Overview
The Kearny Mesa Rapid Safe Routes to Transit project will provide safer, more comfortable access for people who walk and bike between transit stops and workplaces, lunch spots, and nearby residences. Walkways and bikeways will feature design elements that enhance the walking and biking experience for people who ride transit as well as all street users. This project is part of Safe Routes to Transit, a SANDAG implementation effort to enhance the walking and biking environment in and around transit stop and station areas.

The proposed project will provide safer crossings for people on Clairemont Mesa Boulevard at Complex Drive and Overland Avenue by shortening the intersection crossing distances and providing curb ramps at each corner of the intersection. The project also will provide protected bike lanes and bike boulevards on Lightwave Avenue and Mercury Street. Wayfinding signage will help people who walk, bike, and ride transit easily find area destinations.

The Need
The Kearny Mesa project area is both an employment center and residential center, with major employers and destinations such as the County of San Diego Superior Court, Toby Wells YMCA, and several post-secondary educational institutions including National University and Ashford University. A number of restaurants are located along Clairemont Mesa Boulevard and attract many employees and students who walk to lunch in the

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area. Additionally, the project area includes two Smart Growth Opportunity Areas in the SANDAG Smart Growth Concept Map, which can be viewed online at sandag.org.

In recent years, several high-density residential developments have been built within the project area, including the Kearny Mesa Spectrum Center, a mixed-use residential and commercial complex. Recent counts show a high volume of walking and biking during both lunchtime and the afternoon commute hours. An even higher volume of active transportation is anticipated as Rapid 235 is forecast to serve at least 7,500 daily riders by 2018.

The proposed improvements for people who walk and bike will directly support the Rapid 235 service which began service in June 2014 between Downtown San Diego and Escondido Transit Center. Rapid 235 stops at Ruffin Road, Overland Avenue, and the Kearny Mesa Transit Center on Complex Drive, which provides transfer opportunities for seven regional and local bus routes. A future Rapid station at Ruffin Road will directly serve the new 450-bed Kaiser Permanente hospital facility, expected to open in 2017.

Project Status and Funding
Conceptual planning for the project is complete and was funded in whole through a grant awarded by the Strategic Growth Council. Final design and construction for these improvements is estimated to cost $1-$1.5 million. SANDAG is currently applying for Statewide Active Transportation Program funding for design and construction of the project.

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