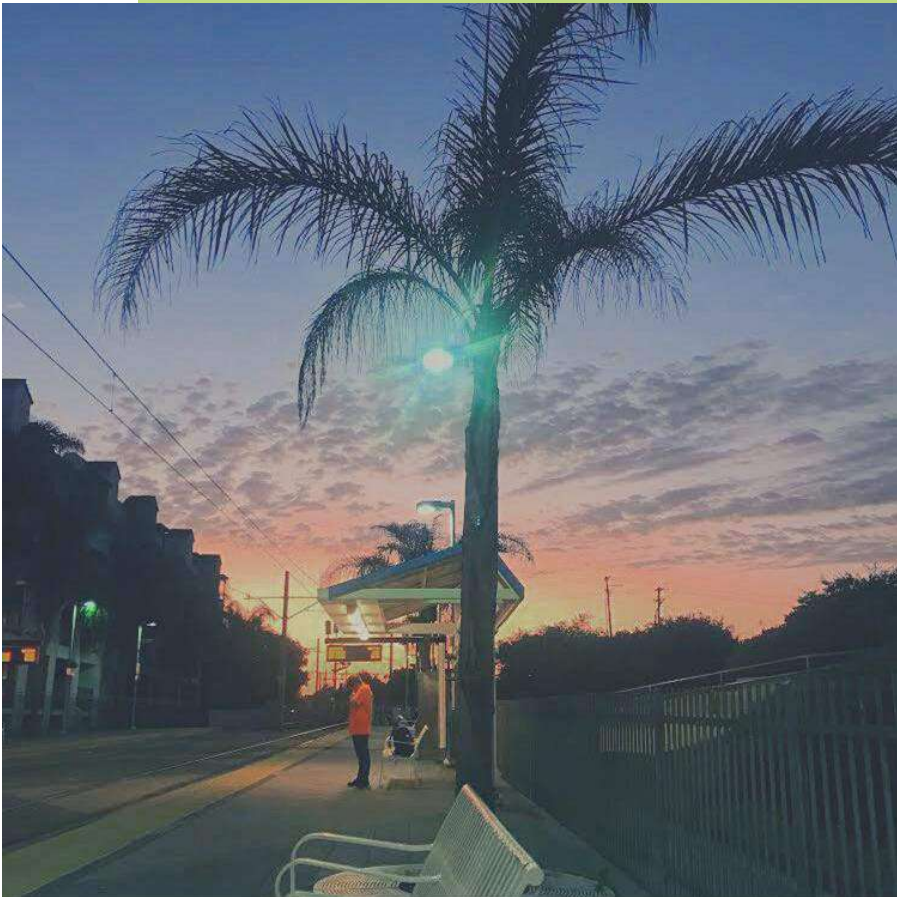


# How We Get There From Here; Building an Equitable Transportation System in San Diego

a workshop on Transportation Equity presented by



# WHAT DOES TRANSPORTATION LOOK LIKE IN SAN DIEGO?

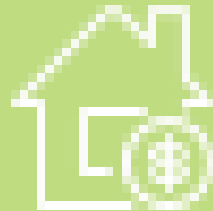


**4%** OF THE POPULATION  
IN SAN DIEGO  
UTILIZE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION  
OF THOSE WHO USE PUBLIC  
TRANSIT:



**70%**

DO NOT OWN A CAR

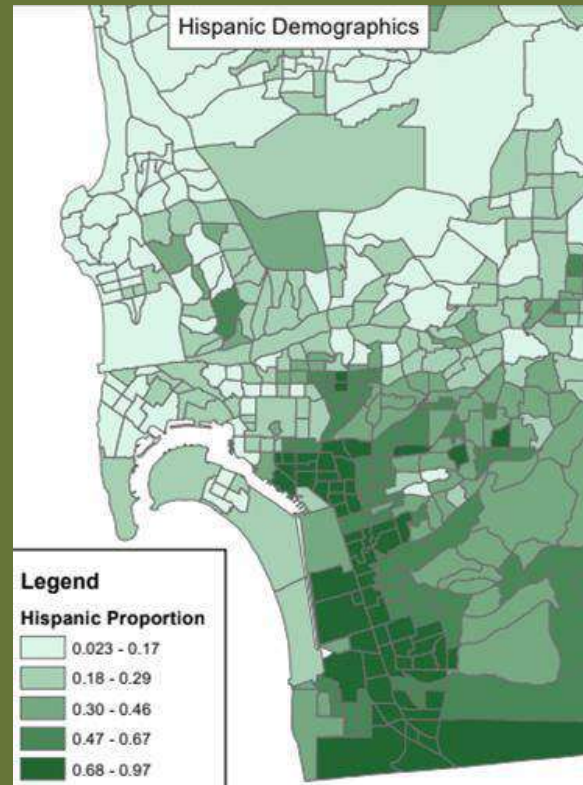
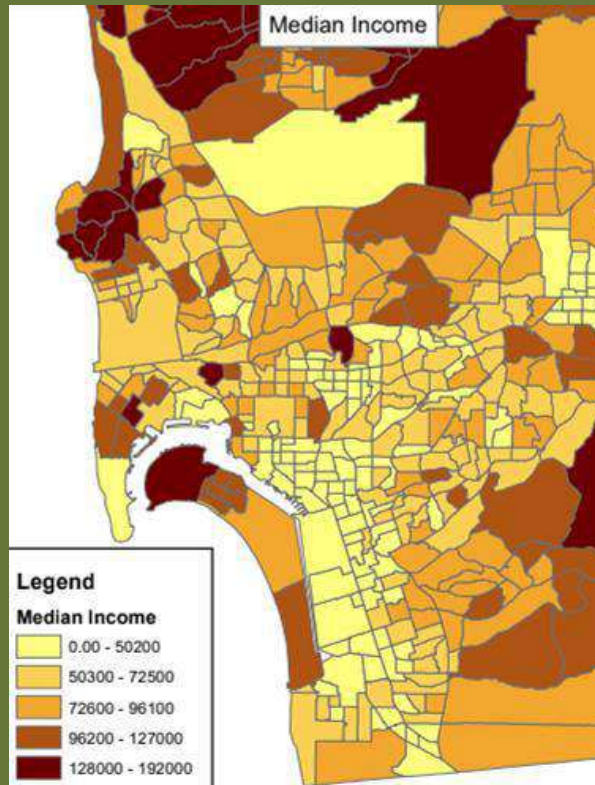


