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**Did You Know?**

**Thanks for Sharing Your Priorities for Our Region's Future**

**WE HEARD YOU**



In February, the SANDAG Board of Directors heard a summary of the agency's recent public outreach efforts about a potential funding measure. People across the region were invited to share their priorities for future transportation and infrastructure projects – from expanded transit services and more bike lanes to adding carpool lanes, and conserving more land for open space. Public input is critical as the Board considers a potential funding measure for the November ballot. [This video highlights input received during this outreach effort](#) – which included surveys, telephone town hall meetings, public meetings, emails, and voice mails – and was used to draft expenditure plan alternatives. A refined alternative will be discussed at two meetings scheduled in March: SANDAG [Board of Directors Retreat](#), 10 a.m., Thursday, March 10 and the [SANDAG Board of Directors Meeting](#), 9 a.m. Friday, March 25.

**Officials Break Ground on Key Transit Project: South Bay Rapid**

# SANDAG info**bits**

The San Diego region is a top biodiversity hotspot in North America and the world. It is also a leader in environmental conservation. Local, state, and federal agencies, along with nonprofit and private organizations, are working in concert to preserve half of the region (about 1.4 million acres) as permanent open space by 2050. SANDAG plays an important role in this effort through its Environmental Mitigation Program funded by *TransNet*, the San Diego region's half-cent sales tax. Learn more by reading the recently published [SANDAG Infobits](#) titled "Environmental Conservation in the San Diego Region."

## SANDAG Meetings

For an up-to-date list of meetings and conferences, please visit the [SANDAG Calendar](#).

**3/9/16**

[TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee](#)  
[Board of Directors' 2016 Annual Retreat](#)

**3/10/16**

[Board of Directors's 2016 Annual Retreat](#)

**3/11/16**

[Executive Committee](#)  
[Board of Directors' 2016 Annual Retreat](#)

**3/18/16**

[Public Safety Committee](#)  
[Transportation Committee](#)

**3/21/16**

[Social Services Transportation Advisory Council](#)

**3/25/16**



Construction will begin in earnest this month on [South Bay Rapid](#), a 21-mile route between the Otay Mesa Port of Entry along the U.S.-Mexico border and Downtown San Diego. A groundbreaking ceremony for the \$113 million project was held Feb. 17. A [construction open house will be held at Otay Ranch High School](#) Monday, March 7, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Project team members will be available to answer questions and provide information about the project, including traffic detours, closures, and the construction schedule. South Bay Rapid will provide travelers with a frequent and reliable transit choice, connecting key housing and job centers in San Diego County. The service, which is expected to begin in 2018, will be operated by San Diego Metropolitan Transit System.

## Ride Together, Save Together



Redesign your commute now by joining the [SANDAG Vanpool Program](#). A vanpool typically brings five or more people together to share the costs of getting to and from work in a van or SUV. Participants generally pay less than \$100 per month – and right now eligible new vanpools get the first month free. Residents are encouraged to sign up for the vanpool

[Borders Committee](#)  
[Board of Directors](#)

## SANDAG Jobs

Are you interested in a career with SANDAG? Sign up for [email notifications](#) of job openings and internship opportunities.

[Project Control Analyst](#)

[Senior/Principal Risk Program Analyst](#)

SANDAG is an ADA-compliant agency. If you require special assistance to learn more about our job openings, contact us at (619) 699-1900. We will make every effort to accommodate your needs.

## Doing Business with SANDAG



SANDAG seeks firms to provide a variety of services including: construction, general contractors, and construction management; engineering, design, planning, and environmental review; marketing and public outreach; financial, legal, consulting, and training services; computer, copy equipment, and office supplies. Register your firm in the [vendor database](#) to receive emails about upcoming projects.

### Current Bids:

[Representation Services for State Route 11 and Otay Mesa East Port of Entry](#)  
Proposals are due by 3/3/2016

[Copiers and Associated Support Services](#)  
Proposals are due by 3/7/2016

interest list to learn if a vanpool matching your commute is available – or if there is a group in your area starting a new vanpool. Watch a quick video and [get started today](#).

## Fallbrook Area Park & Ride Lot Temporarily Closed



The [Park & Ride lot](#) at [State Route 76 \(SR 76\)](#) and [Old Highway 395](#) in the Fallbrook area will be closed through June 30 so crews can work on expanding and improving the facility. Parking is available at the temporary lot located south of SR 76 and east of Old Highway 395. During the closure, improvements that will be made include: bike lockers, sidewalks, new traffic signal at Via Altamira and Old Highway 395, improved drainage, and additional parking spaces. The Park & Ride expansion is part of the [SR 76 East Segment Project](#), funded in part by the regional *TransNet* half-cent sales tax for transportation.

## SANDAG Seeking Input on Mobility Hubs Via Interactive Survey



On-Call Architect and Engineering Design Consulting Services  
Proposals are due by 3/8/2016

Plan Investment Advisory and Consulting Services  
Proposals are due by 3/21/2016

Fleet and Fuel Management Services  
Proposals are due by 3/23/2016

South Bay Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Segment 2 Project  
Proposals are due by 3/23/2016

SANDAG has developed a fun online activity and survey to gather community input on mobility hubs – transportation centers located in mixed-use, transit-oriented areas that provide an array of transportation services and amenities in one location. The survey will be available through March 15. We encourage you to share your thoughts. The survey will help SANDAG identify and prioritize possible locations for up to 20 mobility hubs across the region. The goal is to create places of connectivity where different modes of travel — walking, biking, ridesharing, *Rapid* and light rail services — come together seamlessly.

## About SANDAG

The 18 cities and county government are SANDAG, the San Diego Association of Governments. This public agency serves as the forum for regional decision-making. SANDAG builds consensus; makes strategic plans; obtains and allocates resources; plans, engineers, and builds public transportation; and provides information on a broad range of topics pertinent to the region's quality of life.



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