



Social Services Transportation Advisory Council Agenda

Tuesday, July 18, 2023
10 a.m.

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Reports

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April DeJesus, SANDAG, Sarah Pierce, City of San Diego

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May 16, 2023, Meeting Minutes

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Chair Meagan Schmidt (Facilitating Access to Coordinated Transportation [FACT] – Seat A) called the meeting of the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) to order at 10:01 a.m.

1. Public Comments/Communications/Member Comments

There were no public or member comments.

Reports

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

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There were no public comments on this item.

Action: Upon a motion by Jay Washburn (MTS Paratransit), and a second by Wayne Landon (Special Interest Voting Member – Seat A), the SSTAC voted to approve the minutes from its January 17, 2023, meeting.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Schmidt, Vice Chair Alex Warner (At Large Voting Member – Seat C), Wayne Landon, David Jackson (At-Large Voting Member – Seat A), Marcy Roke (Traveler's Aid), Carla Perez (MTS Fixed Route), and Jay Washburn.

No: None.

Abstain: Clytie Kohler (Special Interest Voting Member – Seat B) and Kristine Stensberg (Jewish Family Services),

Absent: At-Large Voting Member – Seat B, San Diego Center for the Blind, Options for All, The Arc of San Diego, FACT – Seat B, NCTD – Fixed Route, and NCTD Paratransit.

3. Access for all Cycle 2 Call for Projects

Associate Grants Program Analyst Benjamin Gembler presented an update on the evaluation criteria, goals, and objectives for the Access for All Cycle 2 Call for Projects.

Matt, member of the public, spoke regarding application requirements.

Arun Prem, FACT, spoke regarding proposed changes for consideration for the grants program Call for Projects.

Action: Information only.

4. ADA Effective Communications

Senior Administrative Analyst Catherine Thibault presented an update on the ongoing efforts by SANDAG to alleviate barriers to communications for persons living with a disability.

Ethel Miranda, member of the public, spoke in support of this item.

Action: Discussion only.

5. SSTAC Membership

Regional Planner Ashley Wiley presented the SSTAC membership rotation process and discussed opportunities to serve on the SSTAC. Ashley Wiley explained the application process and asked for volunteers to serve on the selection panel.

There were no public comments on this item.

Action: Discussion only.

6. Transit Operator Updates

Jay Washburn, MTS, presented an update regarding proposed service changes and other notable activities for MTS.

There were no public comments on this item.

Action: Information only

7. Facilitating Access to Coordinated Transportation

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There were no public comments on this item.

Action: Information only.

8. Staff Report

Associate Regional Planner Zaccary Bradt presented a report on notable activity within the SANDAG Short Range Transit section.

There were no public comments on this item.

Action: Information only

9. Public Hearing

As required by Public Utilities Codes 99238.5, the SSTAC conducted a public hearing to solicit the input of transit dependent and transit disadvantaged persons, including the elderly, disabled, and persons of limited means, on public transportation needs in San Diego County.

Chair Schmidt opened the public hearing at 10:58 a.m.

Ashley Wiley read two previously received public comments into the record.

Ethel Miranda commented regarding prioritizing accessibility for visually impaired on transit.

Todd Lordson commented regarding the no ADA service along the 56 corridor and increased funding for grants supporting transportation options in the region.

Chair Schmidt commented regarding the need for increased funding for specialized transportation agencies.

Todd Shaw commented regarding improved training for transit operators.

Clytie Kohler commented regarding the need for more detailed location services in public access vehicles and automated systems working in all public transit.

Chair Schmidt closed the public hearing at 11:07 a.m.

Action: Conduct Hearing.

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Chair Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

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Confirmed Attendance at Social Services Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Jurisdiction	Name	Attended
Special Interest Voting Member (Seat A)	Ted Kagan (Primary)	No
	Wayne Landon (Alternate)	Yes
Special Interest Voting Member (Seat B)	Clytie Kohler (Primary)	Yes
	Sharon Beckas (Alternate)	No
At-Large Voting Member (Seat A)	David Jackson (Primary)	Yes
	Todd Shaw (Alternate)	No
At-Large Voting Member (Seat B)	Todd Lordson (Primary)	No
	Marisa Romero Lucero (Alternate)	No
At-Large Voting Member (Seat C)	Alex Warner (Primary)	Yes
	Lorry Seagrim (Alternate)	No
San Diego Center for the Blind	Vacant (Primary)	N/A
	Vacant (Alternate)	N/A
Travelers Aid Society of San Diego	Marcy Roke (Primary)	Yes
	Adrianna Yemhatpe (Alternate)	No
Options for All	Brian Nevo (Primary)	No
	Rachel Holiday, Alternate	No
The Arc of San Diego	Anthony DeSalis (Primary)	No
	Matt Mauer, (Alternate)	No
Jewish Family Services	Kristine Stensberg (Primary)	Yes
	Marilyn Greenblatt, (Alternate)	No
FACT (Seat A)	Meagan Schmidt, Chair	Yes
FACT (Seat B)	Arun Prem	No
MTS Fixed Route	Carla Perez	Yes
MTS Paratransit	Jay Washburn	Yes
NCTD Fixed Route	Mary Balderrama	No
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Action: Information only.

4.ADA Effective Communications

Senior Administrative Analyst Catherine Thibault presented an update on the ongoing efforts by SANDAG to alleviate barriers to communications for persons living with a disability.

Ethel Miranda, member of the public, spoke in support of this item.

Action: Discussion only.

5.SSTAC Membership

Regional Planner Ashley Wiley presented the SSTAC membership rotation process and discussed opportunities to serve on the SSTAC. Ashley Wiley explained the application process and asked for volunteers to serve on the selection panel.

There were no public comments on this item.

Action: Discussion only.

6.Transit Operator Updates

Jay Washburn, MTS, presented an update regarding proposed service changes and other notable activities for MTS.

There were no public comments on this item.

Action: Information only

7. Facilitating Access to Coordinated Transportation

Chair Schmidt presented an update on the most recent developments of Facilitating Access to Coordinated Transportation and the Council on Access and Mobility.

There were no public comments on this item.

Action: Information only.

8. Staff Report

Associate Regional Planner Zaccary Bradt presented a report on notable activity within the SANDAG Short Range Transit section.

There were no public comments on this item.

Action: Information only

9. Public Hearing

As required by Public Utilities Codes 99238.5, the SSTAC conducted a public hearing to solicit the input of transit dependent and transit disadvantaged persons, including the elderly, disabled, and persons of limited means, on public transportation needs in San Diego County.

Chair Schmidt opened the public hearing at 10:58 a.m.

Ashley Wiley read two previously received public comments into the record.

Ethel Miranda commented regarding prioritizing accessibility for visually impaired on transit.

Todd Lordson commented regarding the no ADA service along the 56 corridor and increased funding for grants supporting transportation options in the region.

Chair Schmidt commented regarding the need for increased funding for specialized transportation agencies.

Todd Shaw commented regarding improved training for transit operators.

Clytie Kohler commented regarding the need for more detailed location services in public access vehicles and automated systems working in all public transit.

Chair Schmidt closed the public hearing at 11:07 a.m.

Action: Conduct Hearing.

10. Upcoming Meetings

The next SSTAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 10 a.m.

11. Adjournment

Chair Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

Confirmed Attendance at Social Services Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Jurisdiction	Name	Attended
Special Interest Voting Member (Seat A)	Ted Kagan (Primary)	No
	Wayne Landon (Alternate)	Yes
Special Interest Voting Member (Seat B)	Clytie Kohler (Primary)	Yes
	Sharon Beckas (Alternate)	No
At-Large Voting Member (Seat A)	David Jackson (Primary)	Yes
	Todd Shaw (Alternate)	No
At-Large Voting Member (Seat B)	Todd Lordson (Primary)	
	Marisa Romero	No
	Lucero (Alternate)	No
At-Large Voting Member (Seat C)	Alex Warner (Primary)	Yes
		No

	Lorry Seagrim (Alternate)	
San Diego Center for the Blind	Vacant (Primary)	N/A
	Vacant (Alternate)	N/A
Travelers Aid Society of San Diego	Marcy Roke (Primary)	Yes
	Adrianna Yemhatpe (Alternate)	No
Options for All	Brian Nevo (Primary)	No
	Rachel Holiday, Alternate	No
The Arc of San Diego	Anthony DeSalis (Primary)	No
	Matt Mauer, (Alternate)	No
Jewish Family Services	Kristine Stensberg (Primary)	Yes
	Marilyn Greenblatt, (Alternate)	No

FACT (Seat A)	Meagan Schmidt, Chair	Yes
FACT (Seat B)	Arun Prem	No
MTS Fixed Route	Carla Perez	Yes
MTS Paratransit	Jay Washburn	Yes
NCTD Fixed Route	Mary Balderrama	No
NCTD Paratransit	Robert Gebo	No

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Flexible Fleets Update

Overview

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In support of the Flexible Fleets Strategic Plan, SANDAG has negotiated a Flexible Fleets On-Call for service operations. SANDAG also has been working with a subcommittee of the Mobility Working Group to identify priorities and three pilot areas that are currently underway: Pacific Beach Neighborhood Electric Vehicle (NEV) Shuttle, Oceanside NEV Shuttle, and Southeast San Diego Microtransit. Additionally, SANDAG is actively collaborating with Beep Inc., a mobility service provider selected through the Request for Innovative Concepts in 2022, to plan and fund additional pilots across the region.

Action: Information

Staff will present an update on SANDAG's Flexible Fleets program.

Fiscal Impact:

Flexible Fleets pilots are funded in Overall Work Program Project No. 3501000.

Schedule/Scope Impact:

None.

Flexible Fleets On-Call

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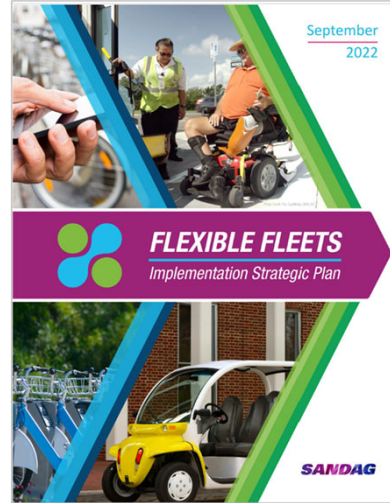
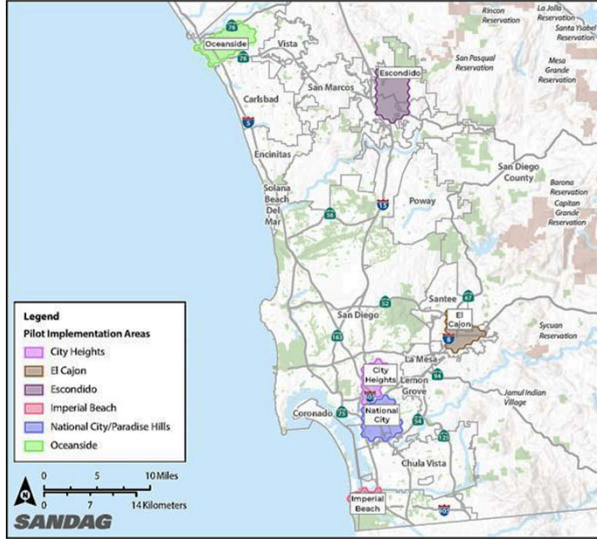
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Flexible Fleets Providers

Flexible Fleet Category	Selected Provider
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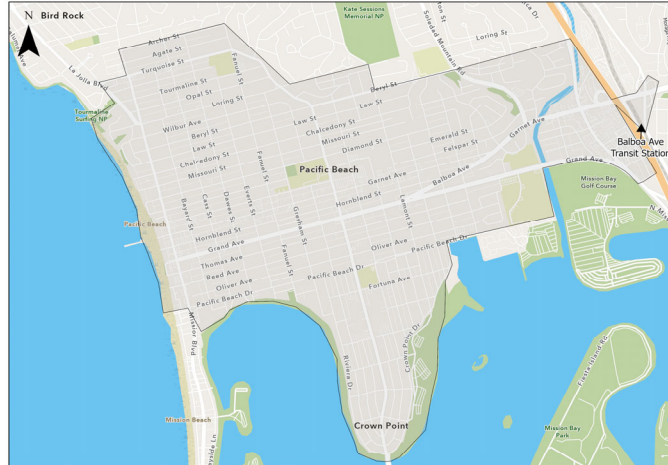
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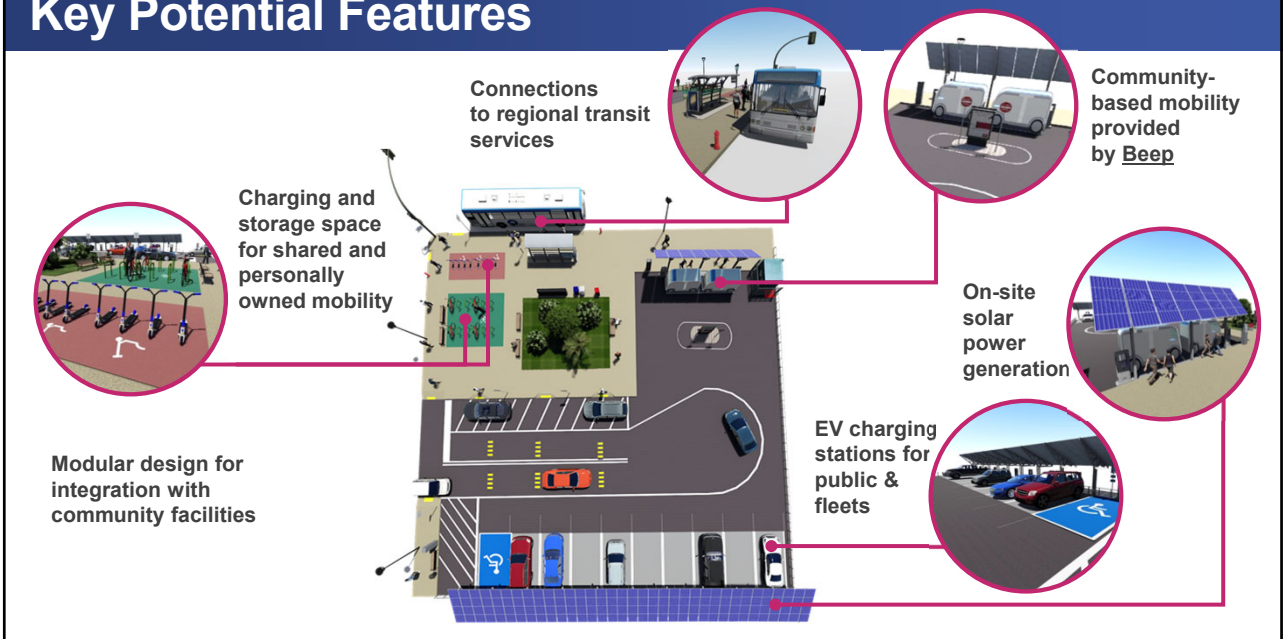
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Next Gen Rapid Conceptual Plans

