

I-15 Rapid Transit Services Station Improvements Fact Sheet

In June 2014, a new Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service, known as *Rapid*, began running along the I-15 Express Lanes. These high-frequency, limited-stop transit services are the first of their kind in San Diego and are operated by the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS). With increased routes connecting residential areas with major employment centers, the services run more often and offer increased reliability and customer convenience similar to rail services. In effect, the *Rapid* operates like a “train on wheels,” which means limited stops and reliable trip times on the Express Lanes. Direct Access Ramps (DARs) connect new and recently upgraded transit stations, and their Park & Ride lots, to the Express Lanes.

Projects

Various improvements have been completed in preparation for the new *Rapid* services. Key projects on the Express Lanes corridor include:

Escondido Transit Center: I-15 *Rapid* services, operated by MTS, originate at the Escondido Transit Center allowing for convenient connections to NCTD bus services, SPRINTER, and Riverside Transit Agency routes.

Del Lago and Rancho Bernardo Transit Stations: Improvements at these stations included adding bus bays and new shelters, as well as installing next vehicle signs to provide updated bus arrival times. Construction began in August 2012 and was completed in March 2013.



Rapid Express Vehicle running on the I-15 Express Lanes

Sabre Springs / Peñasquitos Transit Station: This station provides a total of 630 parking spaces with a new parking garage, enhanced bus staging areas, new shelters, next vehicle signs, electric vehicle charging stations, designated clean-air vehicle and vanpool parking, and a secure bicycle parking facility. Construction began in March 2013 and was completed in February 2014.

Miramar College Transit Station: The new Miramar College Transit Station is located on the north edge of Miramar College and connects with the new Mira Mesa DAR at Hillery Drive. The transit station includes enhanced bus bays, transit shelters, and next vehicle signs. Construction began in July 2012 and was completed in October 2014.

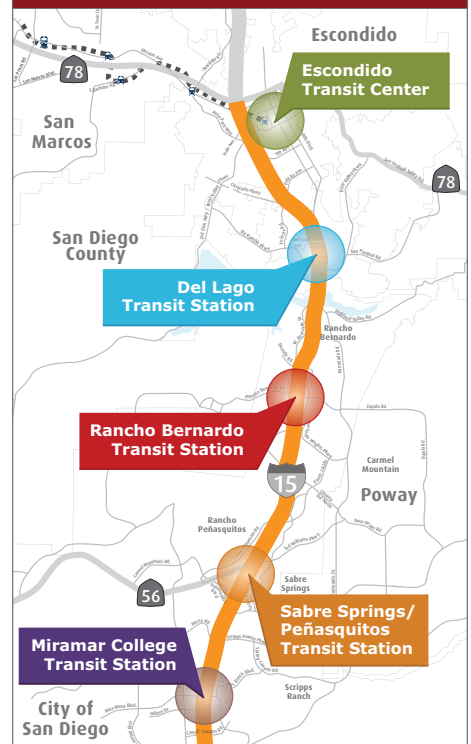
Funding

Funding for these projects comes from federal and state funds and TransNet, a half-cent sales tax approved by the region’s voters. Through these projects, SANDAG is fulfilling the TransNet promise to deliver more transportation choices to the San Diego region.

Operational Partners

MTS operates the new I-15 *Rapid* services as well as the current *Rapid Express* services, formerly Premium Express.

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