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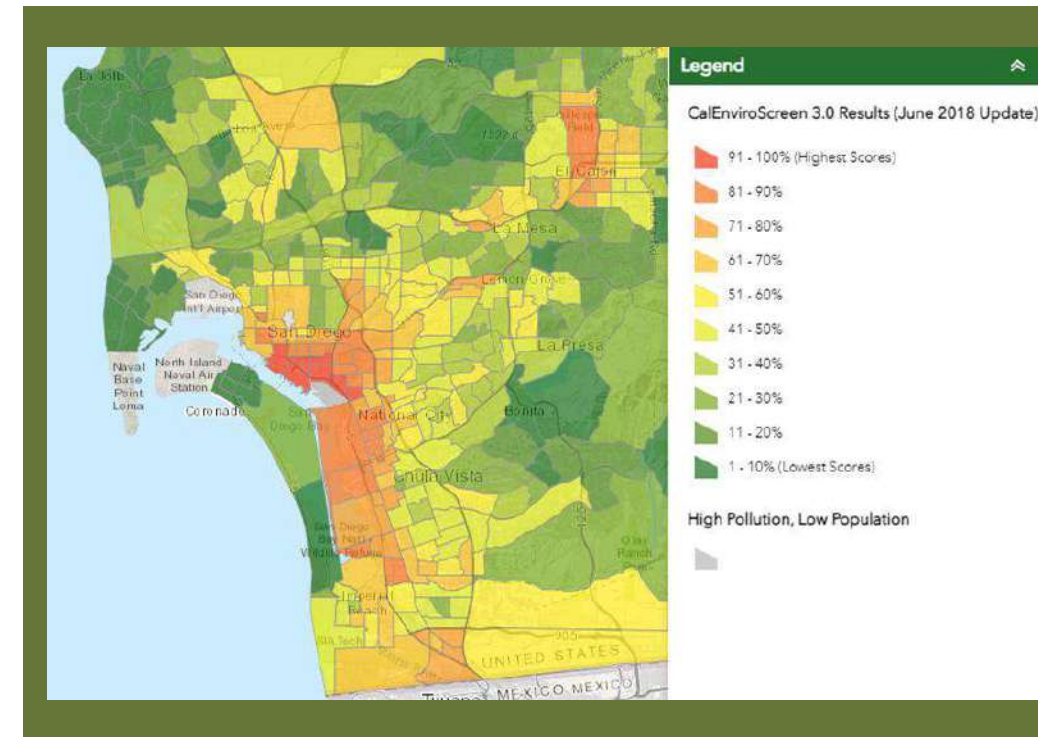
HAVE A HOUSEHOLD  
INCOME OF < \$50K

# Environmental Injustice

## SAN DIEGO DEMOGRAPHICS




## CALENVIROSCREEN MAP



**Equality:** An even or equal distribution of resources

**Equity:** Adjusts the level and type of resources so that solutions vary and are appropriate to the groups' unique needs and preferences.



# UNIVERSAL BASIC MOBILITY

## RECLAIMING MOBILITY

Universal Basic Mobility (UBM) is the notion that every human has the right to have basic access to mobility.

To achieve equitable and sustainable mobility in San Diego, it is crucial that we push the notion of UBM to policy-makers to reframe the conversation on mobility.

# Establishing UBM as the Standard:

**DISRUPTS THE CURRENT  
OPPRESSIVE MOBILITY  
STANDARD THAT ACCEPTS  
LIMITED MOBILITY FOR LOW-  
INCOME AND MARGINALIZED  
COMMUNITIES**

**GUARANTEES THE POPULATION A  
GATEWAY TO OPPORTUNITIES  
(EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION,  
MEDICAL SERVICES,  
RECREATION)**

# What Standards Can We Set for Equitable Transportation Systems?



## IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE

More efficient public transportation means a decrease in time spent commuting. People are impacted by time away from families, education opportunities, or employment.



## DECISIONS BASED ON EQUITY

Transportation is a social justice issue. People in underserved communities rely on public transportation to get to their jobs, schools, and to access necessities. Mass transit must be accessible and affordable.



