

KEARNY MESA TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS

FACT SHEET



Overview

Rapid is a new level of transit service that began operating along the I-15 corridor between Escondido and Downtown San Diego in June 2014. This project supports an integrated, regional *Rapid* transit network that provides high frequency service seven



days a week. *Rapid* 235 operates between Escondido and Downtown San Diego with stops in Kearny Mesa along Clairemont Mesa Boulevard at Complex Drive, Overland Avenue, and Ruffin Road. *Rapid* provides high frequency, reliable, and convenient limited-stop service. *Rapid* features include transit signal priority, digital displays announcing next vehicle arrival times, and modern

shelters. Other planned transit improvements will support *Rapid* services, connecting residential areas to major employment centers. These improvements are coordinated with the Trolley and local buses to enhance the regional transit network.

Project Features and Schedule

The Kearny Mesa transit improvements received environmental clearance in July 2014 and are being implemented in three phases along Clairemont Mesa Boulevard between State Route 163 (SR 163) and Interstate 15 (I-15):

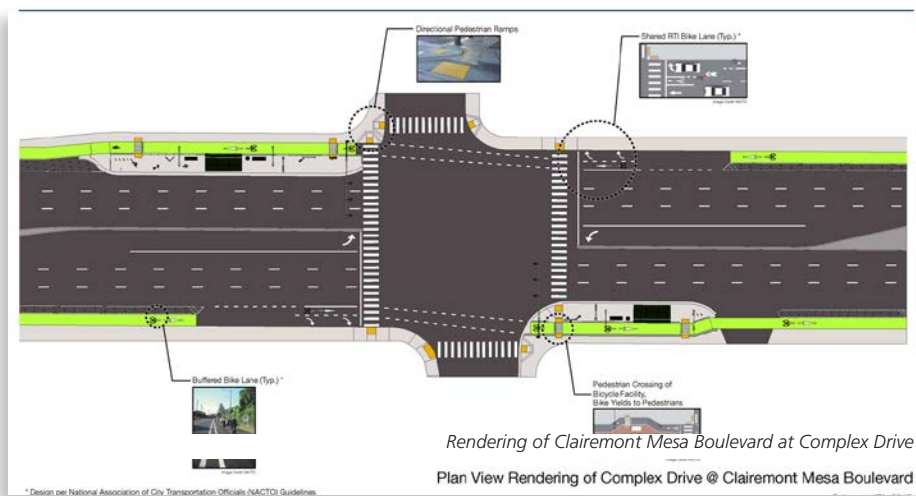
Phase One: Transit Signal Priority

Transit signal priority treatments allow *Rapid* vehicles to move through traffic more efficiently and maintain more reliable schedules. Signal priority allows buses running behind schedule to slightly extend a green light or shorten a red light by adjusting signal timing/phasing. Signal improvements were completed along Clairemont Mesa Boulevard between SR 163 and I-15 in July 2015.

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Rendering of Rapid station on westbound Clairemont Mesa Boulevard

Phase Two: Station Upgrade to Serve Kaiser Permanente

In partnership with Kaiser Permanente, a new *Rapid* station at Ruffin Road opened in November 2017 to serve the hospital. This upgraded *Rapid* station includes a large modern lighted shelter and a digital display announcing next vehicle arrival times.

Phase Three: Final Design of Kearny Mesa Rapid Stations

Opportunities to upgrade existing *Rapid* stops on Clairemont Mesa Boulevard at Complex Drive, Overland Avenue, and Ruffin Road are currently being evaluated. Proposed improvements at each stop include a protected bike lane within the transit station, a bigger platform area to include a larger modern shelter, a digital display announcing next vehicle arrival times, and secure bike parking. Final design of proposed improvements is currently underway.

Additionally, SANDAG is studying improvements to identify connections to transit and to support people walking and biking in the area. This proposed project could include high-priority biking and walking improvements in the Kearny Mesa area to provide connections to new *Rapid* stops. Specific improvements include crosswalks, traffic calming, bike parking, signage, and striping for bike lanes. Improvements also will consider bikeshare, carshare, real-time traveler information, real-time ridesharing, demand-based shuttles, and wayfinding signage.

Funding

Kearny Mesa transit improvements are funded by *TransNet*, the region's voter-approved, half-cent sales tax for transportation administered by SANDAG.

For More Information

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