Overview

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Key Considerations

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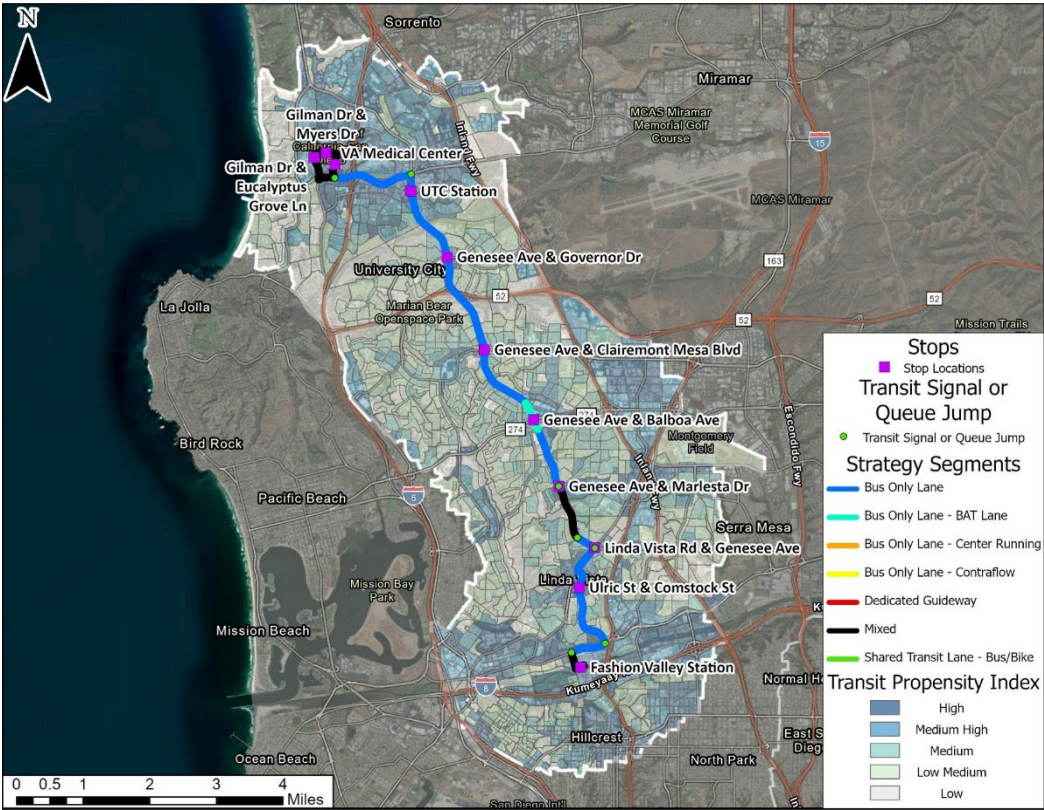
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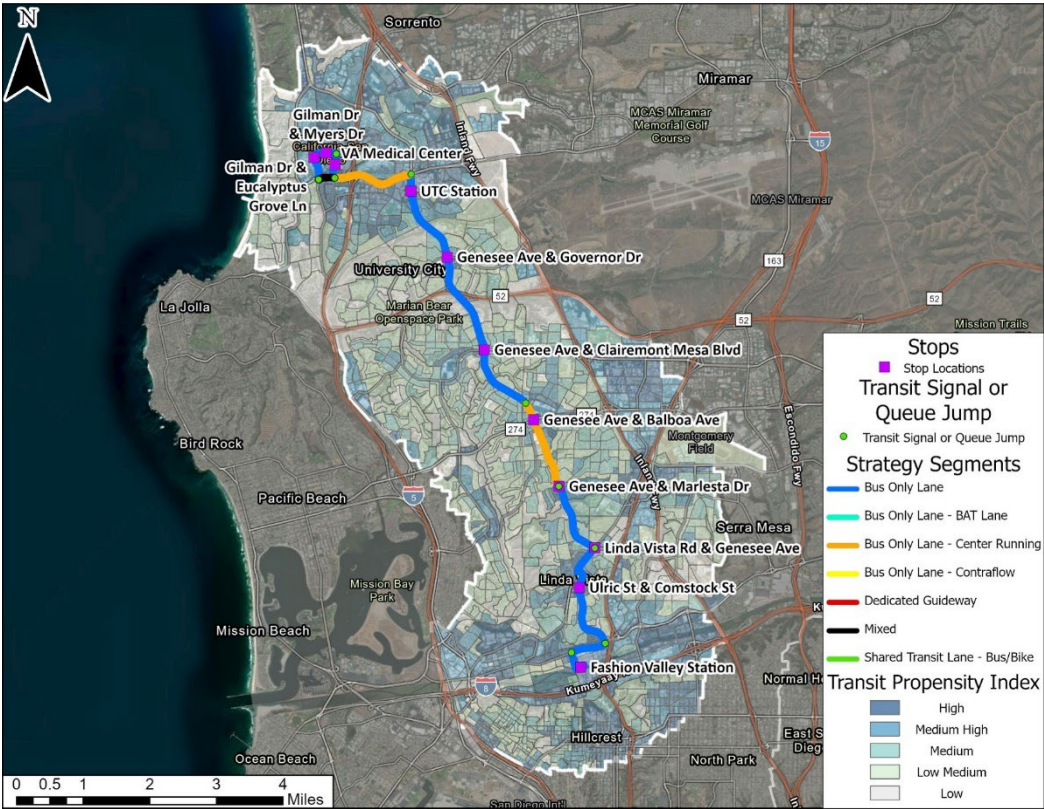
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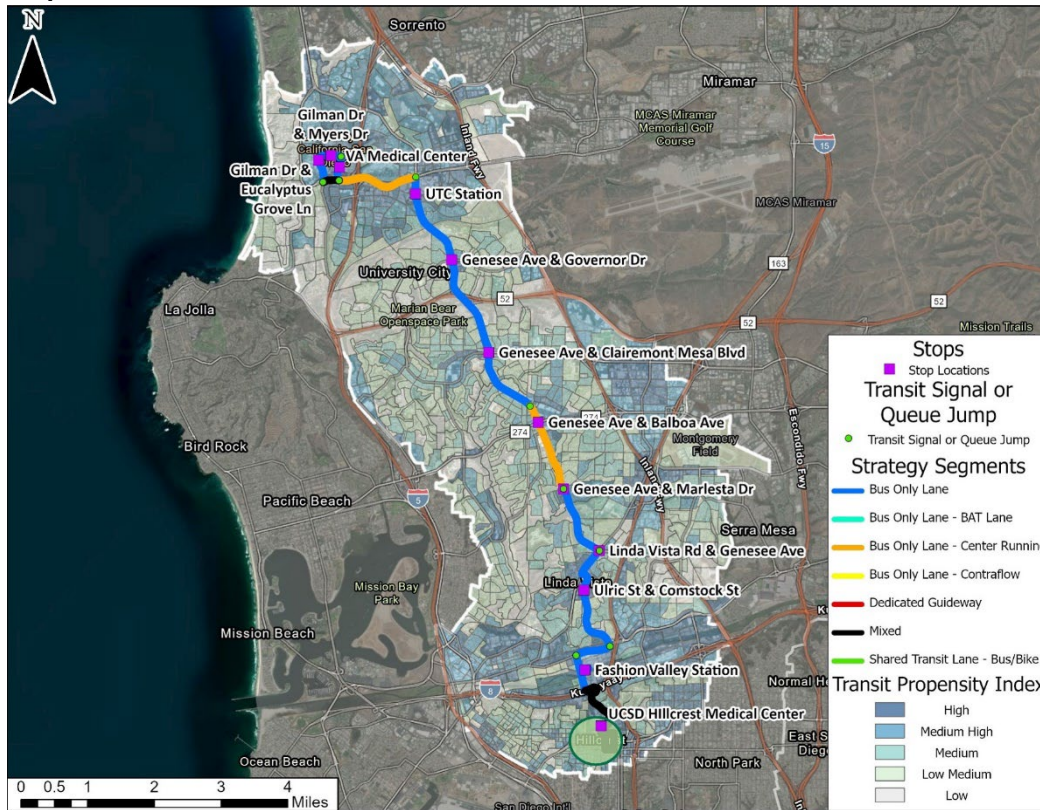
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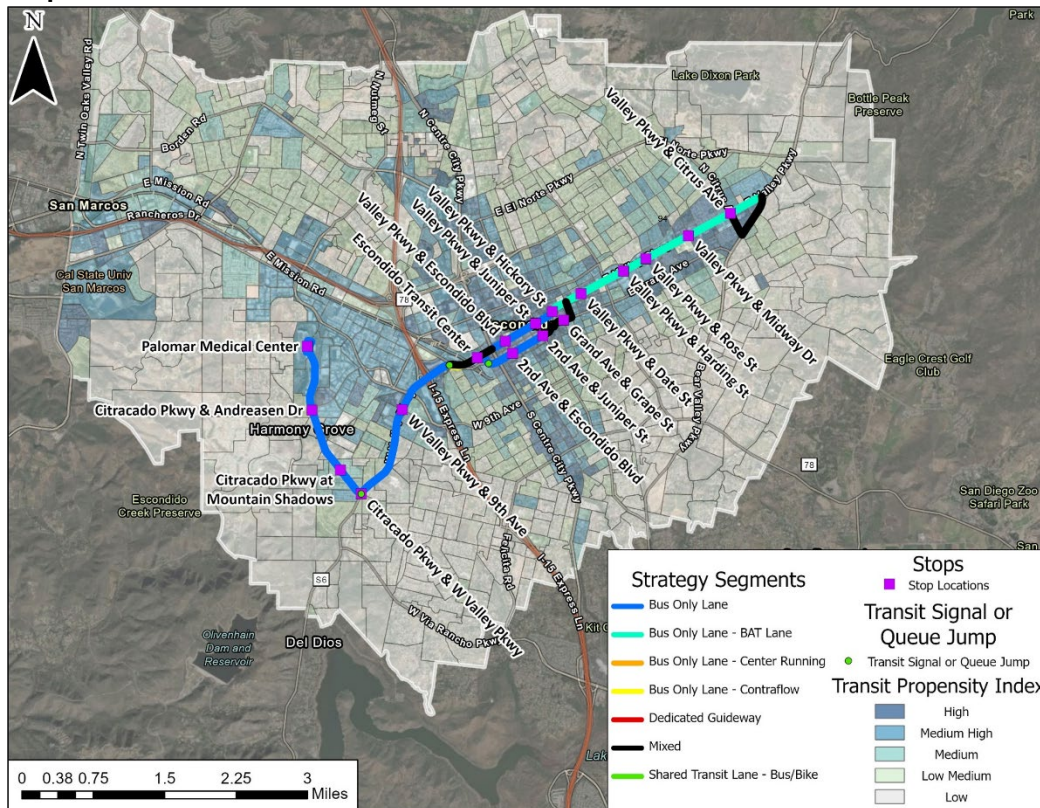
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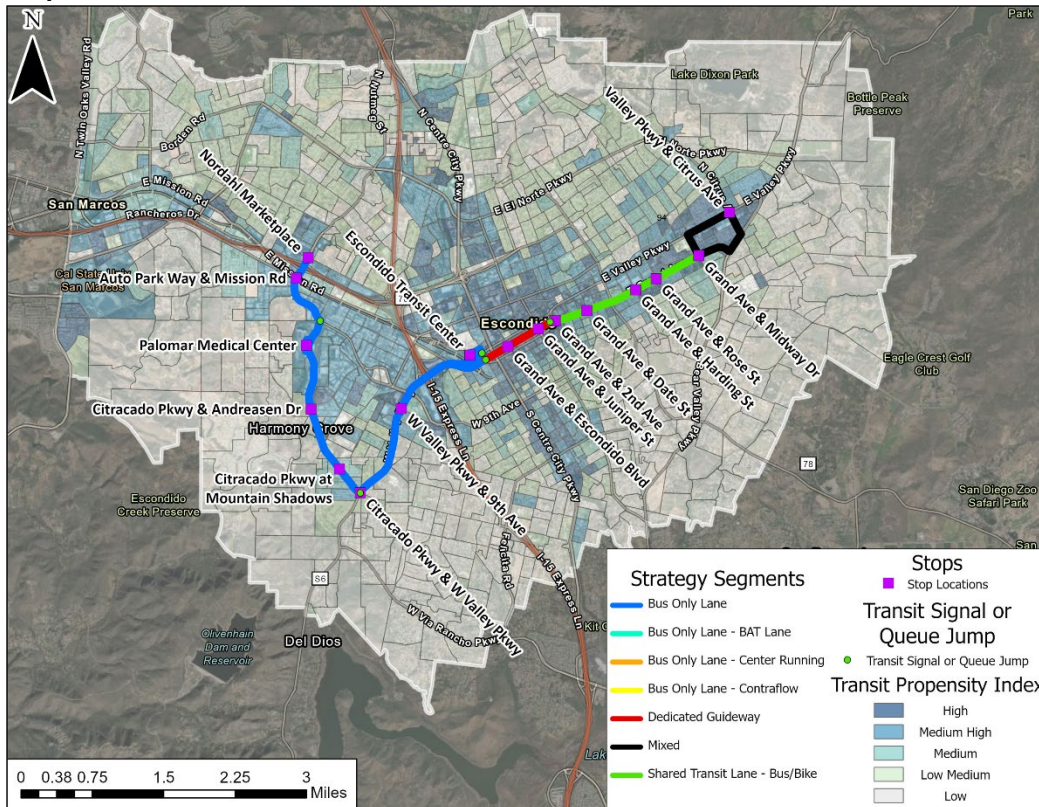
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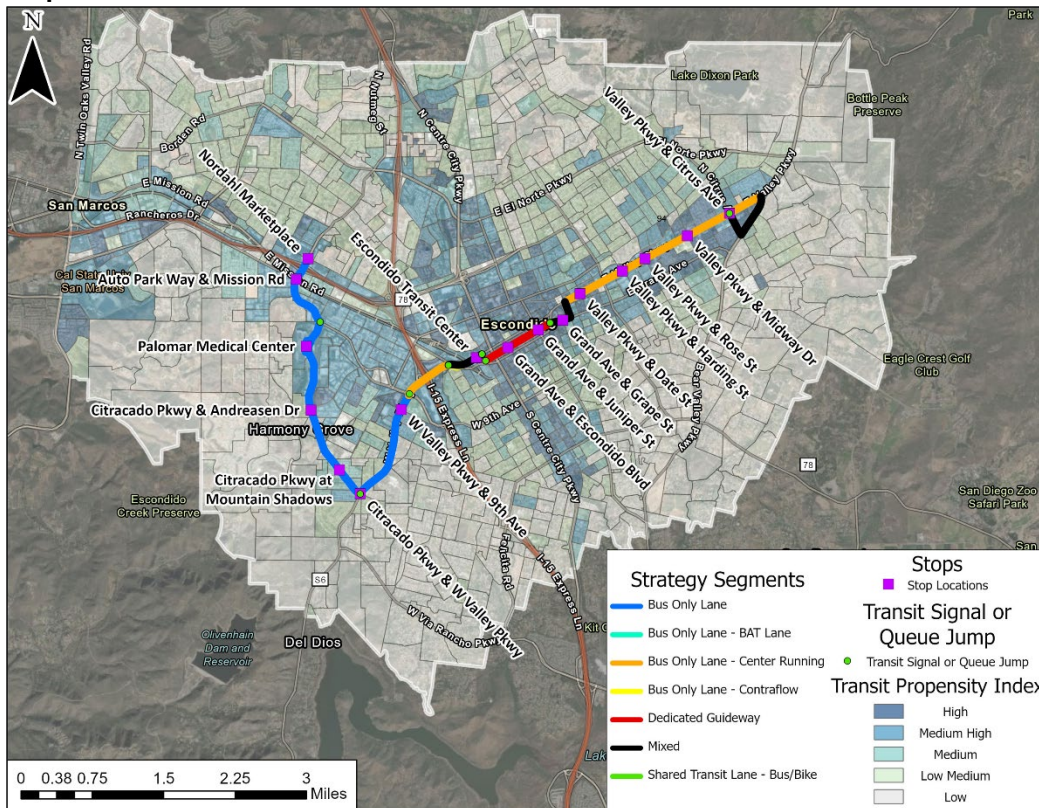
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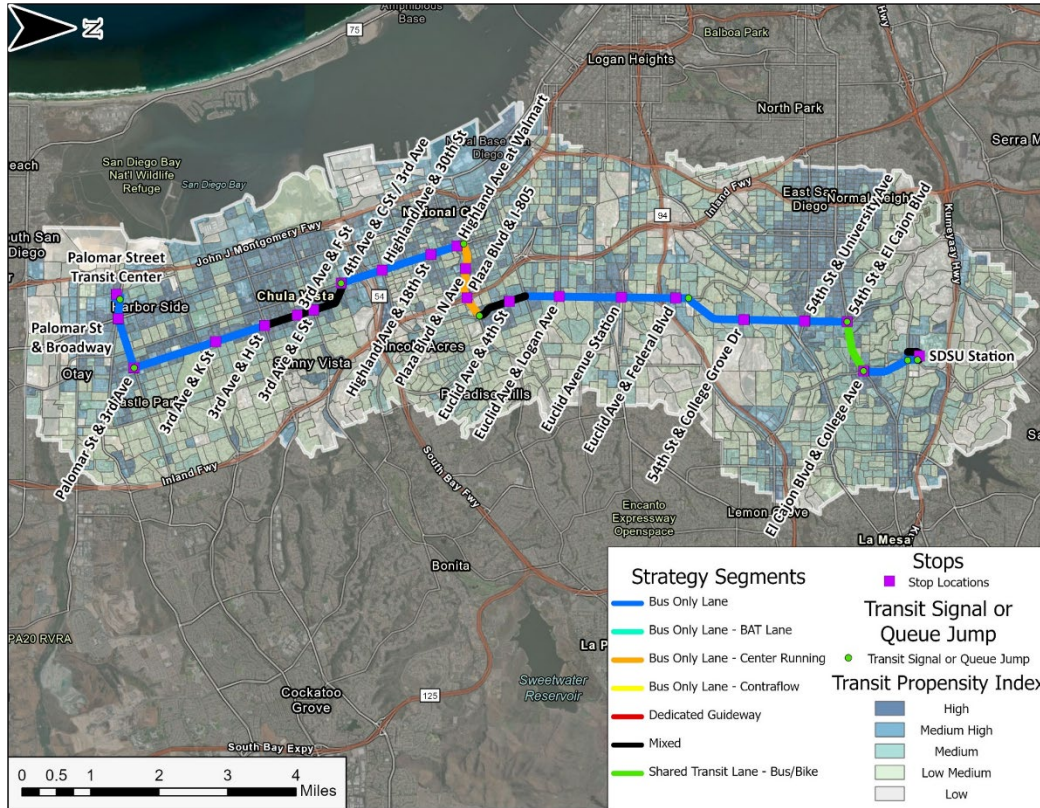
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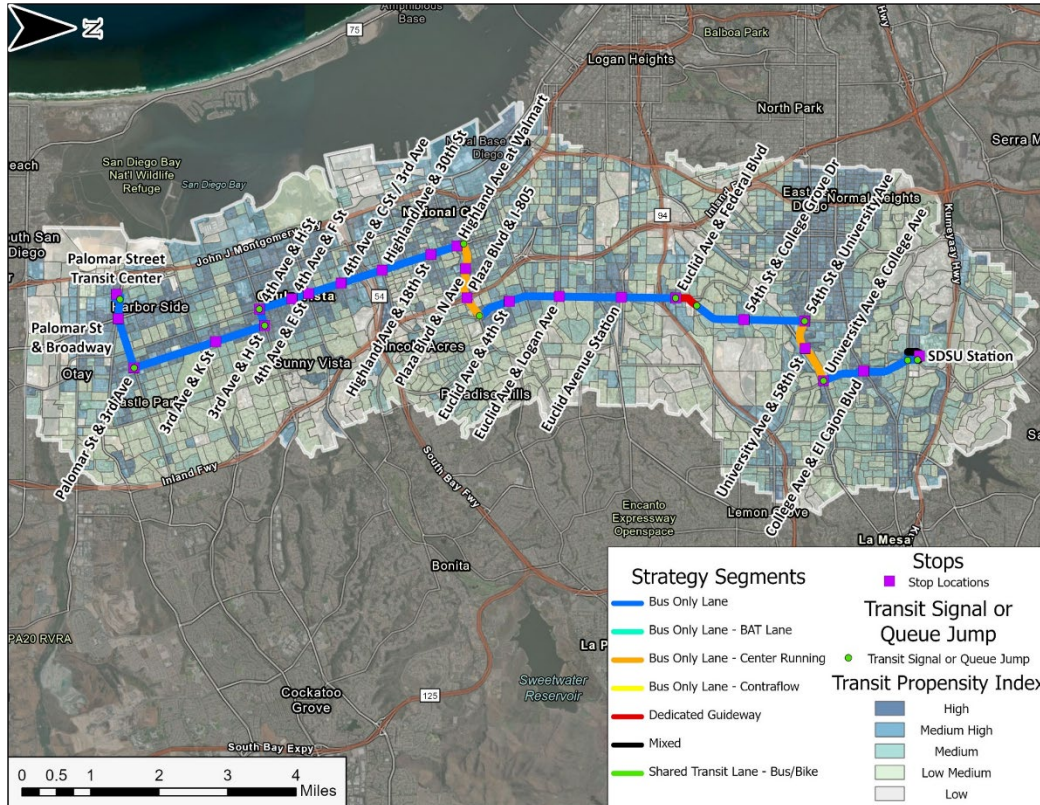
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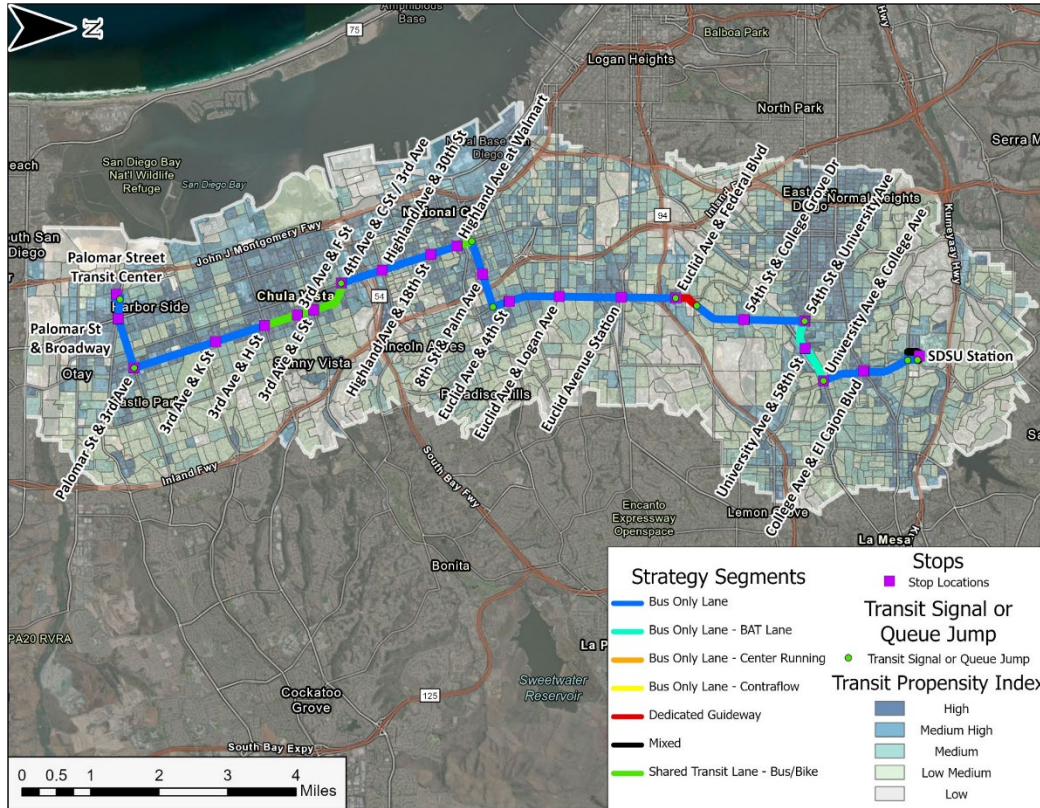
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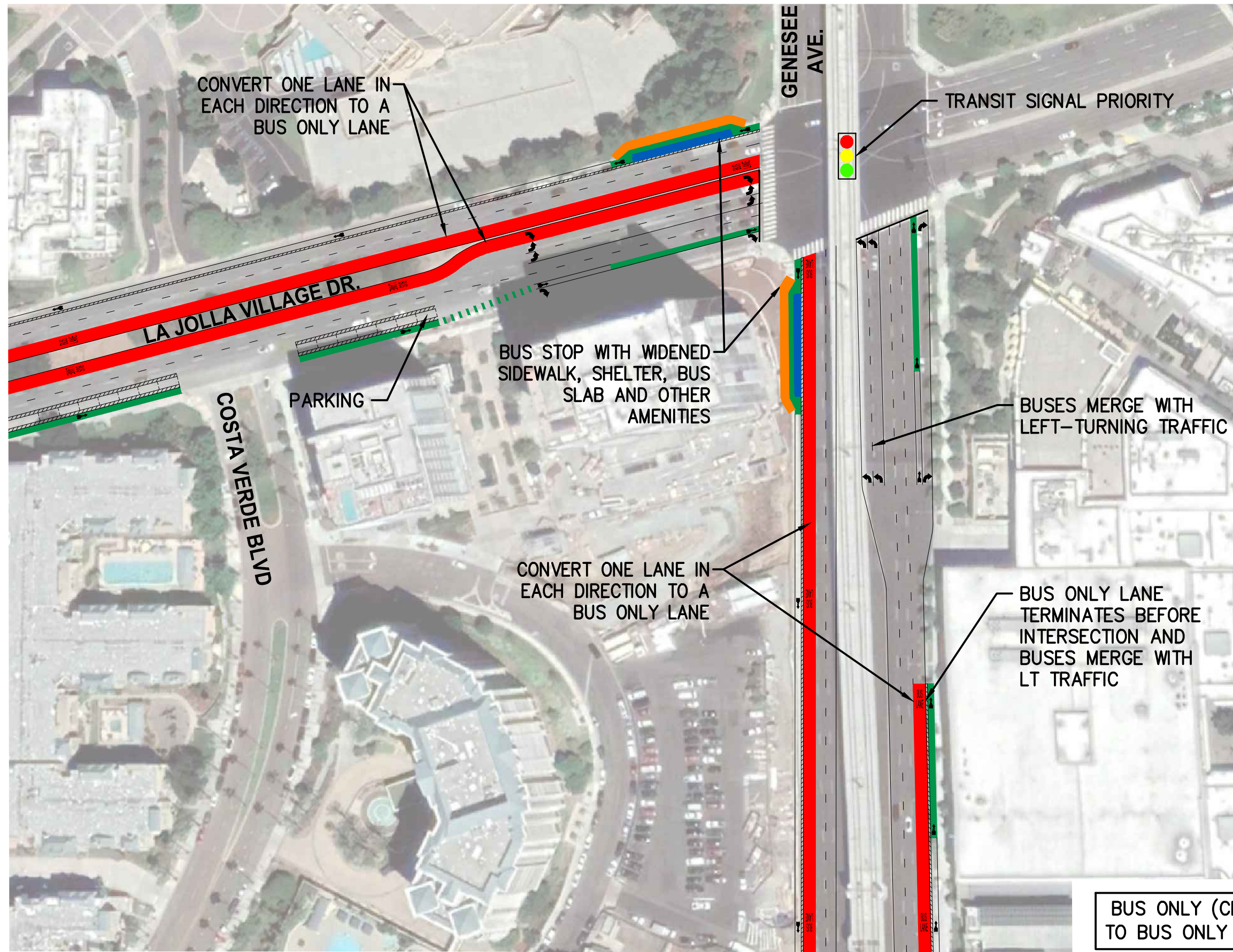


