Transportation Network Themes

We Heard You

Thank you for sharing your priorities for our region’s future. Using the guiding question of what our transportation network should look like in 30 years, thousands of residents across the region provided their input on the network themes most important to them through open houses, focus groups, emails, online and print surveys, comment cards, and social media. We greatly appreciate all of the input and ideas regarding your big-picture vision for the future of transportation in the San Diego region. This input will be used to help develop network scenarios, which will be available for public input later this summer.

Survey Results

When it comes to our region's future, what is most important to you?

- Congestion relief: 60%
- Economic prosperity: 40%
- Smart growth: 20%
- Habitat preservation: 20%
- Healthy communities: 20%
- Climate change and the environment: 20%
- Cross-border travel: 10%
- Use of emerging technologies: 10%

Given the reality of limited transportation funding, what transportation issues are most important to your quality of life?

- Shorter commute times/reduced congestion: 60%
- More transit options: 40%
- Increased transit frequency: 20%
- More walking and biking options: 20%
- Connections to regional employment and entertainment districts: 20%
- Transportation system safety: 20%
- Road repair and maintenance: 10%

How much do you think emerging and future technologies should be considered?

- A little: 12%
- A moderate amount: 39%
- A lot: 47%
- Not at all: 3%

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Summary of Public Input

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We’ve carefully reviewed the comments shared by residents. Some of the input and ideas we heard include:

**Healthy Communities**
- Invest in infrastructure to support active transportation, such as protected bike lanes, transit connections, bike parking, and trails
- Increase safety for bike riders and pedestrians
- Enhance first mile/last mile connections
- Accommodate the travel needs of seniors and other vulnerable populations
- Reduce congestion to lower commute times and enhance quality of life
- Reduce transit fares to increase ridership

**Congestion Relief**
- Expand the bus and Trolley system to employment centers
- Enhance frequency, efficiency, choices, and reliability of transit
- Expand and maintain highway infrastructure in highly congested areas
- Enhance cross border travel infrastructure and connections
- Incentivize employers providing transit passes
- Expand carpool and Managed Lanes
- Consider double-decker freeways

**Climate Change and Environment**
- Protect air quality
- Encourage production and support of alternative energy sources (solar, electric)
- Preserve open space and natural habitats
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by encouraging alternative transportation to help support local jurisdictions’ Climate Action Plans
- Support electric vehicles and increase the number of charging stations
- Reduce transportation-related pollution levels in disadvantaged communities
- Use more electric or solar-powered buses

**Housing, Jobs, and Economy**
- Improve transportation connections between where people currently work and live, as well as where people will work and live in the future especially for disadvantaged communities
- Support more affordable, mixed-use housing along major transit corridors
- Increase mixed-use, smart growth development in the existing urban areas
- Improve transportation to improve the economy

**Emerging Technologies**
- Create infrastructure to support autonomous and connected vehicles
- Use technology to help relieve congestion
- Support mobility hubs and the services/programs they contain
- Use real time phone alerts to enhance traffic flow

**2019 Regional Plan Development Timeline**

San Diego Forward: The 2019-2050 Regional Plan will build upon the 2015 Regional Plan, which merged local planning efforts, emerging issues, and innovative concepts into an overall vision for the region’s future, including specific actions to turn that vision into reality. The public input gathered during the network theme outreach phase will be used to inform development of transportation network scenarios. These draft networks will include a variety of projects, programs, and services that will be evaluated by performance measures approved by the SANDAG Board of Directors in March 2018. Later this summer, there will be several opportunities for the public to weigh in and provide input on these network scenarios. A preferred scenario, which will form the core of the 2019 Regional Plan, will be selected by the Board of Directors in fall 2018.

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