## BETTER HEALTH FOR PEOPLE AND PLANET

Reducing greenhouse gas emissions not only helps in our efforts with climate change, but also benefits the health of people living in our communities. More mass transit means fewer cars and their greenhouse gas emissions



# The **Equity** Problem:

## Dependence on automobiles

## Few Transit Options

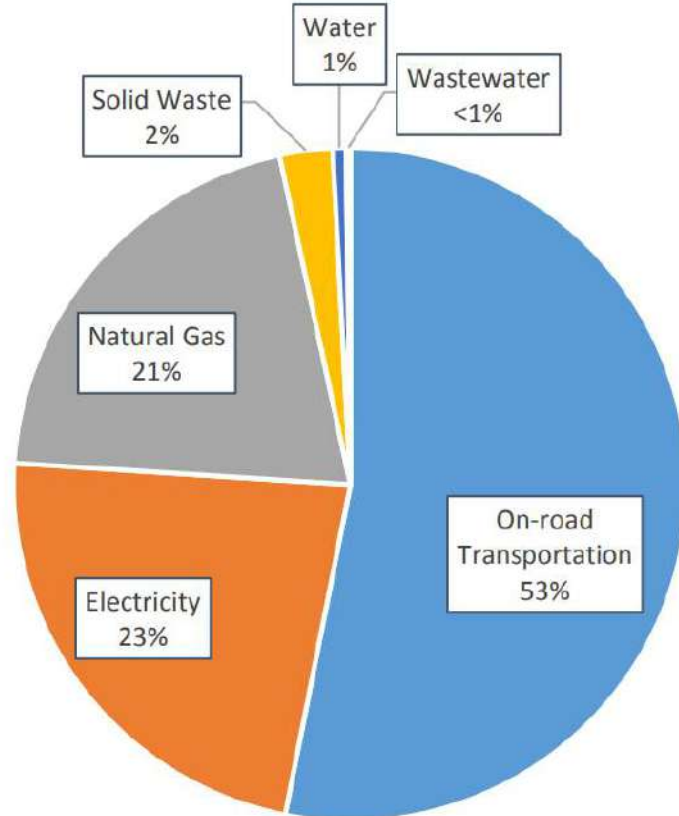




# The **Climate Crisis** Problem:

## Biggest Sources of Greenhouse Gases – San Diego

*impacts first, worst on disadvantaged communities*



**GHG Emissions Inventory (2017) -  
City of SD**

On Road Transportation:

**53%**

Source: [San Diego Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Methodology and Updates, Page 3 \(in Annual Report Appendix\)](#)

# San Diego Association of Governments

- A government agency, with some planning authority for entire County
- Governed by Board of Directors - voting members are elected officials from cities and the County
- Does long-term regional planning:
  - *Includes a plan for the region's transportation system – the **Regional Transportation Plan, RTP***
  - *which **locks in how \$ billions spent, and determines what kinds of transportation we have***

# San Diego Association of Governments

***Before 2018: RTP plans overwhelmingly built more private auto systems (freeways, highways)***



# San Diego Association of Governments

- *2018* - new Executive Director with different, visionary idea for region's transportation system
- *2020* - new local elected officials, new SANDAG Board; shift toward the new vision, but remaining resistance





- **May 28: Release of *draft* RTP at SANDAG Board meeting**
- **60 day public review/comment period ends July 30**

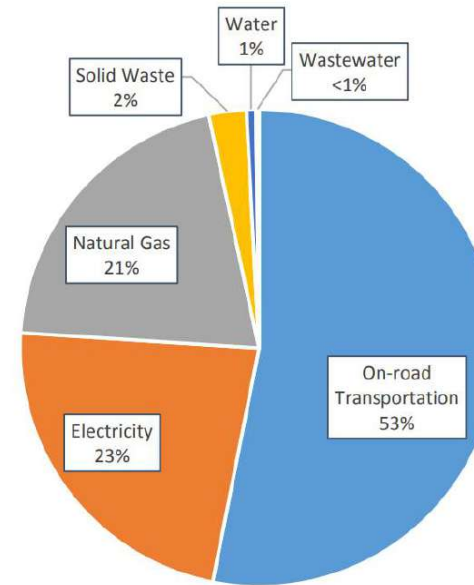


# Stated Objectives:

End dependence on cars,  
provide quick, reliable,  
affordable alternative



Address climate change –  
reduce GHGs.



***Advance social and transportation equity***

*Social equity plan is part of the RTP, so that equitable transportation access finally is provided to underserved communities.*