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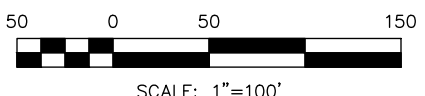


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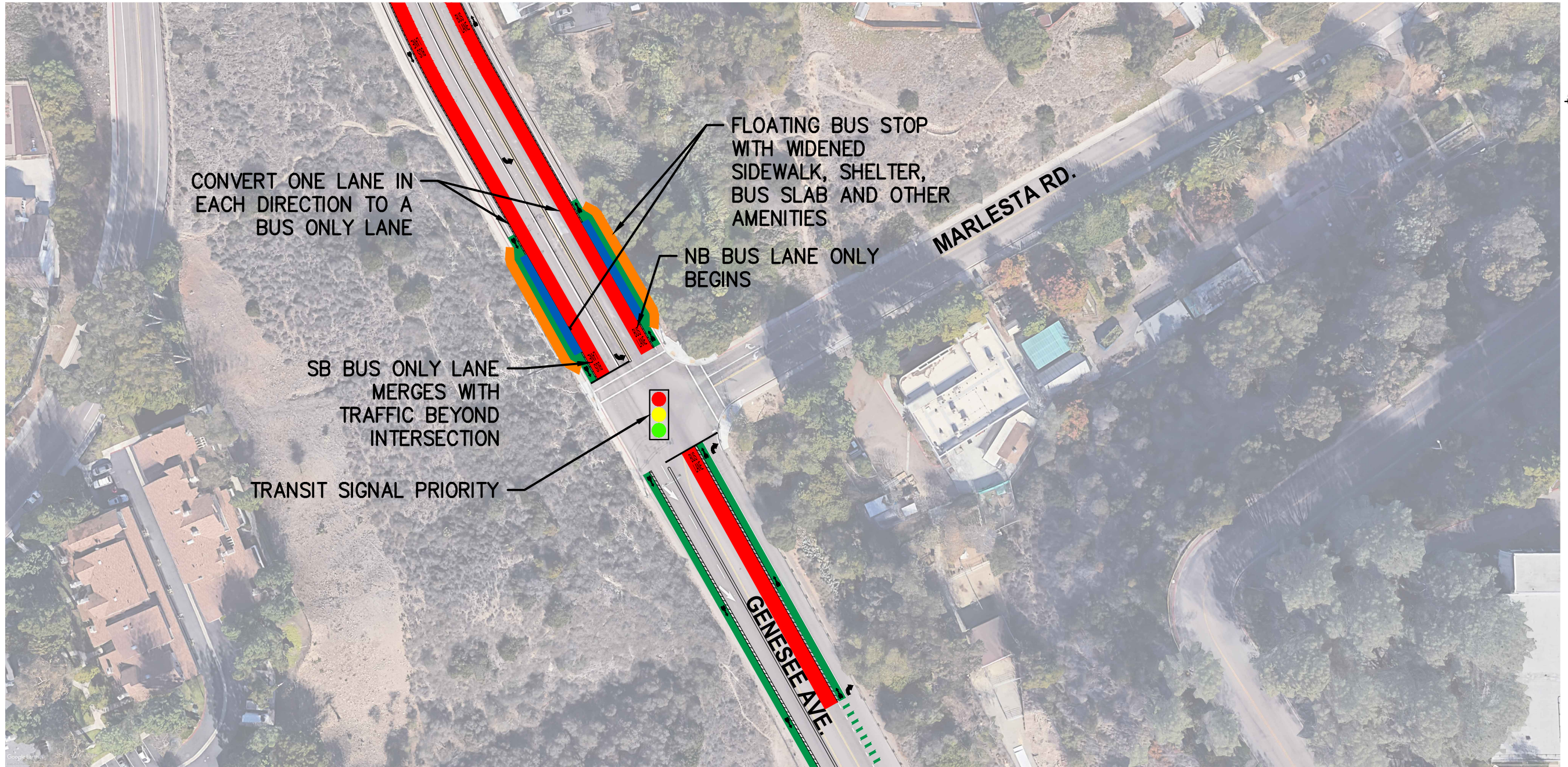


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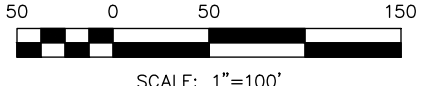
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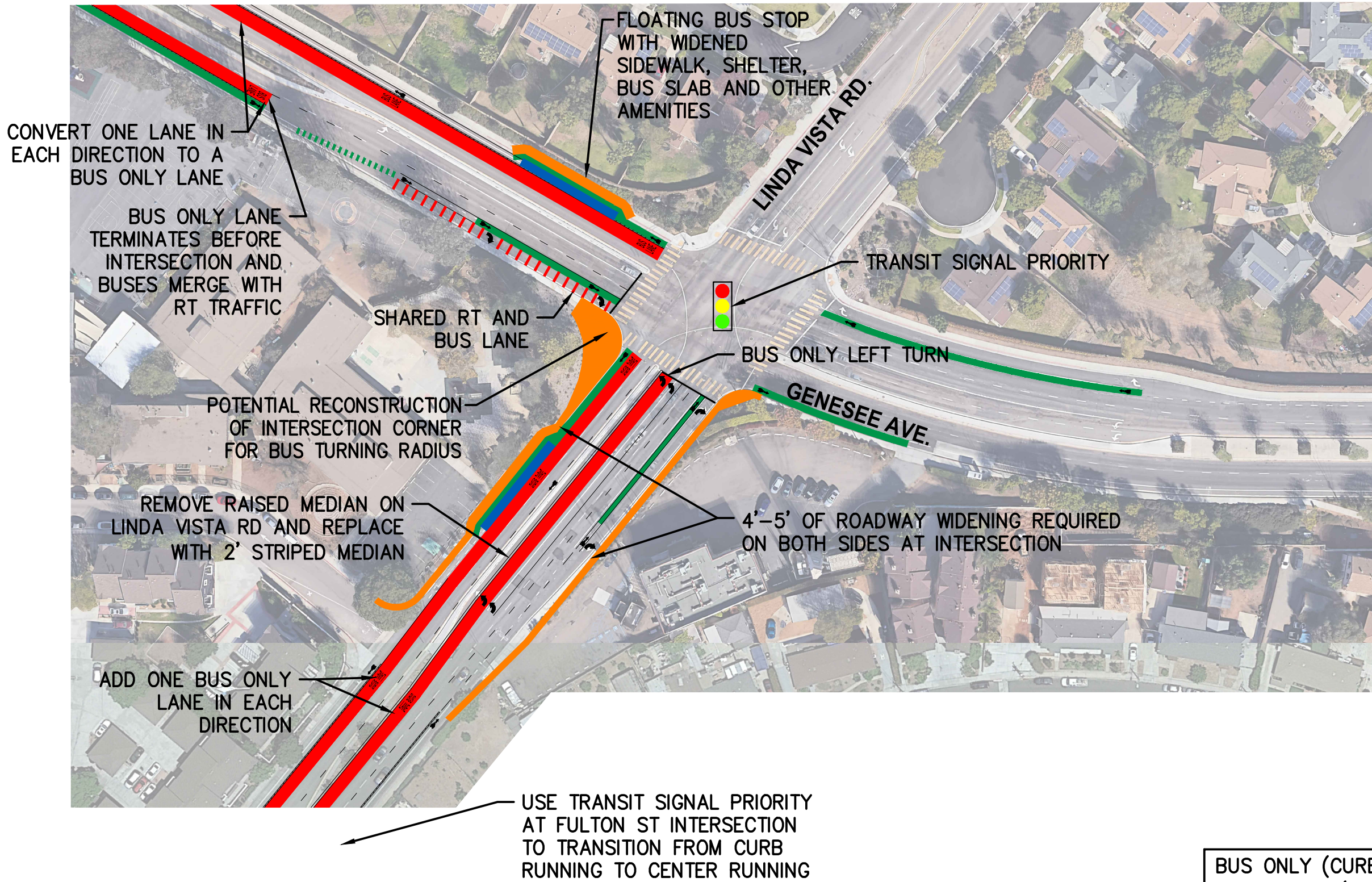
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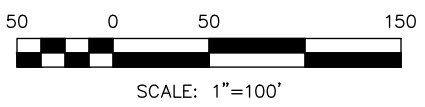
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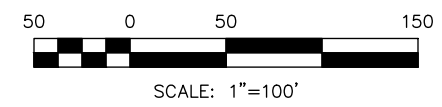
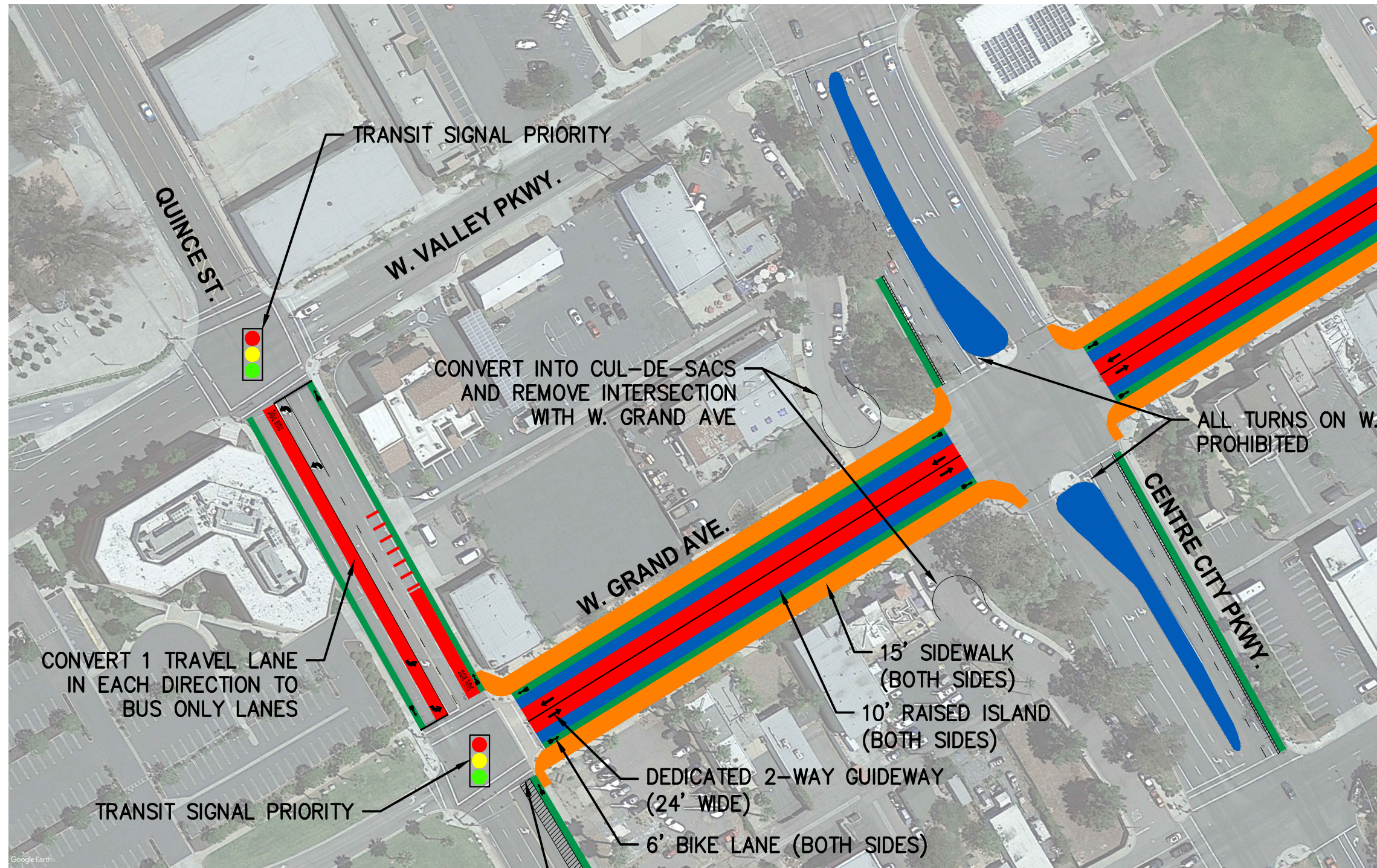
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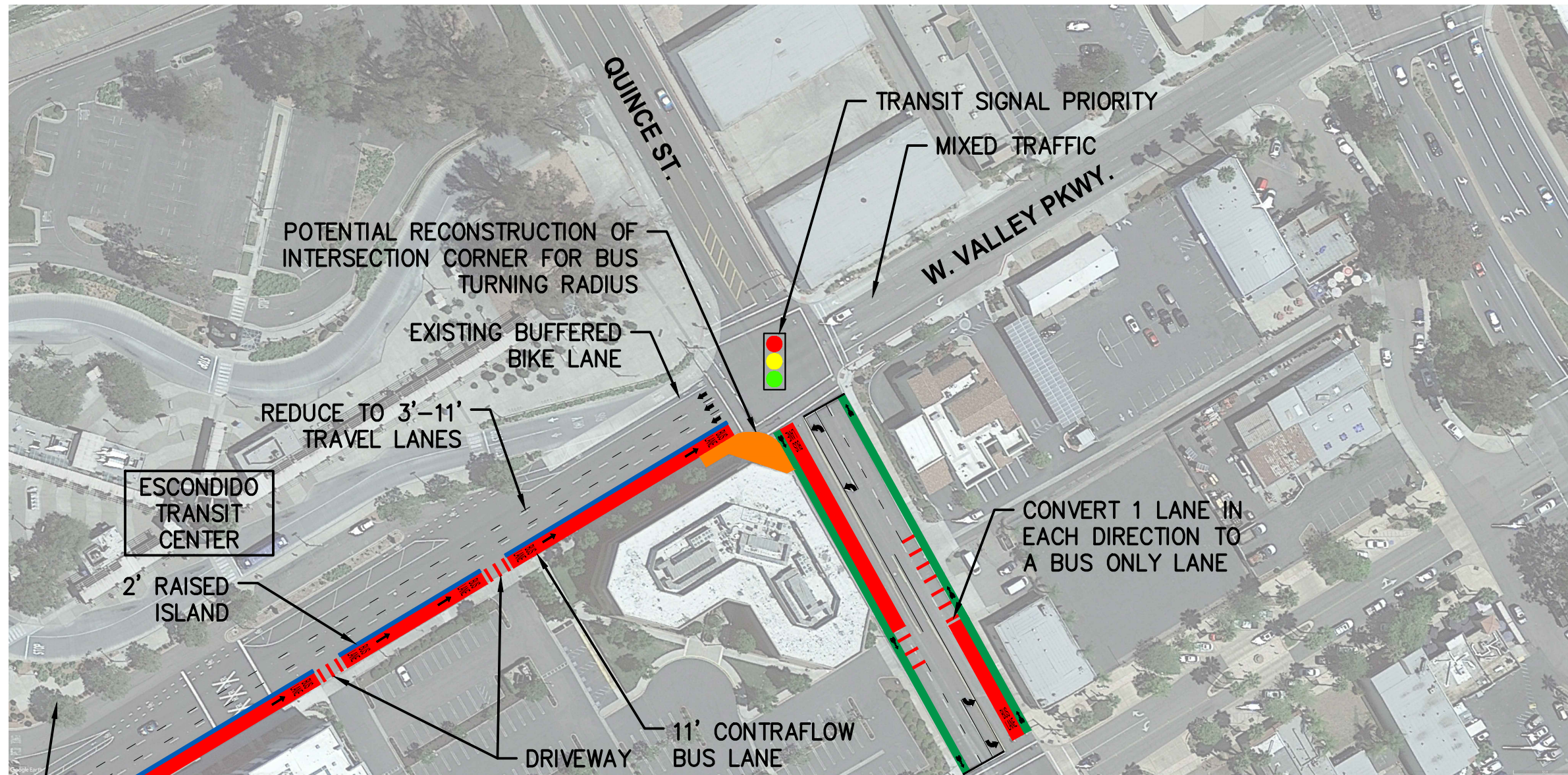
