

# SAN YSIDRO INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER STUDY

## FACT SHEET



### The Project

The San Ysidro Port of Entry (POE) is the busiest international land border crossing in the world and functions as a significant international commuting and tourist terminal. The POE currently processes an average of 35,000 northbound vehicles and 25,000 northbound pedestrians per day, and this number is expected to increase in the future.

Planning is underway to redesign and expand the San Ysidro Intermodal Transportation Center (SYITC), which currently supports

customers between the international border and Downtown San Diego, is the second-busiest on the 53-station light rail system. In 2014, there were approximately 10,700 boardings per day at the San Ysidro station, and a total of 8,300 trips ended there daily. The Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) runs the Blue Line Trolley every 7.5 minutes during weekday peak hours, as well as two bus routes that provide more than 120 weekday vehicle trips.

SANDAG and the City of San Diego—in partnership with Caltrans, MTS, other agencies, and community members—have bigger plans than just improving efficiency and the transit customer experience. They are working to make the SYITC an iconic development and welcoming gateway to California that complements massive border crossing improvements underway. Done with care and significant community input, the project will provide economic benefits for the region as a whole.



### Elements of the SYITC Study

The SYITC Study addresses design feasibility, timing, and cost estimates for accommodating various potential public/private uses and services within the center, including:

- » Public transportation facilities and services (MTS bus and Trolley), as well as access for private vehicles, licensed jitneys, taxis and long-distance bus services
- » Improved facilities for bicyclists and pedestrians to access the border crossing and the San Ysidro Boulevard commercial area



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nearly 19,000 daily transit boardings and arrivals. The San Diego Trolley and local buses provide public transit access to and from the border station. Taxis, private jitneys, and both intercity and shuttle buses also share the transit center, with additional intercity bus facilities nearby. The San Ysidro station on the Trolley's Blue Line, which carries

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San Ysidro Transit Center



San Ysidro Trolley Station

- » Lodging accommodations
- » Retail, office, educational, and general administrative use buildings
- » Paid off-street parking
- » Passenger drop-off/pickup and cell phone waiting areas

The study includes a review of comparable, successful projects in other communities, as well as implementation strategies. The completed study was accepted by the SANDAG Transportation Committee in June 2014.

### Public Engagement in the Planning Process

The public and interested stakeholders had many opportunities to participate in the planning process. Planning activities included four public meetings throughout 2013 in partnership with the San Ysidro Community Plan Update Advisory Committee. Input was gathered from businesses, residents, public agencies, and other community stakeholders from both sides of the border. The community feedback was used to develop alternatives for what may be a public-private partnership.

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