# Proposed “vision” - The “5 Big Moves”

## 5 Big Moves

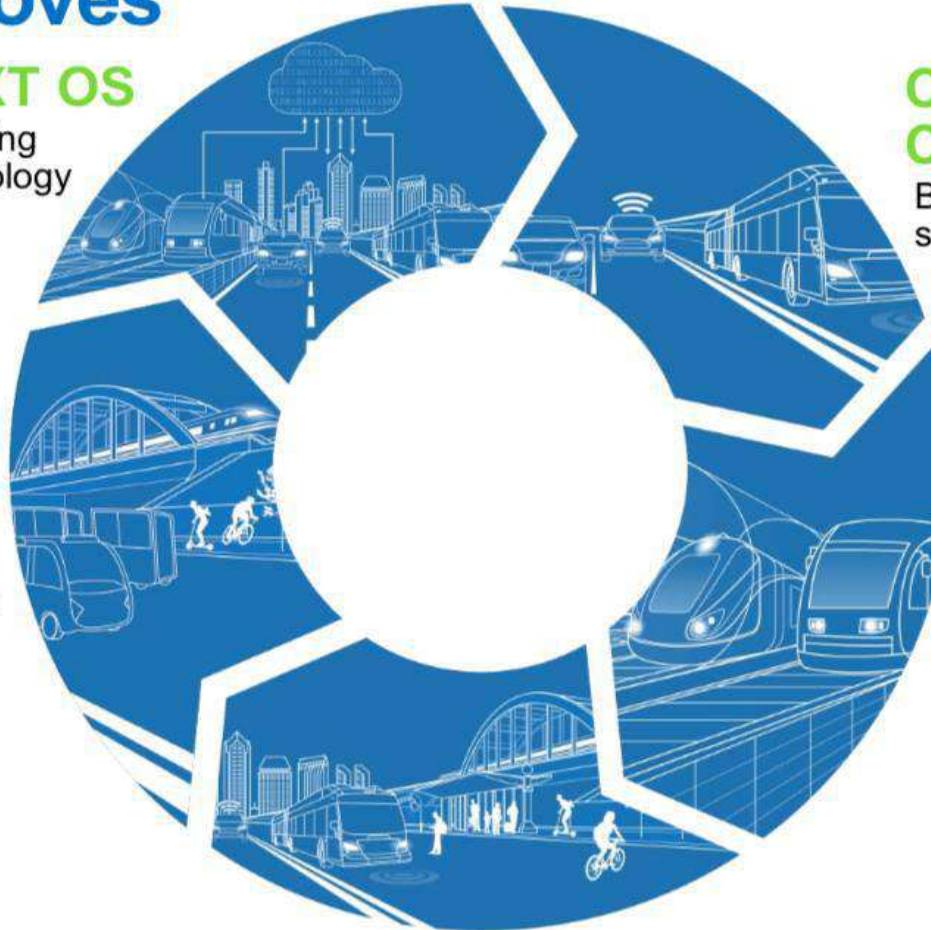
**NEXT OS**  
Enabling  
technology

**COMPLETE  
CORRIDORS**  
Backbone of the  
system

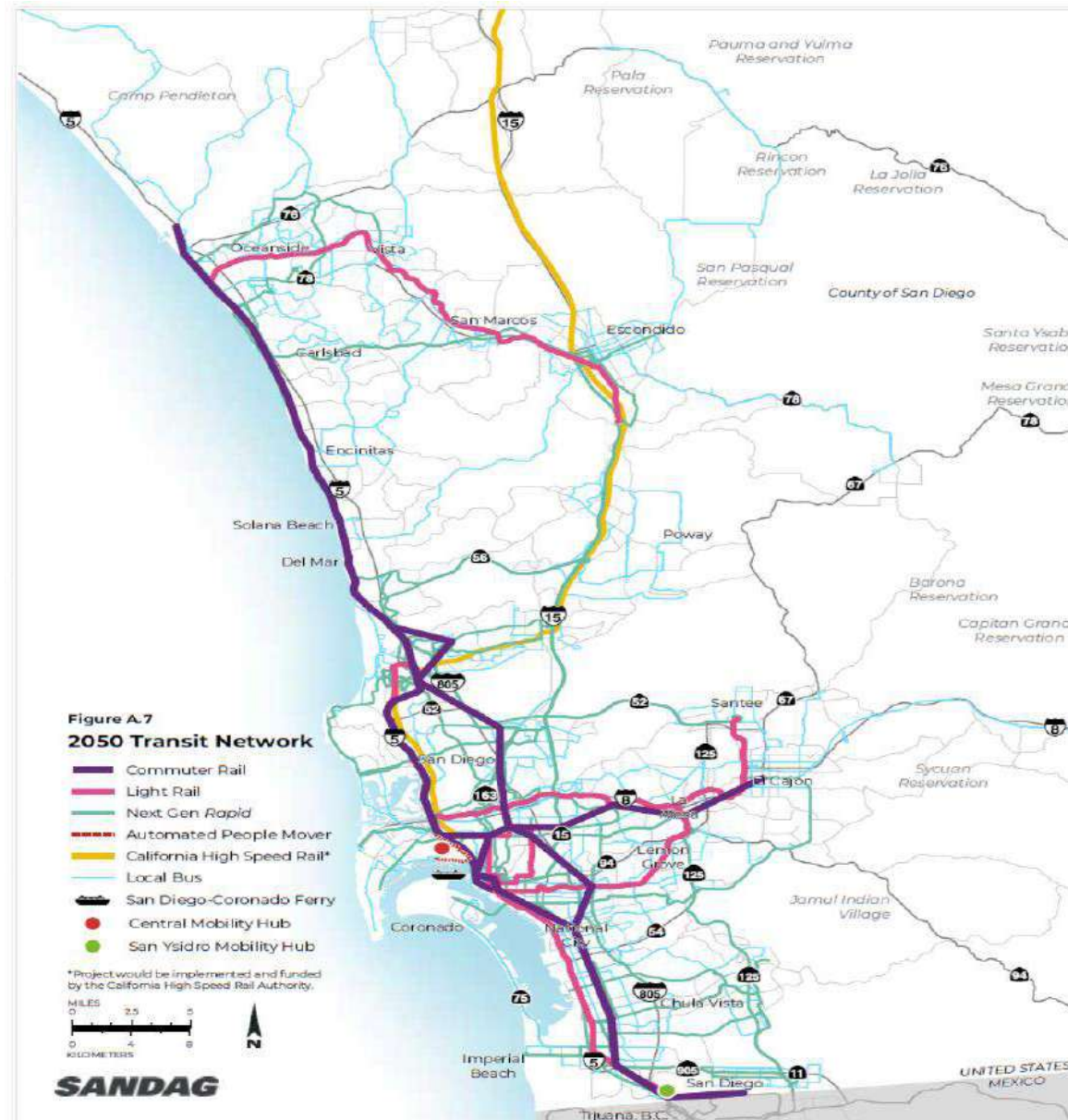
**FLEXIBLE  
FLEETS**  
Last mile options