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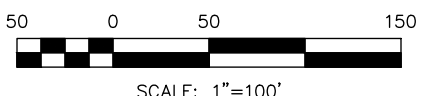
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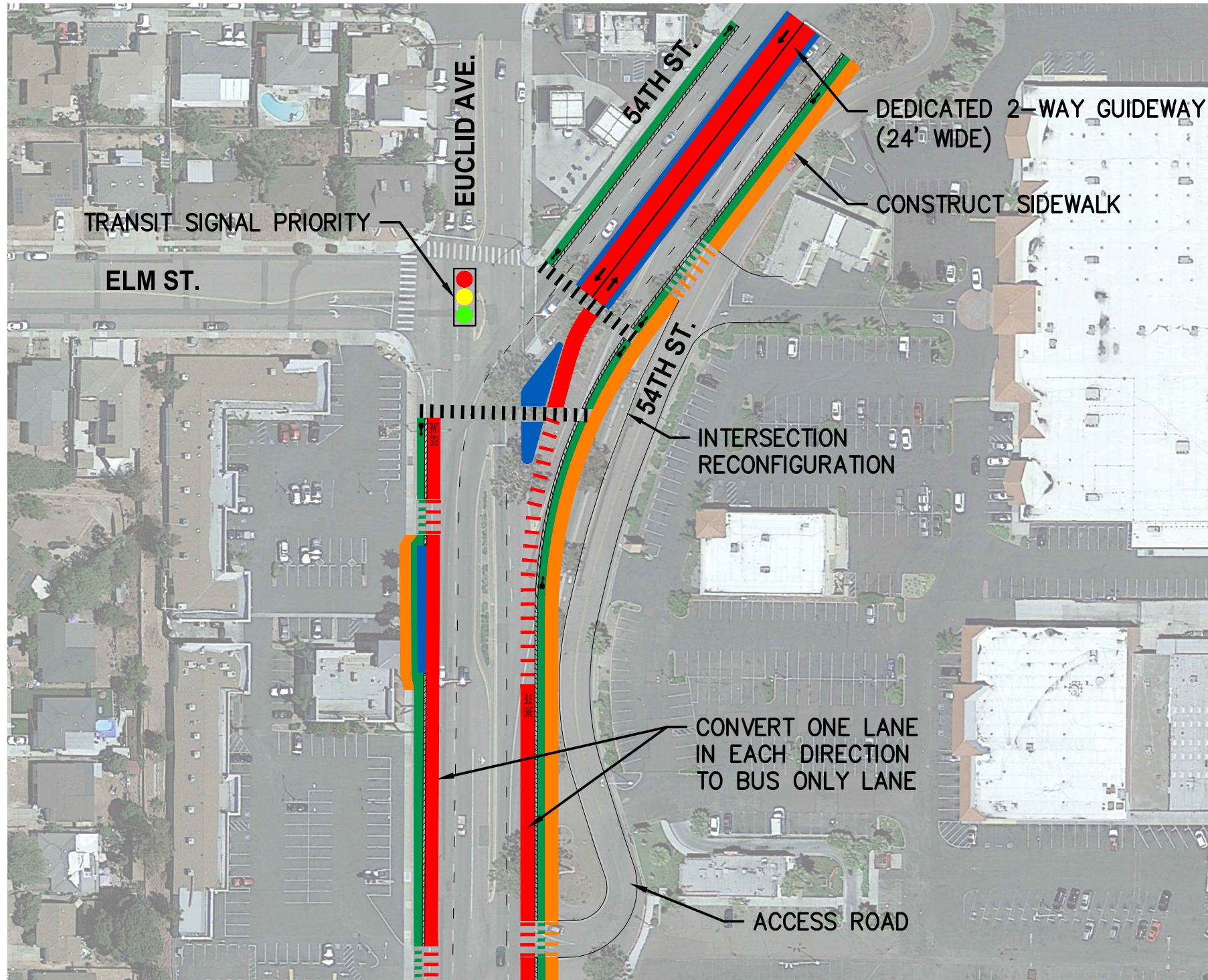
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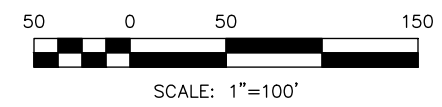
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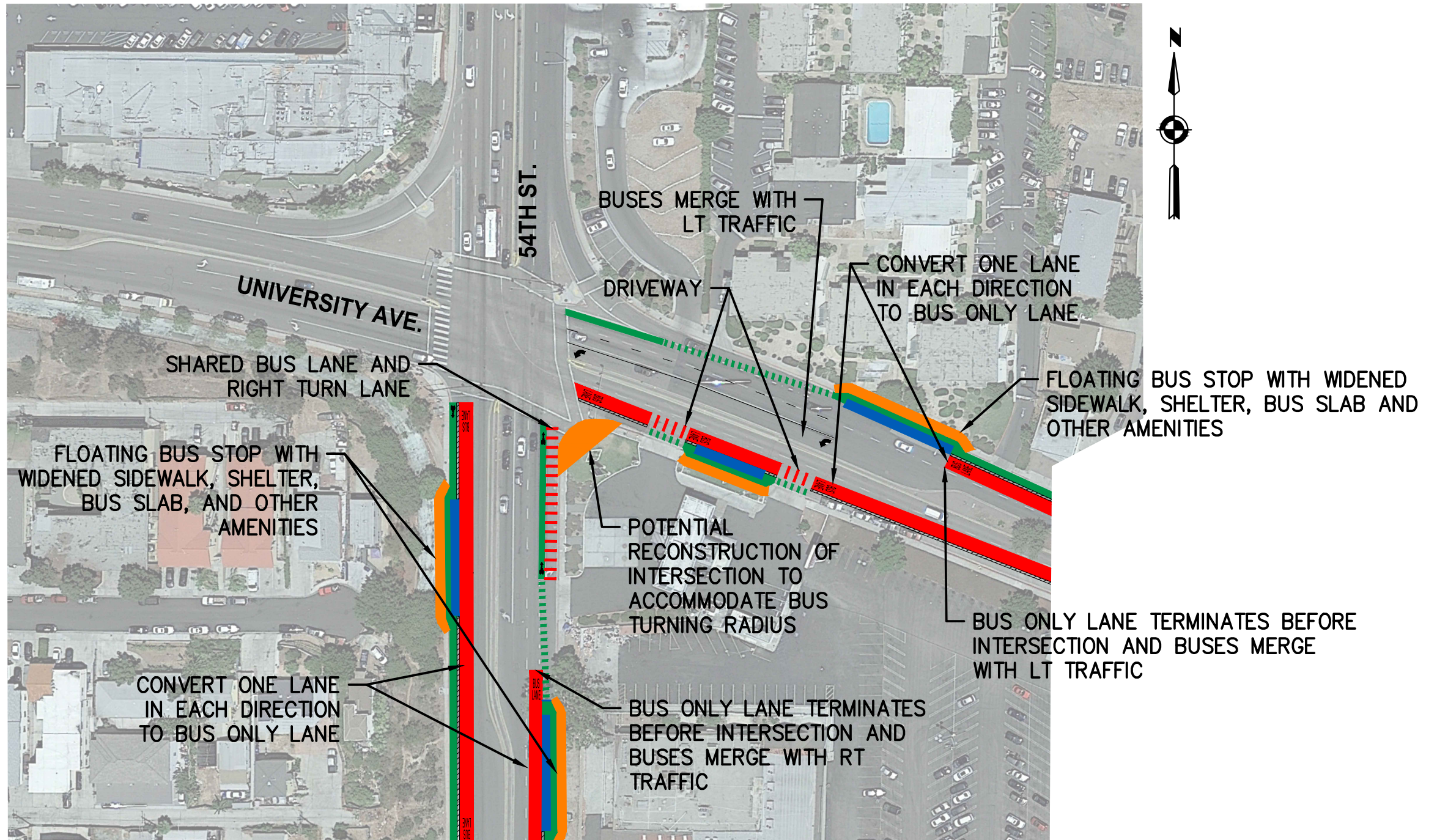
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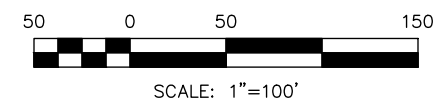
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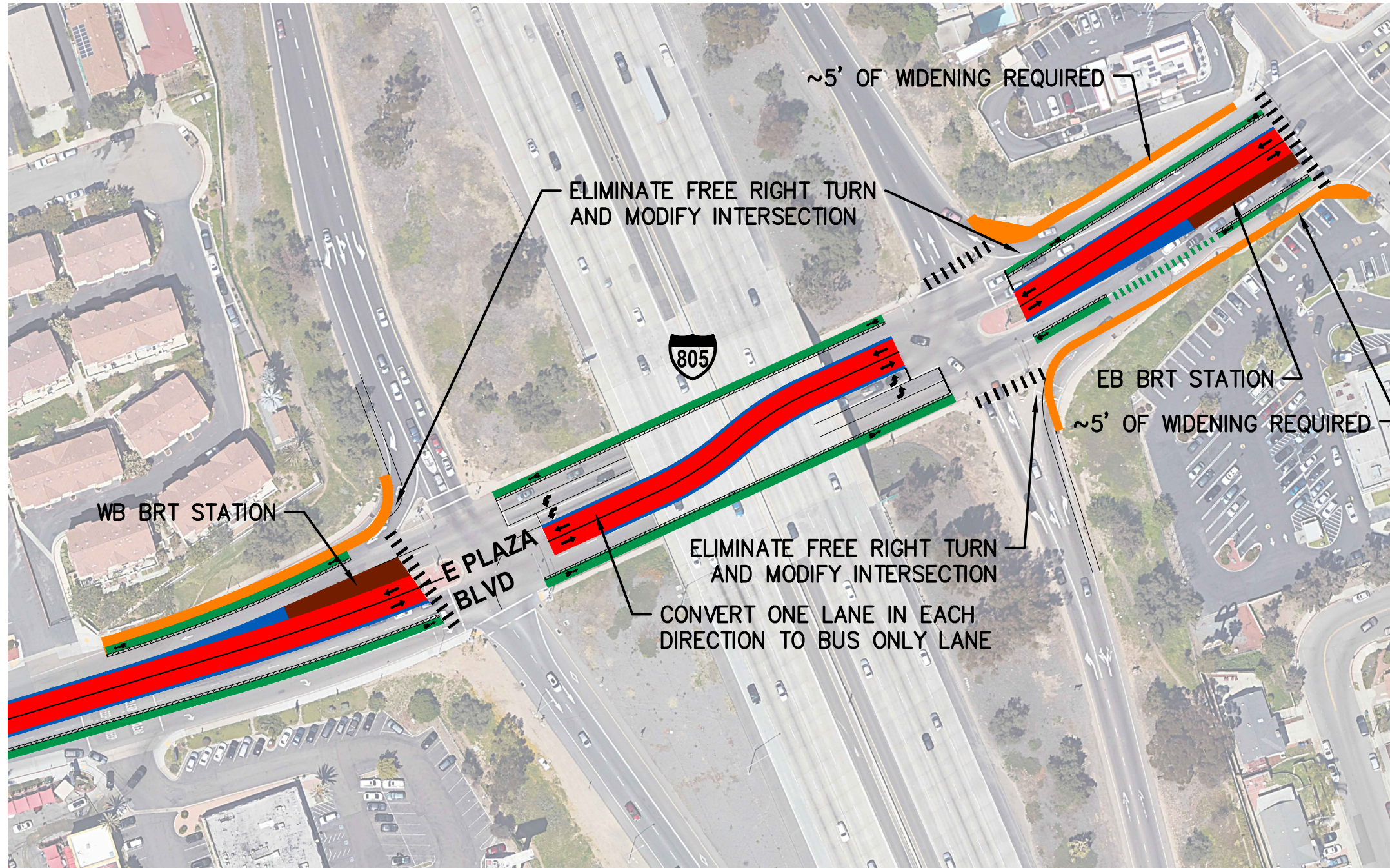
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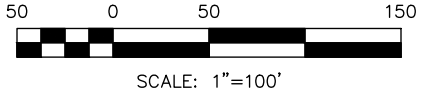
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Next Gen *Rapid* Routes 41, 471, and 625 Conceptual Planning

