

I-805 North Express Lanes Project

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Progress Toward Completion

Tremendous progress has been made over the past year and a half to complete Stage 1 of the I-805 North Express Lanes Project, between State Route 52 (SR 52) and Interstate 5 (I-5). Construction on two new carpool lanes – one in each direction – and a south-facing Direct Access Ramp (DAR) at Carroll Canyon Road is on track to be completed this fall, providing Golden Triangle area commuters with new transportation choices.



To date, decks have been poured for all six bridges that are being built or expanded as part of the project. Crews are working to finish a host of other improvements, including the median barriers, bridge railings, and the electrical systems that power the lights, signs, and traffic sensors.

Overnight freeway closures will occur less frequently as the project enters the final stretch of construction. Closures will still be required occasionally to accommodate delivery and removal of materials and to install overhead signage and traffic sensors.

The I-805 North Express Lanes Project is made possible in part by your taxpayer dollars – the regional *TransNet* half-cent sales tax for transportation.

Project Milestones

- Winter 2012**
Construction began
- April 2014**
North-facing Carroll Canyon DAR and Carroll Canyon Road Extension completed
- Summer 2014**
Rose Canyon Bridge widening completed
- June 2015**
One southbound carpool lane opened to traffic between La Jolla Village Drive and SR 52
- Winter 2015**
Northbound Soledad Bridge widening completed; concrete decks poured for all bridges in the project
- Fall 2016**
Stage 1 anticipated completion

TransNet: Your Tax Dollars at Work

For the past three decades, the local *TransNet* half-cent sales tax for transportation has made it possible for our region to accelerate the completion of numerous bus, rail, and highway improvements, as well as pay for bike and pedestrian projects, local street repairs, and environmental conservation.

Projects funded in part by the *TransNet* Early Action Program include: I-805 North and I-805 South carpool lanes, I-15 Express Lanes, the North Coast Corridor Program (a \$6 billion package of highway, bike, transit, and environmental enhancements along the I-5), and the Mid-Coast Trolley Extension from Old Town to University City.

To learn more, check out the interactive story map on the home page of KeepSanDiegoMoving.com.



TransNet has funded more than 650 projects and programs, including highway, street, sidewalk, bike, and pedestrian improvements.



Question of the Quarter

What are DARs?

Direct Access Ramps, or DARs, allow carpools, vanpools, buses, motorcycles, and solo drivers in permitted clean air vehicles to enter carpool lanes without needing to weave through the general purpose lanes from standard on- and off-ramps.



This improves safety, reduces congestion, saves time, and increases travel time reliability for both High Occupancy Vehicles (HOVs) and general freeway traffic.

Stage 1 of the I-805 North Express Lanes Project includes a south-facing DAR at Carroll Canyon Road, which will connect to the Carroll Canyon Road extension bridge. The south-facing DAR will open by fall 2016.

Shift: Your Source for Golden Triangle Transportation Information

Within the Golden Triangle – one of the most heavily traveled areas in San Diego – there are several major transportation improvement projects underway. SANDAG and Caltrans have joined together to provide a centralized source of information on transportation projects and solutions for Golden Triangle area residents, commuters, and employers.

ShiftSanDiego.com allows users to plan their trips, get real-time project updates, learn about construction activities in the area, and get the latest on detours and closures.

Next time you're planning a trip to or from the Golden Triangle, check ShiftSanDiego.com for everything you need to know about transportation choices in the area.

Safety is our #1 Priority

Caltrans has several programs in place to ensure highway worker safety on every project. As the safety of motorists and highway workers is a top priority, the majority of highway construction takes place at night to minimize traffic impacts and allow construction vehicles to move safely in and out of the median and construction zones.



Every precaution is taken to ensure the protection of motorists and highway workers. Motorists are reminded to slow down during construction

Be work zone alert!

WE HEARD YOU



Thank you for sharing your priorities for our region's future.

Thousands of residents across the San Diego region provided their input on infrastructure priorities through emails, voice mails, surveys, and comments at public meetings in January and early February.

This input helped in the development of draft expenditure plans that could define a potential ballot measure for the November 2016 election. This spring, the Board of Directors of the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) – comprising elected officials from around the region – will decide whether to place a funding measure on the November ballot. The measure would seek to increase our local sales tax by up to one-half cent to support specific projects and programs.

Please visit sandag.org/priorities to learn more and get involved. Here you can view the latest draft expenditure plan, listen to audio recordings of telephone town hall meetings where members of the public weighed in with their priorities, and watch a video on the outreach efforts conducted to date.

Recycled Water to be Used for Landscaping

The I-805 North project team is doing its part to help conserve limited water resources as California is faced with recurring droughts.

Rather than using potable water, the team will bring in recycled water to irrigate native trees, shrubs, and seeds that will be planted as part of the project. Recycled water will be used for freeway landscaping north of Mira Mesa Boulevard along the northbound on-ramp from Sorrento Vista Parkway to the Governor Drive area.

The planting and irrigation work will be completed before the opening of the project this fall.



»»» A Glimpse into the Golden Triangle Area Improvements*

Highway

- 1 I-805/Carroll Canyon DAR**
 - South-Facing DAR: Anticipated Completion 2016
 - North-Facing DAR: Completed 2014
- 2 I-5/Genesee Avenue Interchange Project**
Anticipated Completion 2017
- 3 I-805 Carpool Lanes**
Anticipated Completion 2016

Rail

- 4 Sorrento Valley Double Track**
Completed 2015
- 5 Sorrento to Miramar Double Track Phase 1**
Completed 2014
- 6 Mid-Coast Trolley**
Anticipated Completion 2021

Bus

- 7 SuperLoop Rapid**
Planned Expansion 2017
- 8 Rapid 237**
Completed 2014

Bike/Pedestrian

- 9 Bike/Pedestrian Path**
Anticipated Completion 2017



*Partial list of projects in Golden Triangle

»»» Moving San Diego Forward



Want more ways to get around? The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) is working to expand the region's transportation choices by implementing San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan. Developed with extensive public input, the plan outlines nearly \$204 billion in projects and programs between now and

2050 to improve transit, bike, pedestrian, and highway infrastructure, as well as conserve open space and promote smart growth.

Included in San Diego Forward are future phases of the I-805 Express Lanes Project, which would further expand infrastructure capacity to meet existing and future traffic demands.

To learn more about San Diego Forward, visit SDforward.com.



The nearly \$204 billion in projects outlined in the Regional Plan will generate significant economic benefits.



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Updated 511 App Includes Real-Time Transit Information

The 511 San Diego mobile application, available for both iOS and Android devices, was updated last fall to include real-time transit information for services operated by the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS). Download the app by visiting 511sd.com/app. App features include:

- Maps with current traffic conditions, and the latest incident and construction information on all interstates and state routes in the San Diego region
- Real-time dynamic toll rates for the I-15 Express Lanes
- Predictive travel times, congestion information, and special event information for the I-15 corridor
- Real-time MTS information, including arrival times
- Access to MTS and North County Transit District (NCTD) bus routes and fares
- Customizable freeway incident notifications for your commute
- Ability to view current roadside camera images
- Links to other resources to improve your commute



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