**TRANSIT  
LEAP**  
Alternatives to  
automobiles

**MOBILITY HUBS**  
Transfer points



## Chapter 2 and Appendix A

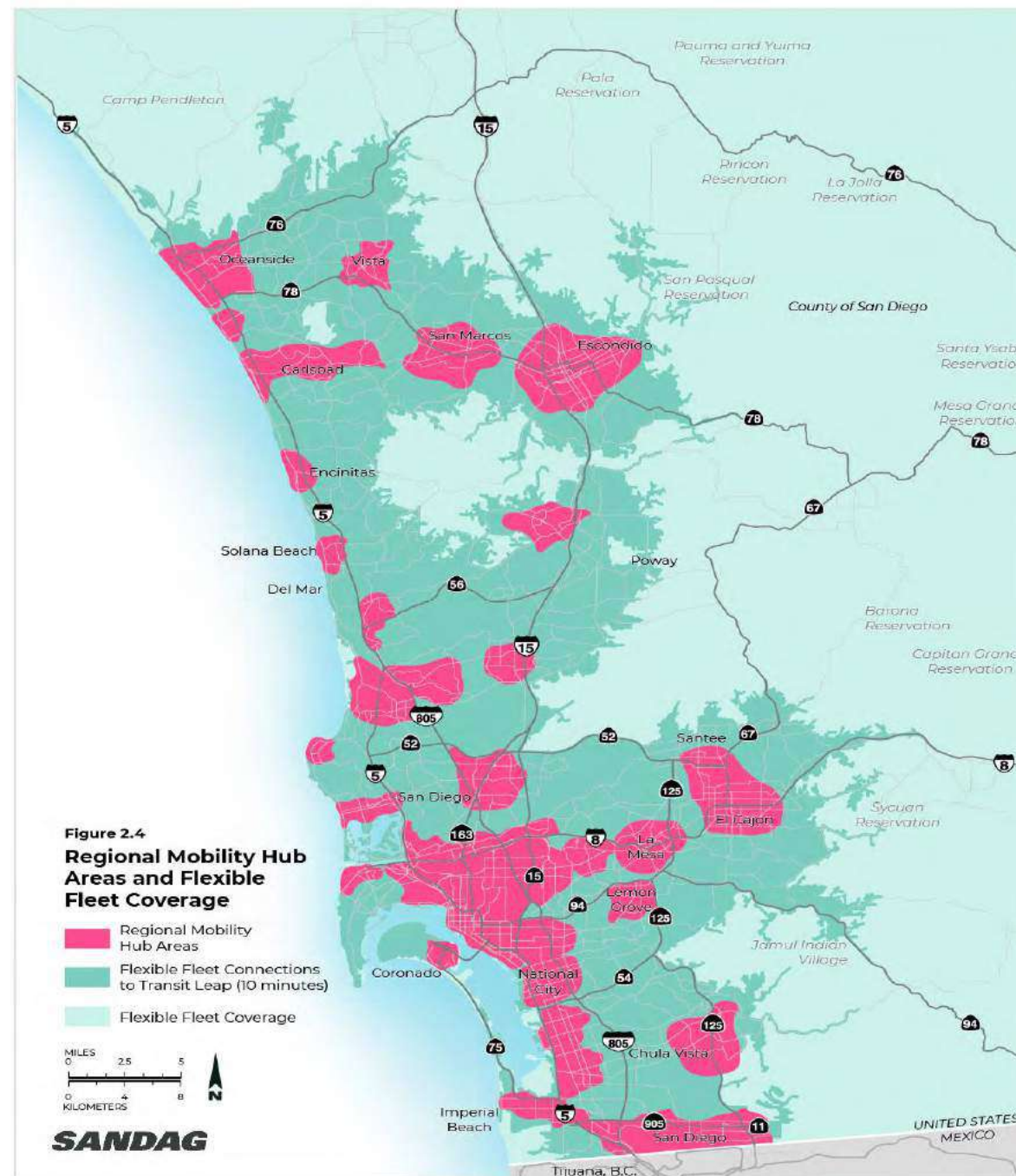












# RTP Timeline - happening NOW

## SANDAG's Informational open houses (virtual)

Here is the schedule for each Informational Open House, each to go from 6-8 pm. NO registration required, here is the ZOOM link to use at the appointed time: <https://zoom.us/j/98792658224>

<b><i>Open House Date</i></b>	<b><i>Area of Focus</i></b>
Tuesday, June 15	North County Coastal
Wednesday, June 16 (unincorporated)	East County
Tuesday, June 22	South County
Thursday, June 24	East County
Tuesday, June 29	North County Inland
Wednesday, June 30	Central County

## SANDAG's Public hearings (virtual)

SANDAG Transportation Committee and Board of Directors in July. Attend virtually to share your comments!