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Next Gen Rapid Study Overview



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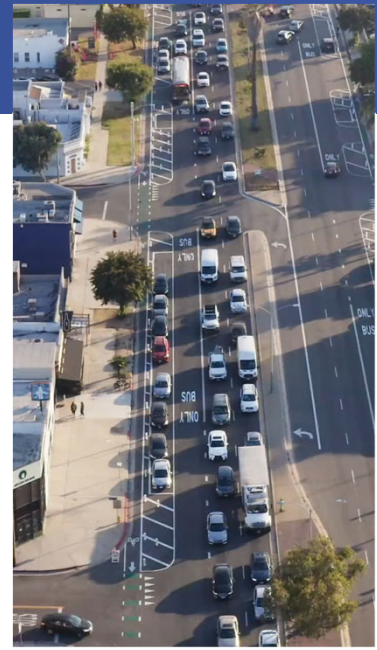
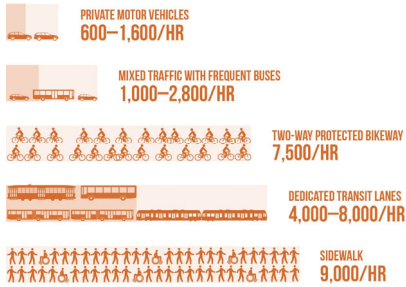
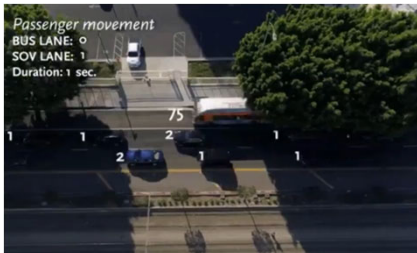
Roadway & Intersection Strategy Types

<p>Bus Only Lanes</p>	<p>Transit Signal Priority</p>	<p>Dedicated Guideways</p>

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How do bus lanes work?

