



State Route 15 Mid-City Bus Rapid Transit Project

FACT SHEET

GOALS

Improve transit system access to the Mid-City community;

Facilitate the creation of a BRT system;

Improve transit operations;

Enhance transit service to accommodate planned growth.

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THE PROJECT

Caltrans has partnered with the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) to build a project that will help improve transit service and operations along the Mid-City portion of State Route 15 (SR-15) in conjunction with local transit operations and is consistent with the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan.

Construction includes northbound and southbound Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) lanes within the existing median, BRT stations at University Avenue and El Cajon Boulevard and elevator and stairs that connect pedestrians from the freeway level transit station to the street level of University Avenue and El Cajon Boulevard.

BUS RAPID TRANSIT

Metropolitan Transit Services (MTS) will be the operator of the BRT service at these stations. Along the Interstate 15 corridor there will be limited stops at transit stations between downtown San Diego and Escondido where passengers can transfer to the Interstate 805 BRT service, with service to Sorrento Valley and the Golden Triangle area, as well as the these mid-city transit stations. Transfers at El Cajon Boulevard will be to the mid-city rapid bus route and transfers at University Avenue will be to downtown, Balboa Park, and to the college area.

FUNDING & STATUS

The estimated cost for the preferred alternative is \$40.7 million. The TransNet half-cent sales tax is providing \$22 million for operations of BRT service and construction of proposed transit stations on SR-15 at El Cajon Boulevard and University Avenue and bus-only lanes between interstates 8 and 805. The environmental phase is complete and design is expected to take two years.