Participate in these hearings, by telephone or ZOOM -

- SANDAG Transportation Committee: [Friday, July 16, 2021](#) – 9 am
- SANDAG Board: [Friday, July 23, 2021](#) – 9 am

## ***Submit your comments - Through July 30, 2021:***

- Online: ([English](#) | [Español](#))
- Email: [SDForward@sandag.org](mailto:SDForward@sandag.org)
- Voicemail: 619.699.1934, toll free 877.277.5736 and TTY 619.699.1904
- Fax: 619.699.1995
- Mail: Attn: 2021 Regional Plan, SANDAG, 401 B Street, Suite 800, San Diego CA, 92101

***[www.sdforward.com](http://www.sdforward.com)***

## RTP Timeline - longer term

- SANDAG Board final action to adopt the RTP by the end of this year, Nov. or Dec.
- Possible vote on a bond measure in Nov. 2022 to help finance RTP implementation
- Ongoing system implementation, annual SANDAG budgets and every-two-years “RTIP,” transportation IMPROVEMENT plans

# **SAN DIEGO'S 10 BIG MOVES TO TRANSPORTATION JUSTICE**

## **LOS 10 GRANDES MOVIMIENTOS DE SAN DIEGO HACIA LA JUSTICIA EN EL TRANSPORTE**

Laura Benavidez – Community Organizer, City Heights

Environmental Health Coalition

# WHAT IS THE SAN DIEGO TRANSPORTATION EQUITY WORKING GROUP? ¿QUÉ ES EL GRUPO DE TRABAJO DE EQUIDAD EN EL TRANSPORTE DE SAN DIEGO?



The SDTEWG is a coalition of community-based organizations and partners rooted in equity and environmental justices (EJ).

These priorities have been identified through a community-driven process, by frontline communities, and reflect a vision that will advance the best transit solutions for all San Diegans.

El SDTEWG es una coalición de organizaciones comunitarias y socios arraigados en jueces de equidad y medio ambiente (EJ).

Estas prioridades han sido identificadas a través de un proceso impulsado por la comunidad, por comunidades de primera línea, y reflejan una visión que promoverá las mejores soluciones de tránsito para todos los habitantes de San Diego.



# I. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CENTERED RTP

TRANSIT-DEPEND, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITIES SHOULD BE THE FOCUS OF THE RTP.

I. EL PLAN REGIONAL DE TRANSPORTE CENTRADO EN LA JUSTICIA AMBIENTAL:

LAS COMUNIDADES DE JUSTICIA AMBIENTAL QUE DEPENDEN DEL TRÁNSITO DEBEN SER EL ENFOQUE DEL PLAN REGIONAL DE TRANSPORTE.

## Why Us?



**SALTA**  
COMMUNITY  
LEADERSHIP  
TRAINING PROGRAM

**THE PROBLEM**  
SD TRANSIT SYSTEM – A MISSED OPPORTUNITY

- 71% OF JOBS NOT REACHABLE BY PUBLIC TRANSIT
- 93% OF LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS CAN'T ACCESS FAST & FREQUENT TRANSIT
- 42% OF LOCAL GHGs IN THE SAN DIEGO REGION COME FROM TRANSPORTATION.





## 2. IMPROVE THE BUS SYSTEM NOW

CLIMATE CHANGE AND AIR POLLUTION  
DON'T WAIT, OUR COMMUNITIES NEED  
IMMEDIATE RELIEF.

## 2. MEJORE EL SISTEMA DE AUTOBUSES AHORA:

EL CAMBIO CLIMÁTICO Y LA  
CONTAMINACIÓN DEL AIRE NO  
ESPERAN, NUESTRAS COMUNIDADES  
NECESITAN AYUDA INMEDIATA.

### 3. BLUE LINE EXPRESS

THE MOST USED TRANSIT LINE  
DESERVES INVESTMENT; WE NEED LESS  
CROWDING, FASTER SERVICE, AND  
OVERNIGHT SERVICE.

#### 3. BLUE LINE EXPRESS:

LA LÍNEA DE TRANSPORTE MÁS  
UTILIZADA MERECE UNA INVERSIÓN;  
NECESITAMOS MENOS  
AGLOMERACIONES, UN SERVICIO MÁS  
RÁPIDO Y UN SERVICIO NOCTURNO.





## 4. 24-HOUR SERVICE

WE NEED LATE-NIGHT AND EARLY MORNING SERVICE ON HIGH RIDERSHIP LINES TO CONNECT WORKERS TO JOBS.

### 4. SERVICIO LAS 24 HORAS:

NECESITAMOS UN SERVICIO NOCTURNO Y TEMPRANO EN LA MAÑANA EN LAS LÍNEAS DE ALTO NÚMERO DE PASAJEROS PARA CONECTAR A LOS TRABAJADORES CON LOS TRABAJOS.