- Bus lanes have capacity for over five times as many people as traditional travel lanes
- In conjunction with TSP at intersections, bus-only lanes can move people more efficiently than cars with faster travel times
- Complementary bicycle and pedestrian improvements will increase access to buses & destinations
- Bus lanes along with general travel lanes balances moving people and providing options



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Station Strategy Types



Off-Board Fare Payment



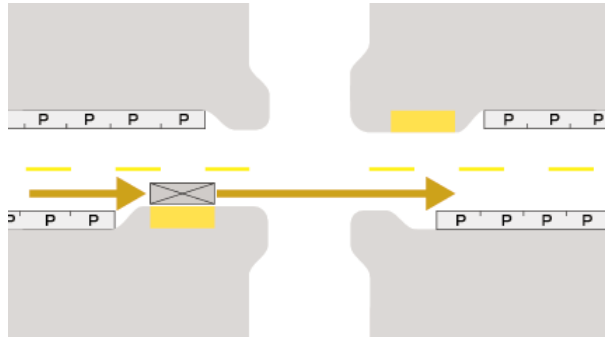
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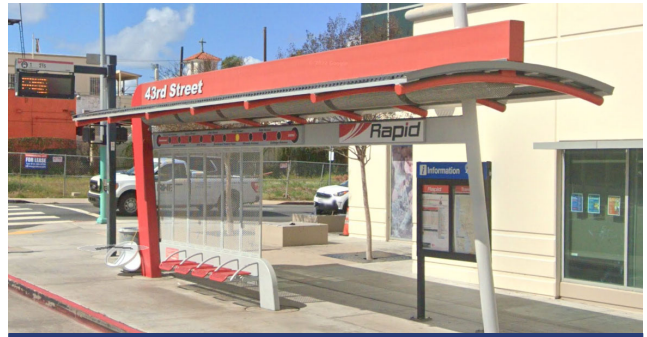
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Station Strategy Types



Station Relocations or Consolidations

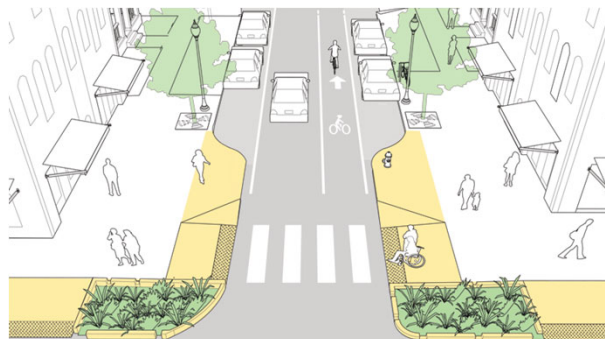


Enhanced Station Amenities

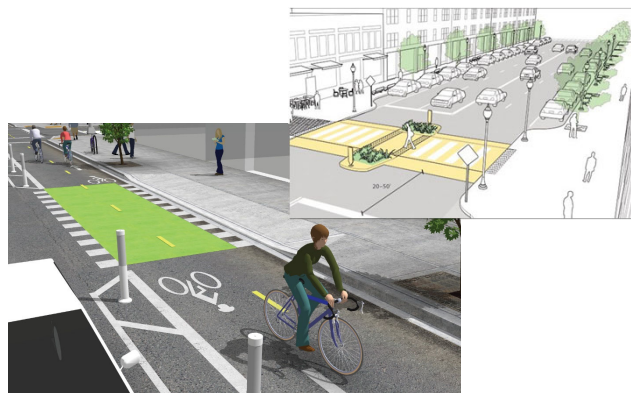
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Connectivity Strategy Types



Accessibility & ADA Improvements



Pedestrian & Bicycle Improvements

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Mentimeter feedback
Which accessibility strategies are most important to you?



What can travel lanes look like?

Segment Strategies

- Bus Only Lane
- Bus Only Lane - BAT Lane
- Bus Only Lane - Center Running
- Bus Only Lane - Contraflow
- Dedicated Guideway
- Mixed
- Shared Transit Lane - Bus/Bike



Side-Running Bus/BAT Lane



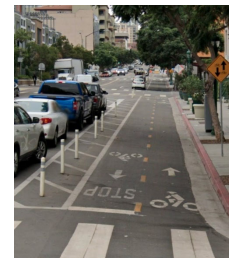
Center-Running Bus Lane or Dedicated Guideway



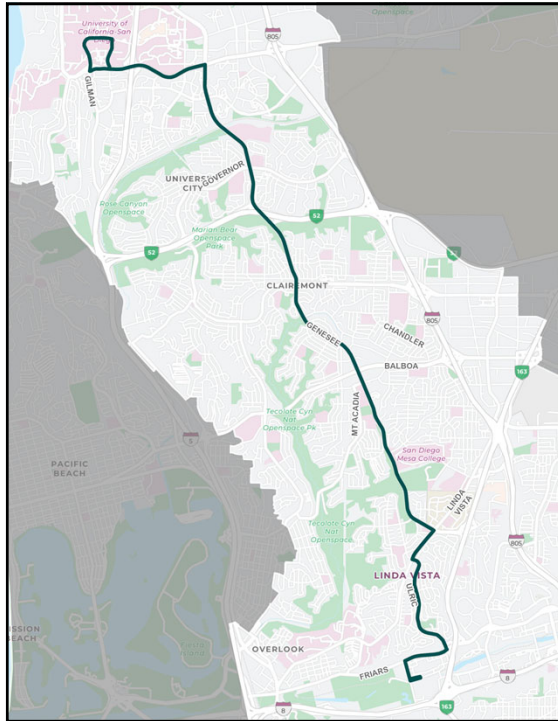
Shared Bus/Bike Lane



One-Way Bike Lane



Two-Way Cycle Track



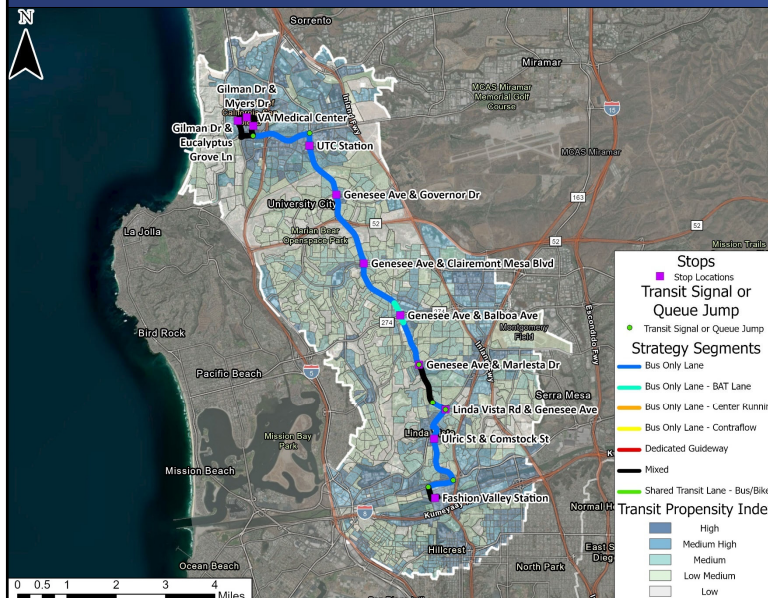
Route 41 Alternatives

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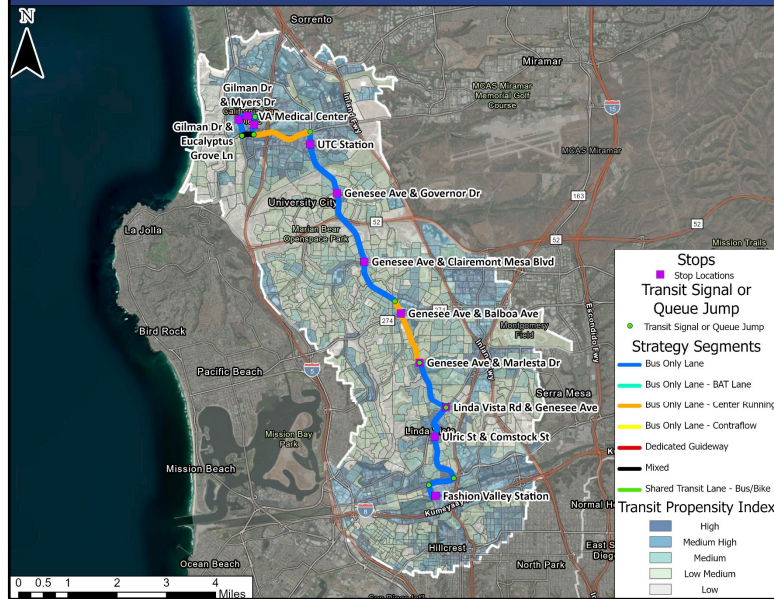
Slightly Slower Service & Lower Capital Cost

- Includes mostly side bus-only lanes
- Serves Linda Vista along Ulric St to capture future potential demand
- Some mixed traffic and shared bus/bike lanes on Genesee Ave
- Mixed traffic in UC San Diego area



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Option 2

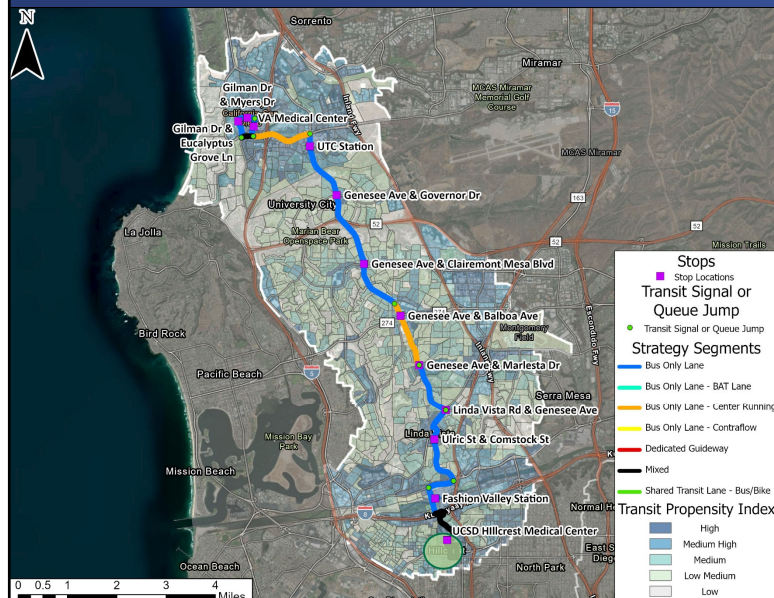


Faster Service & Higher Capital Cost

- Bus-only lanes on most parts
- Fashion Valley Rd bus-only lanes
- Center-running bus only lanes on parts of Genesee Ave and La Jolla Village Dr
- Bus-only lanes on UC San Diego campus

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Option 3



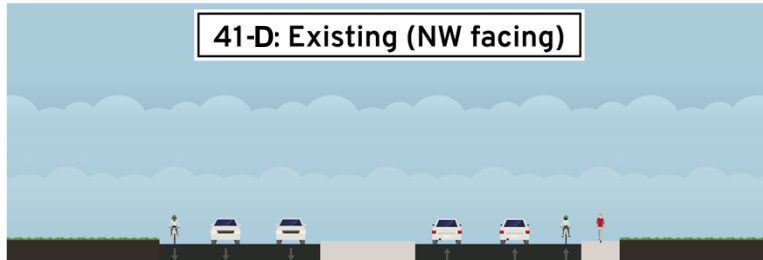
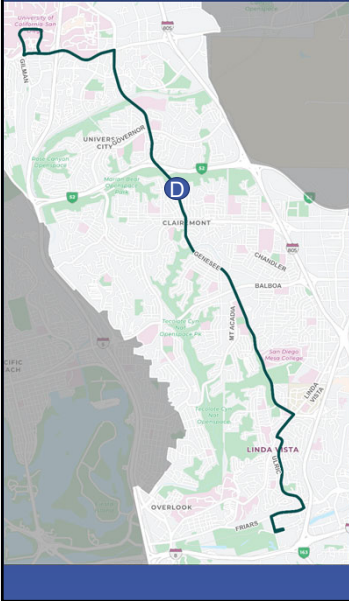
Faster Service, Higher Capital Cost, Expanded Southern Connections

- Main routing the same as Option 2
- Connects to UCSD Hillcrest Medical Center campus
- Additional bus connections and population served in Hillcrest

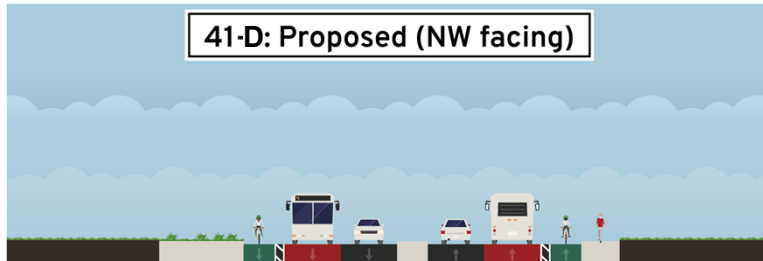
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Route 41

D: Genesee between SR-52 and Clairemont Mesa



41-D: Existing (NW facing)



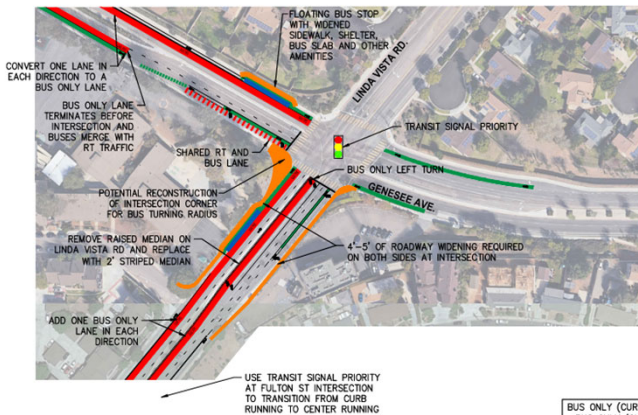
41-D: Proposed (NW facing)

Applies to all three alternatives



Route 41 – Linda Vista Rd & Genesee Ave

All options



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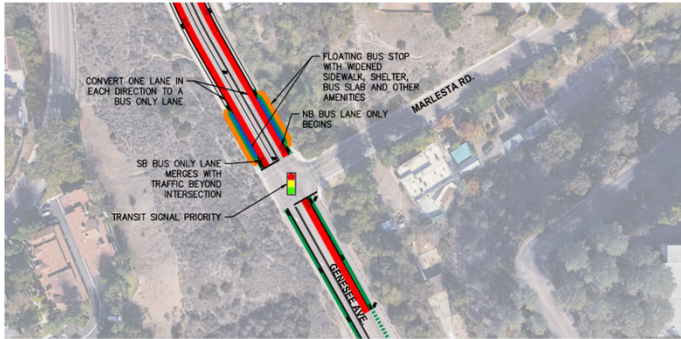
Similar Configuration Located at:

- Citracado Pkwy & W Valley Pkwy (Escondido)
- Palomar St & 3rd Ave (Chula Vista)
- 8th Ave & Euclid Ave (National City)
- Friars Rd & Ulric St (San Diego)



Route 41 – Genesee Ave & Marlesta Rd

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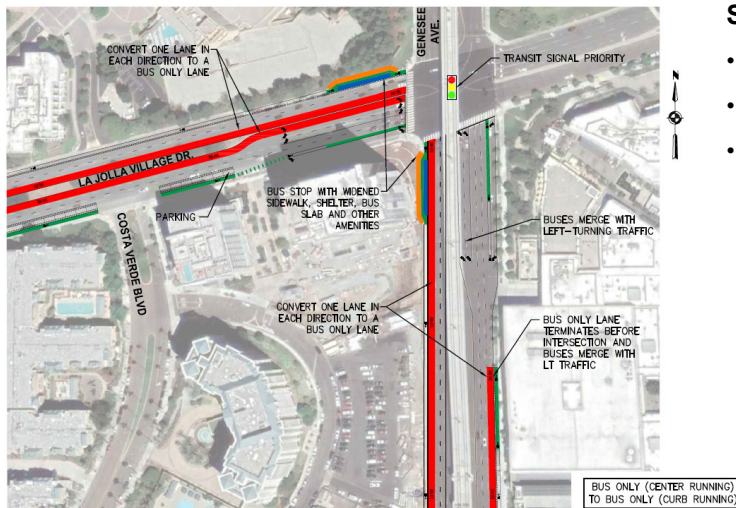


