



## San Diego Chapter

### Successful Start for San Diego Chapter “San Diego’s Future” Series



### San Diego Association of Governments

The first session of the “San Diego’s Future” Series sponsored by the San Diego SAVE Chapter set a high standard for the presentations to follow over the next 4 months. Garry Bonelli, SANDAG’s (San Diego Association of Governments) Communications Director kept an audience of 47 registrants (representing 34 companies and agencies) spellbound for 45 minutes, while he reviewed where over \$4 Billion will be spent in the next 5 years.

Roadway and Railway expansions, extensions and new systems will be constructed to keep pace with infrastructure growth, and to provide a better “match” between home sites and job sites, the key to relieving congestion throughout the transportation network in the San Diego area.

Attendees were treated to an extraordinary Power Point presentation, with video clips to show “before” and “after” changes via “virtual” graphics, and brochures were distributed with maps, project names and numbers, anticipated costs, and construction completion dates. Primes, subs and agencies were also able to network before and after the talk, and a SAVE membership table displayed Society information and application blanks.

The concept for this Series was to provide timely community construction information to those companies and agencies who might have some interest in affiliating with SAVE. The initial presenting agencies were selected because of their known interest in VE, and speakers will be identifying specific VE efforts that added “value” to their projects. Over \$50 million was credited to local CVSs and their efforts on just one of the most recent light rail projects, and this was really only the tip of the iceberg.

Respectfully submitted,

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