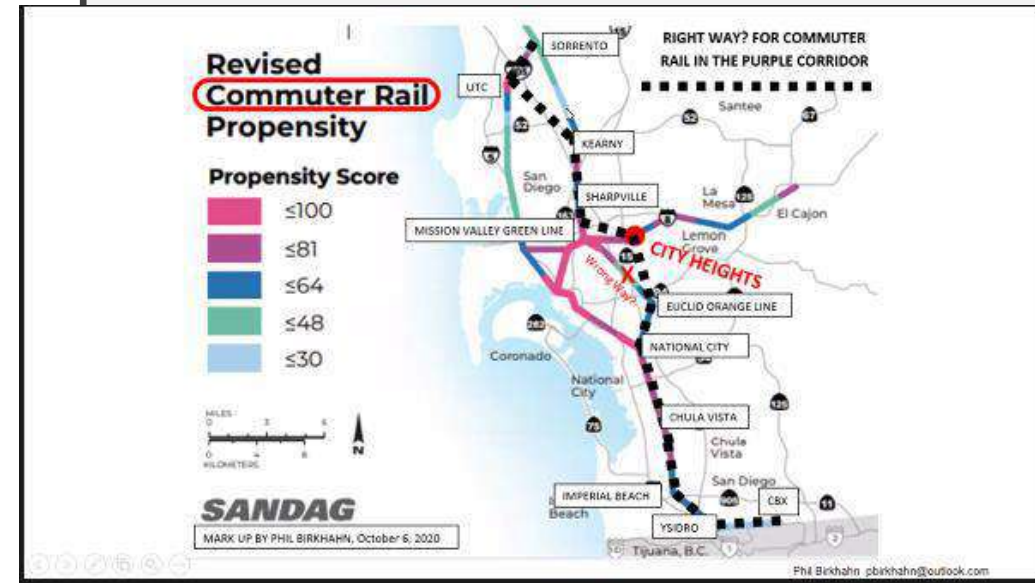


## 5. PURPLE LINE ALIGNMENT

THE PURPLE LINE SHOULD GO THROUGH THE MOST DENSELY-POPULATED, TRANSIT-DEPENDENT COMMUNITY IN SAN DIEGO; CITY HEIGHTS.

### 5. ALINEACIÓN DE LA LÍNEA PÚRPURA:

LA LÍNEA PÚRPURA DEBE PASAR POR LA COMUNIDAD MÁS POBLADA Y DEPENDIENTE DEL TRÁNSITO EN SAN DIEGO; CITY HEIGHTS.





## 6. YOUTH OPPORTUNITY PASSES (YOP)

FREE BUS PASSES FOR PEOPLE 24 YEARS OLD AND YOUNGER AS A WAY TO BUILD RIDERSHIP AND RECOVER THE ECONOMY.

### 6. PASES DE OPORTUNIDAD JUVENIL (YOP):

PASES DE AUTOBÚS GRATUITOS PARA PERSONAS DE 24 AÑOS O MENOS COMO UNA FORMA DE AUMENTAR EL NÚMERO DE PASAJEROS Y RECUPERAR LA ECONOMÍA.



## 7. ELECTRIFY BUS FLEET BY 2030

OUR COMMUNITIES CAN'T WAIT, WE  
NEED TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE  
AND AIR POLLUTION RIGHT NOW.

## 7. ELECTRIFICAR LA FLOTA DE AUTOBUSES PARA 2030:

NUESTRAS COMUNIDADES NO PUEDEN  
ESPERAR, NECESITAMOS ABORDAR EL  
CAMBIO CLIMÁTICO Y LA  
CONTAMINACIÓN DEL AIRE AHORA  
MISMO.





## 8. ANTI-DISPLACEMENT

DEVELOPING AN ANTI-DISPLACEMENT STRATEGY THAT INCLUDES AFFORDABLE/LOW-INCOME HOUSING AND PRESERVATION OF NATURALLY OCCURRING AFFORDABLE HOUSING, COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP, AND TENANT PROTECTIONS.

### 8. ANTI-DESPLAZAMIENTO:

DESARROLLO DE UNA ESTRATEGIA ANTI-DESPLAZAMIENTO QUE INCLUYE VIVIENDAS ASEQUIBLES / PARA PERSONAS DE BAJOS INGRESOS Y LA PRESERVACIÓN DE VIVIENDAS ASEQUIBLES NATURALES, PROPIEDAD COMUNITARIA Y PROTECCIONES PARA INQUILINOS.

## 9. BATHROOMS

WE NEED CLEAN, ACCESSIBLE  
BATHROOMS THROUGHOUT THE  
SYSTEM.

## 9. BAÑOS:

NECESITAMOS BAÑOS LIMPIOS Y  
ACCESIBLES EN TODO EL SISTEMA.



Public restrooms in downtown San Diego. / Photo by Adriana Heldiz





## 10. EMERGENCY READY TRANSIT SYSTEM

ENSURE THE PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM HAS AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE IN PLACE TO RAPIDLY TRANSPORT EJ COMMUNITIES AWAY FROM DANGEROUS AREAS DURING EMERGENCIES.

### 10. SISTEMA DE TRÁNSITO LISTO PARA EMERGENCIAS:

ASEGÚRESE DE QUE EL SISTEMA DE TRÁNSITO PÚBLICO TENGA UNA RESPUESTA DE EMERGENCIA PARA TRANSPORTAR RÁPIDAMENTE A LAS COMUNIDADES DE EJ LEJOS DE LAS ÁREAS PELIGROSAS DURANTE LAS EMERGENCIAS.