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- 3rd Ave & H St (Chula Vista)

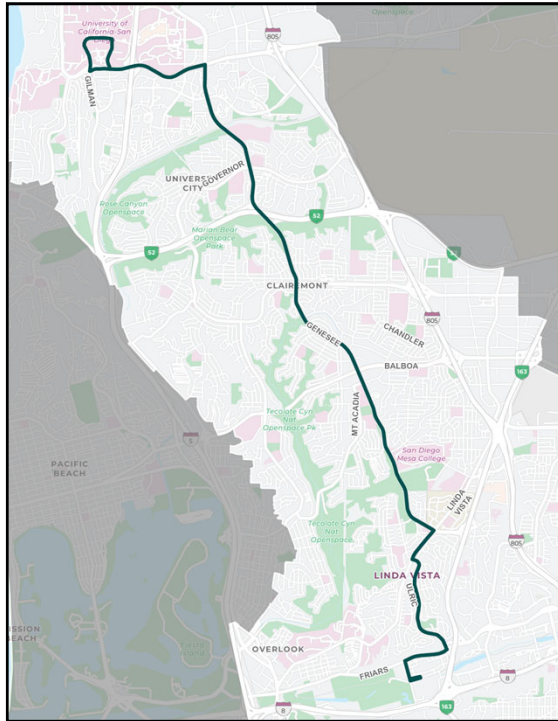
Route 41 – Genesee Ave & La Jolla Village Dr

Options 2 & 3



Similar Configuration Located at:

- Highland Ave & Plaza Blvd (National City)
- Euclid Ave & Plaza Blvd (National City)
- College Ave & University Ave (San Diego)



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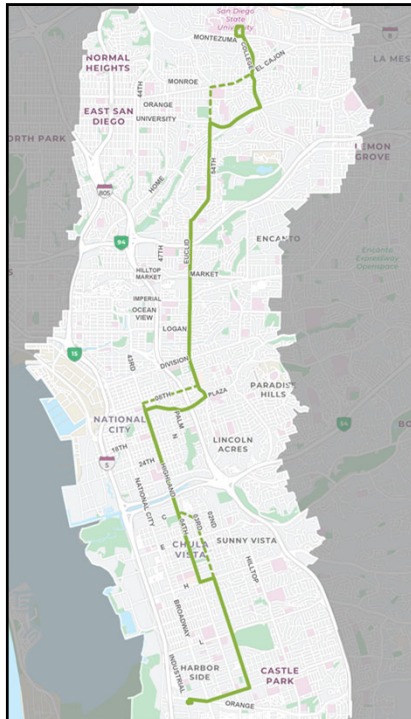
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Which Rapid 41 option's strategies do you prefer?



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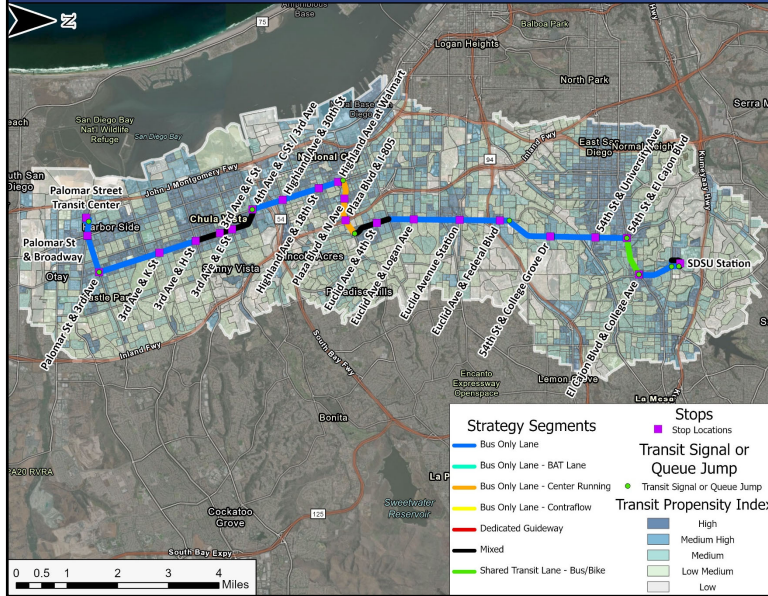
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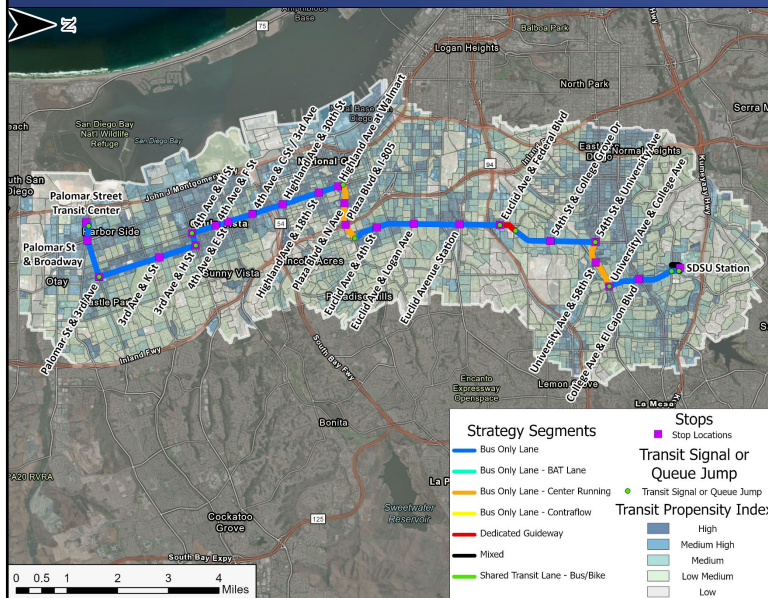


Slightly Slower Service & Lower Capital Cost

- Adds mostly bus-only lanes in place of car lanes or parking
- Mixed traffic on Third Ave and Euclid Ave
- Center-running bus only lanes on Plaza Blvd
- Shared bus/bike lane on El Cajon Blvd

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Option 2

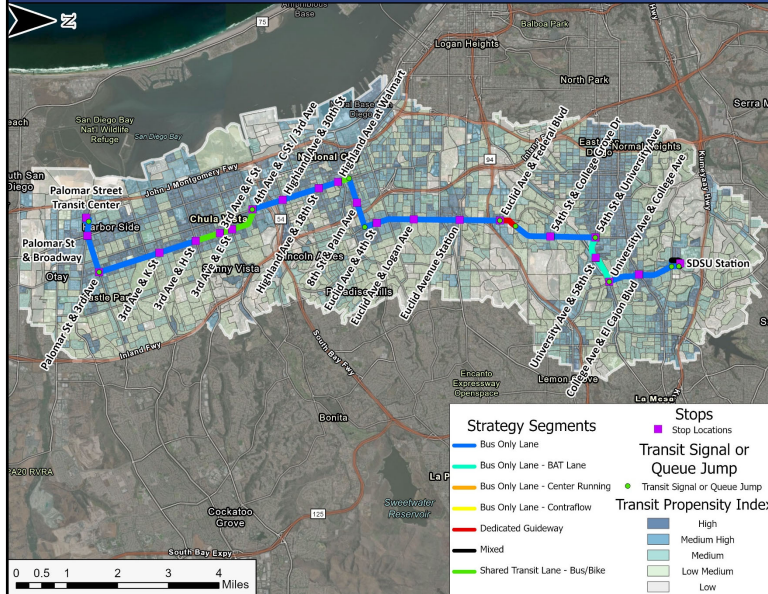


Faster Service & Higher Capital Cost With End of Route Options

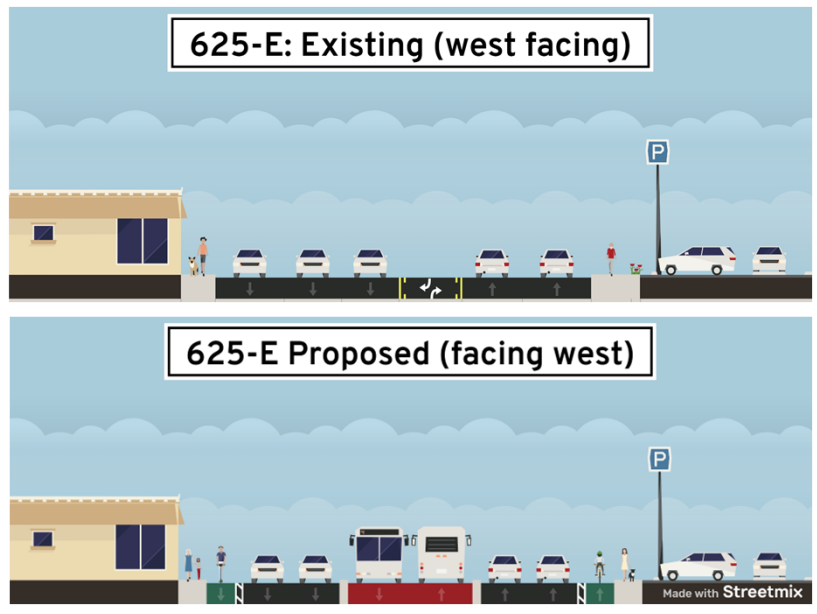
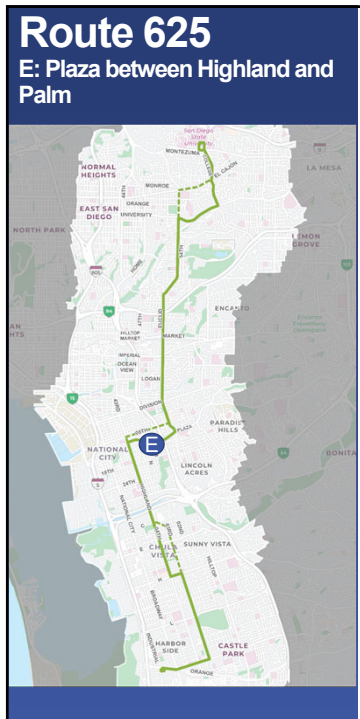
- Service on Fourth Ave to bypass downtown Chula Vista streetscape
- Center-running bus only lanes on Plaza Blvd and University Ave
- Dedicated transit guideway to navigate complex intersection at 54th & Euclid

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Option 3



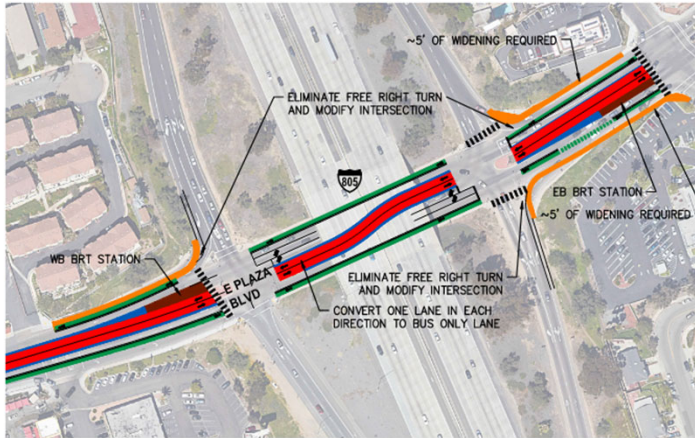
- Somewhat Faster Service, Medium-High Capital Cost, Alternate Segments**
- Serves Third Ave with bus/bike lane
 - Serves Eighth St in National City instead of Plaza Blvd
 - Dedicated transit guideway to navigate complex intersection at 54th & Euclid
 - Side bus only lanes on University Ave



Applies to Alternatives 1 & 3

Route 625 – Plaza Blvd & I-805

Options 1 & 2



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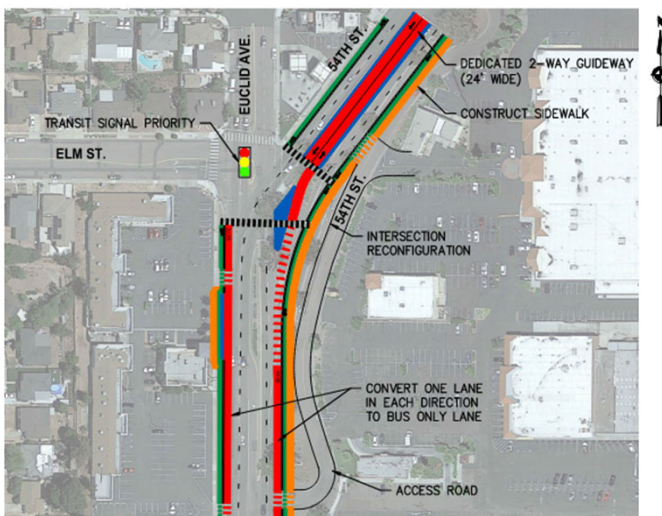
- Valley Pkwy & Date St (Escondido)
- Genesee Ave & Balboa Ave (San Diego)

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Route 625 – 54th St & Euclid Ave

Options 2 & 3

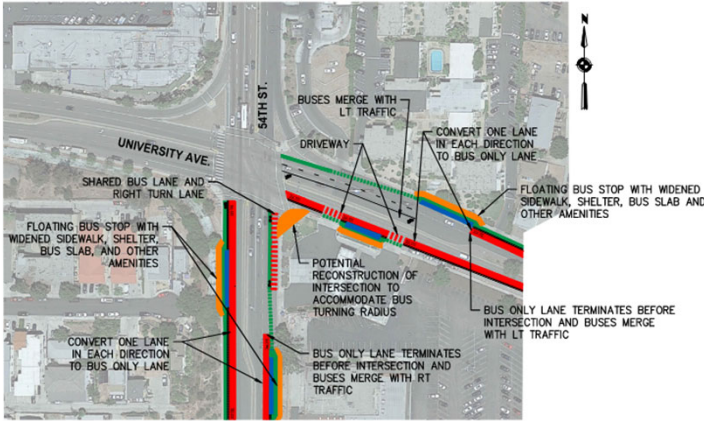


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Route 625 – 54th St & University Ave

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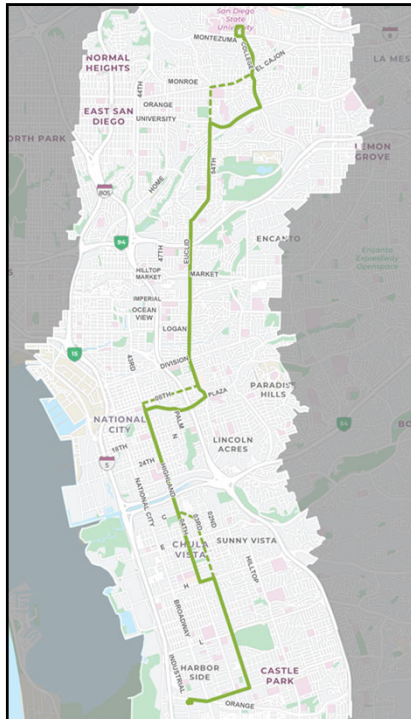
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- University Ave & College Ave (San Diego)

