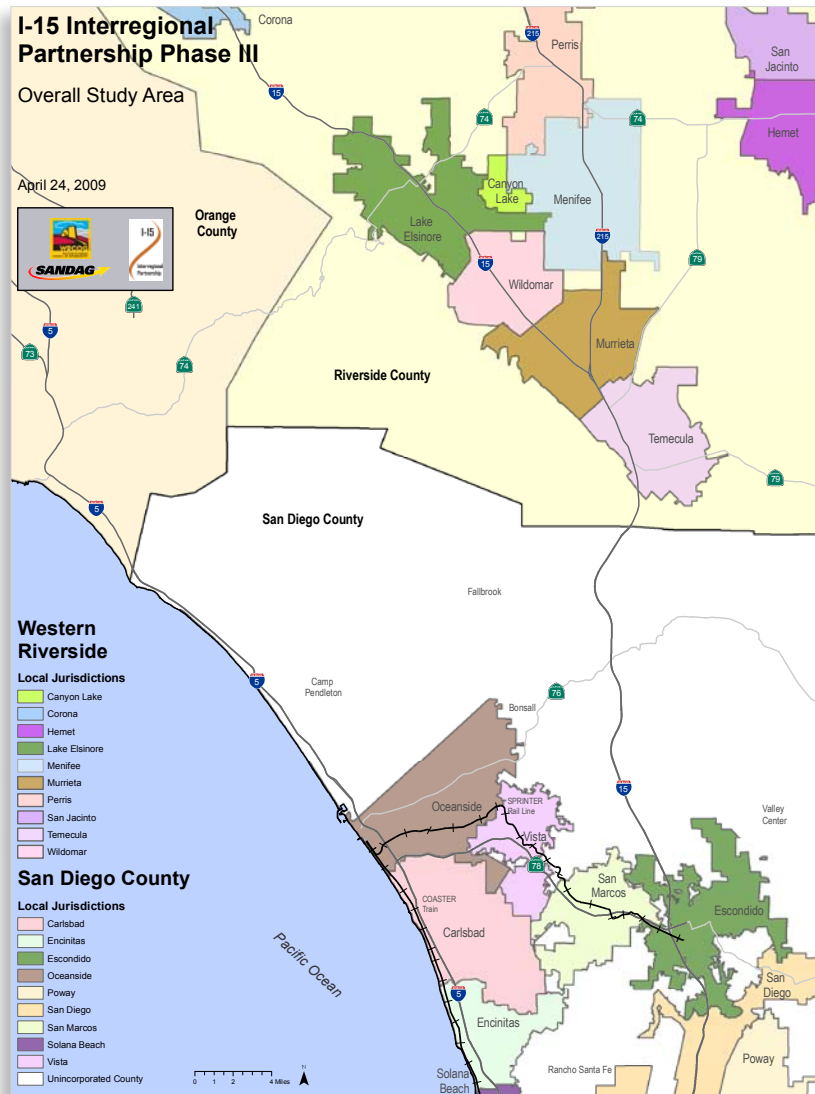
commuter services

- » Encourage collaboration among transit providers
- » Advocate employer-subsidized transit passes
- » Encourage alternative work schedules and telecommuting
- » Implement transit shuttle services
- » Preserve transportation rights-of-way
- » I-15 corridor improvements:
 - Support high speed rail transit service in the I-15 corridor
 - Implement the I-15 high occupancy vehicle (HOV) system

To learn more about the I-15 Interregional Partnership, visit www.i15irp.com, or contact the project managers:

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Centered on I-15, this two-county commute corridor extends from central San Diego to the cities of Lake Elsinore, Perris, and Hemet.