

REGIONAL TRANSIT VISION FACT SHEET

- » *Better connecting our freeway, transit, and road networks*
- » *Using transportation funding incentives to encourage smart growth*
- » *Building a flexible roadway system that supports goods movement*



The Regional Transit Vision (RTV) signifies a significant, new role for public transit in the San Diego region for 2030 and beyond. It is a quality of life strategy developed by the San Diego Association of Governments, the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS), the North County Transit District (NCTD), and Caltrans.

This strategy will revolutionize public transit in the region with a system that

Integrates transit throughout the region where transit stations serve as central activity centers.

- » Offers state of the art buses traveling in designated carpool lanes bypassing rush hour traffic.
- » Allows signal priority or dedicated lanes for buses at congested intersections.
- » Provides a network of convenient, reliable, fast, and safe transit services interconnecting our region.
- » Entices new customers as riding the bus or trolley becomes just as quick as driving a car.
- » Promotes a customer-focused system with easy boarding and real-time information at stations.

Community Design

- » The RTV is an integral part of the smart growth vision for the San Diego region and integrates transit into many of our communities and neighborhoods.
- » Coordination between transit and land use is essential if we are to preserve, and even improve, our region's quality of life.
- » The region's residents, community leaders, private developers, and local

elected officials must support land use decisions favorable to transit if the region is to realize this vision.

- » Our cities and county communities need to aggressively support transit-oriented developments that become central activity areas around which housing, jobs, shopping, and recreational opportunities are plentiful.
- » A pleasant walking environment to community stations is necessary. Providing the mixture of land uses and pedestrian-friendly urban design features will make transit and walking more convenient, faster, and safer.

Transit Integration

- » To compete with the car, the RTV makes extensive use of a future network of high-occupancy vehicle and managed lanes on highways.
- » Special lanes along roads and freeways will ensure that buses can bypass congested areas.
- » Signal priority will allow buses to extend the green signal so that the bus can travel through congested intersections.

Customer Experience

- » A customer-driven system will attract new riders to transit.
- » A new generation of transit vehicles will deliver a quality experience, along with station designs that create pleasant and attractive places.

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- » Other customer details include multiple-door loading, low-floor vehicles, Smart Cards to make it easier and more convenient to pay the fare, and advanced technologies such as real-time information at stops.
- » A number of showcase/early action projects have been identified to demonstrate the full range of the RTV.
- » Agencies continue to work with local jurisdictions to integrate transit planning with local land use decisions.

Funding



A substantial financial commitment will be necessary, not just to improve our transit system, but to build the dedicated carpool lanes and other facilities that are needed to make transit faster and safer. A strategic funding approach must be pursued.

- » SANDAG, MTS, NCTD, and Caltrans will continue to work together on a TransNet extension measure, the region's half percent sales tax for transportation, to help implement the RTV.
- » SANDAG recently allocated a portion of state dollars to showcase new innovations and high quality of services called for in the RTV.
- » SANDAG established policies that ensure regional funding priority for transportation projects that contribute to the success of transit and smart growth.

A Regional Commitment

SANDAG, MTS, NCTD, and Caltrans currently are working on a number of strategies to implement the vision.

- » A set of criteria to rank transit projects from the RTV for inclusion in the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan was developed and applied.