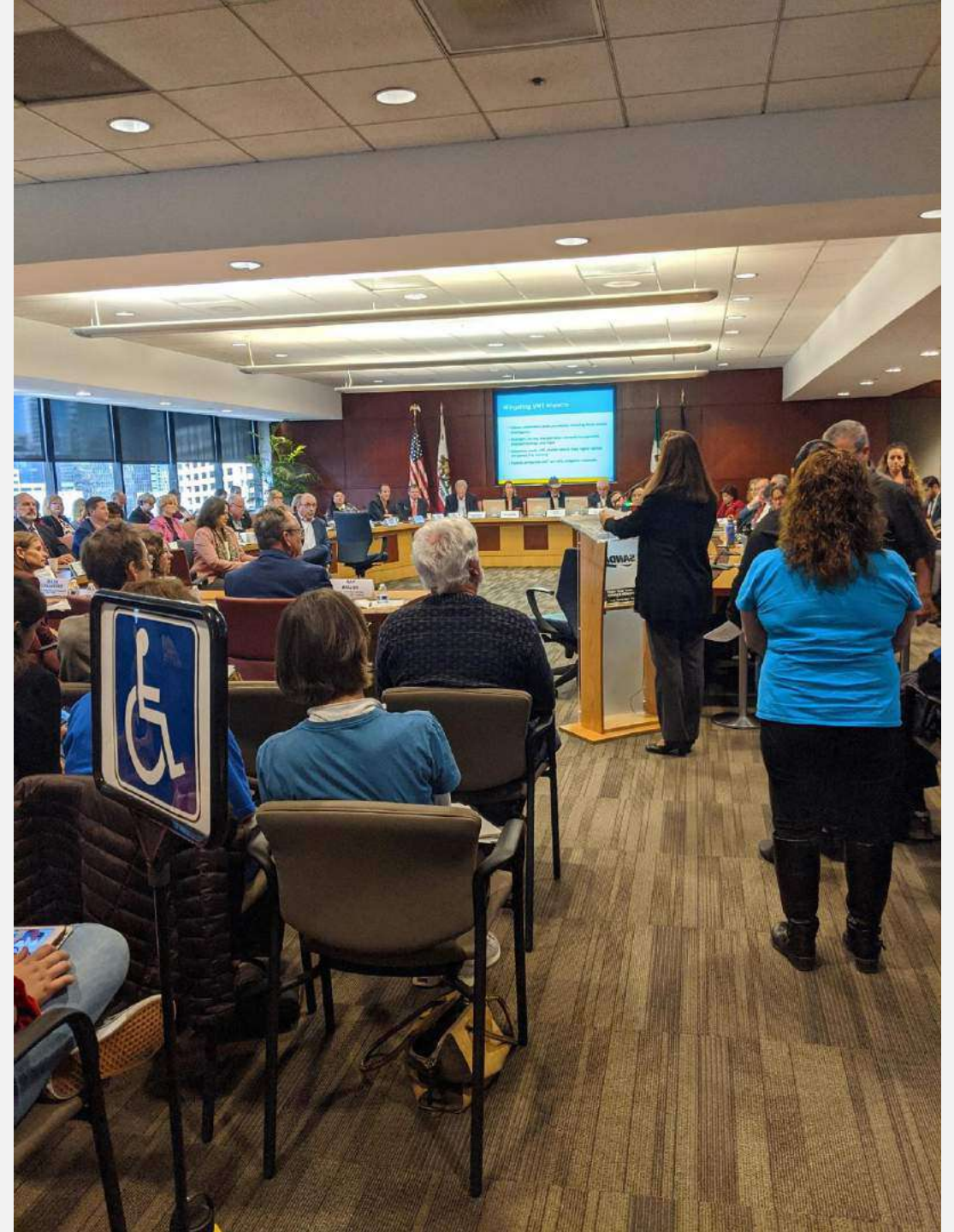


WE NEED YOUR VOICE TO TELL  
SANDAG THAT A RTP THAT  
WORKS FOR EJ COMMUNITIES,  
WORKS FOR ALL OF SAN  
DIEGO.

THANK YOU.

NECESITAMOS SU VOZ PARA  
DECIRLE A SANDAG QUE UN  
PLAN DE TRANSPORTE  
REGIONAL QUE FUNCIONA  
PARA LAS COMUNIDADES DE EJ,  
FUNCIONA PARA TODO SAN  
DIEGO.

GRACIAS.



# TAKING ACTION FOR TRANSPORTATION EQUITY IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY

<https://bit.ly/3gLfAgz>



## READ OVER 10 TALKING POINTS

- Decide what you want to submit to SANDAG
- You may want to submit all 10 or just one or several
- May want to add own language or write up own comment
- Limit of 4000 characters



A vibrant night scene of fireworks exploding in the sky. The fireworks are primarily red and orange, with some yellow and white sparks. They are set against a dark blue night sky. In the center of the image, there is a solid green rectangular box with white text. The text is a thank-you message for commenting and advocating for equitable and sustainable transit in San Diego.

Thank you for commenting and  
advocating for equitable and  
sustainable transit in San Diego!