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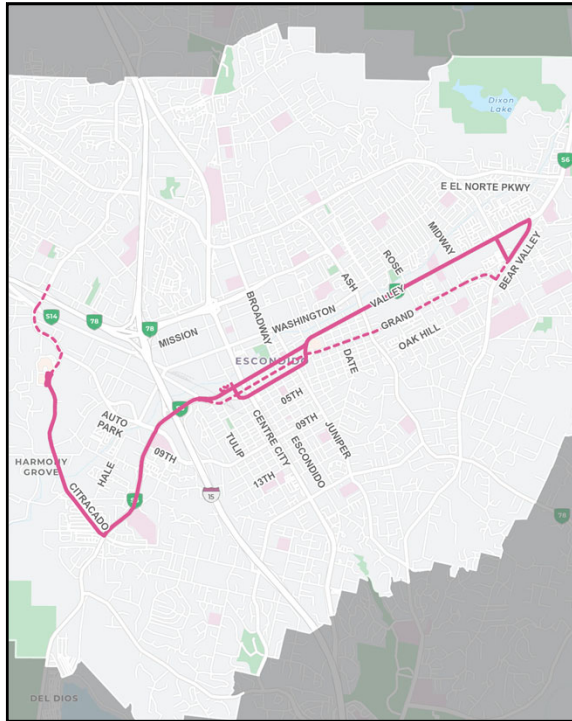
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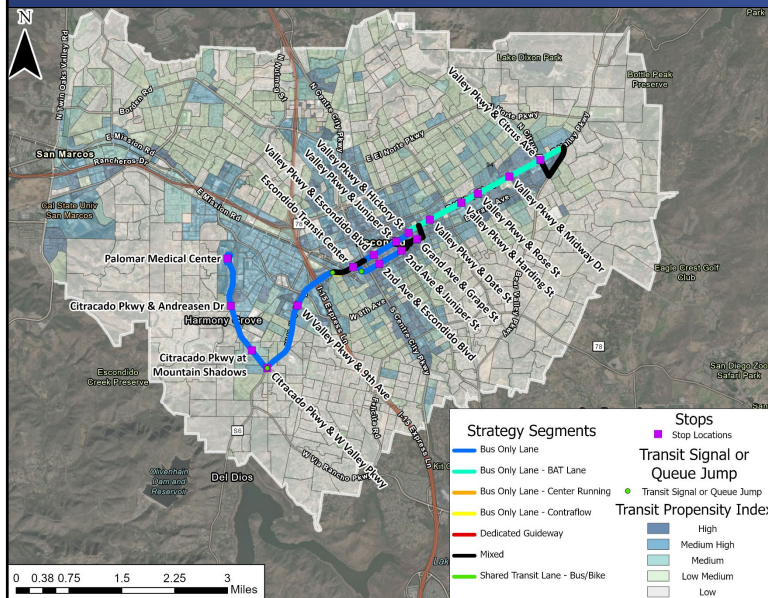


Route 471 Alternatives

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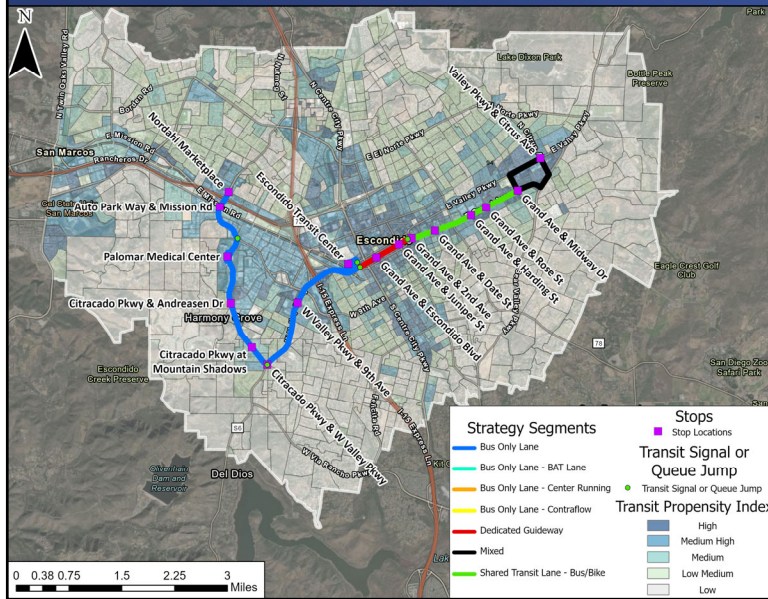
Option 1



Slightly Slower Service & Lower Capital Cost

- Bus-only lanes in place of parking or general-purpose lanes for most of the route
- New eastbound contra-flow bus lane to access Escondido Transit Center
- In Downtown Escondido bus-only lanes on Second Ave and W Valley Pkwy
- Shared bus/business access lanes on most of Valley Pkwy to allow right-turns

Option 2

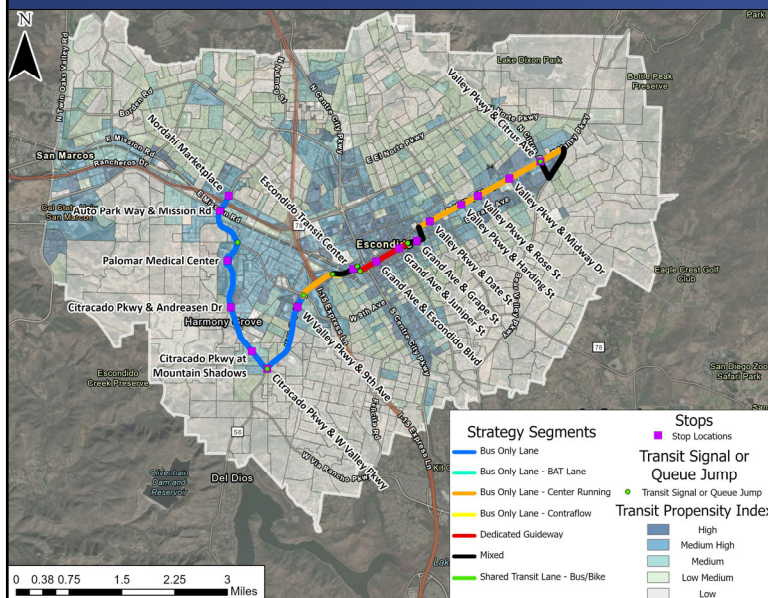


Somewhat Faster Service & Higher Capital Cost On High Ridership Streets

- Western extension to Nordahl Marketplace
- Dedicated transit guideway through downtown Escondido along Grand Ave
 - Auto traffic diverted to 2nd Ave & W Valley Pkwy
- Bidirectional bus service on Grand Ave instead of Valley Pkwy to serve residential and pedestrian-friendly areas

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Option 3



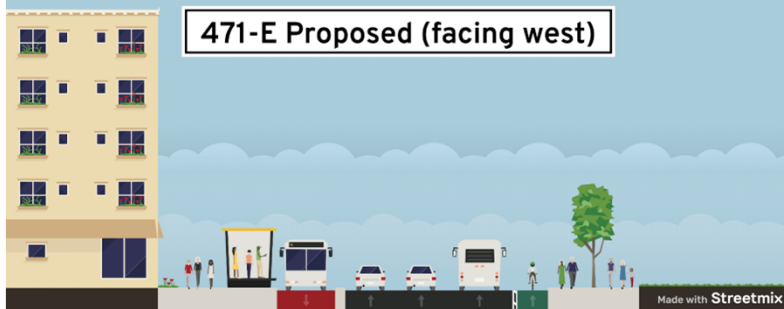
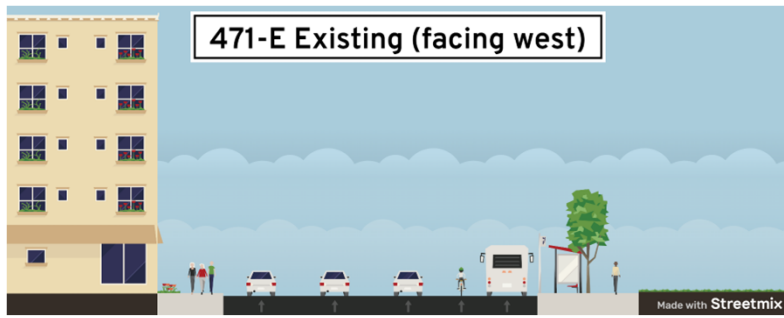
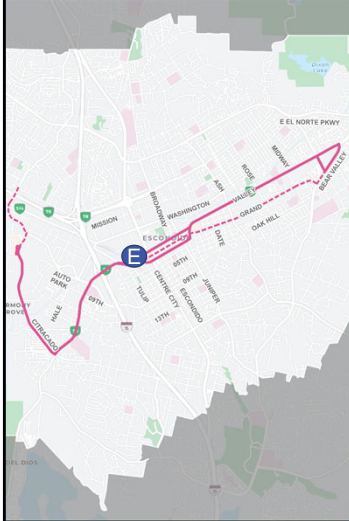
Faster Service, High Capital Cost, Combined Road Strategies

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Route 471

E: W Valley between ETC and Grand Ave Slip Ramp



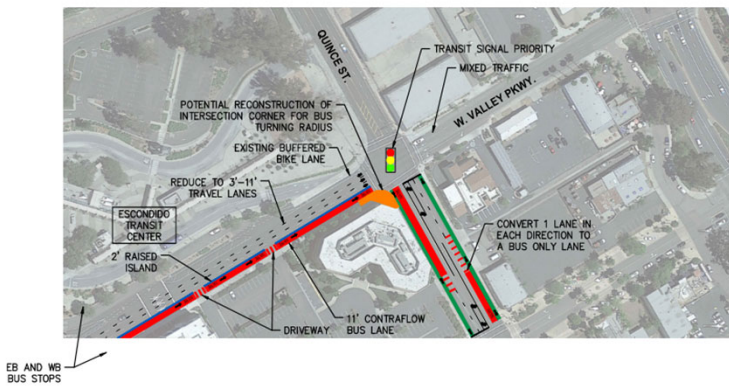
Applies to Alternatives 1 & 3: Includes eastbound contraflow lane



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Route 471 – W. Valley Pkwy & Quince St

Options 2 & 3



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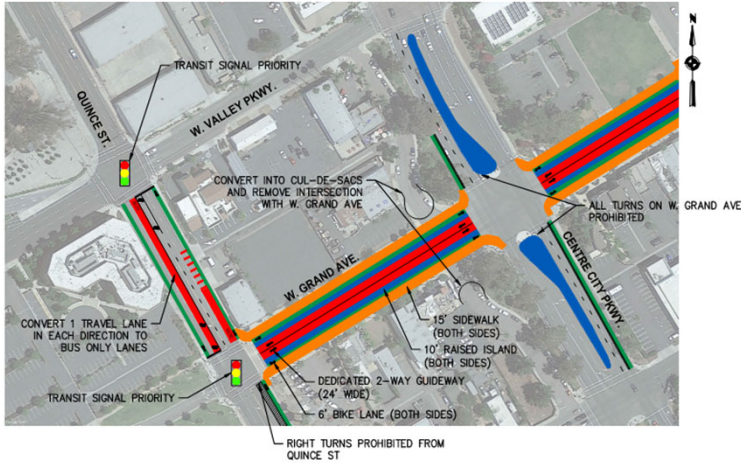
- Hotel Circle N & Fashion Valley Rd (San Diego)



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Route 471 – Quince St & W. Grand Ave

Options 2 & 3



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Which Rapid 471 option's strategies do you prefer?

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SANDAG Specialized Transportation Grant Program 2022 Annual Update

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- Sample projects include accessible vehicle procurements as well as mileage reimbursement for volunteer driver programs.
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None.

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Specialized Transportation Grant Program (STGP)

Fact Sheet

About STGP

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The STGP consists of two programs; the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 program, and the TransNet Senior Mini-Grant Program. The FTA Section 5310 program funds projects that enhance mobility for people aged 65 and older and individuals with disabilities within the large, urbanized areas of San Diego County. The Senior Mini-Grant program uses funding from the TransNet local half-cent sales tax to provide specialized transportation for people aged 60 and older within San Diego County. SANDAG facilitates a competitive grant application process to award these funds.



Accomplishments

- » Approximately \$20 million in Senior Mini-Grant funds have supported 90 grants since 2009.
- » Approximately \$16 million in FTA Section 5310 funds have supported 68 grants since 2015.
- » An estimated 18,000 individuals were served through STGP grants during fiscal year 2021.
- » Over 100,000 one-way passenger trips are provided by STGP-funded vehicles per year.

Eligible Grant Types by Funding Source

Funding Source	Capital	Mobility Management	Operating
FTA Section 5310	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle Procurement • Contracted transportation services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation brokerage services • Transportation call centers • Travel training instruction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mileage reimbursement • Volunteer driver programs
TransNet Senior Mini-Grant	Not applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation brokerage services • Transportation call centers • Travel training instruction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mileage reimbursement • Volunteer driver programs • Transit pass subsidies

Specialized Transportation Grant Program (STGP)



Eligible Applicants

- » Local government agencies
- » Tribal governments
- » Social service agencies
- » Private and public operators of public transportation
- » Nonprofit organizations
- » A consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA)

Grant Requirements

- » Align with Very High or High Priority strategies in the SANDAG Coordinated Plan
- » At least 80% of a grant's beneficiaries must be older adults or individuals with disabilities
- » Must report on grant progress at least quarterly
- » Must provide matching funds



Match Requirements by Funding Source and Grant Type

Project Type	FTA Section 5310	TransNet Senior Mini-Grant
Capital	20%	Not applicable
Mobility Management	20%	20%
Operating	50%	20%

For more information

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Program Introduction



Cycle 12 Call for Projects



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Program Goal

Improve mobility for older adults and individuals with disabilities by delivering effective, equitable, environmentally responsible, and coordinated specialized transportation solutions

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Funding Programs & Eligible Applicants

Funding Programs



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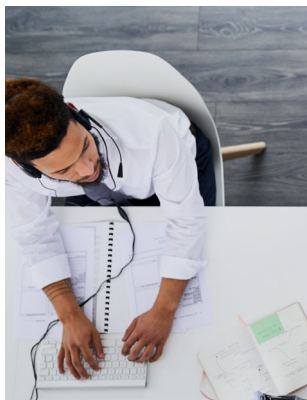
Eligible Applicants

- Nonprofit organizations
- Local governmental agencies
- Transit operators
- Tribal governments

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Grant Types



Mobility
Management



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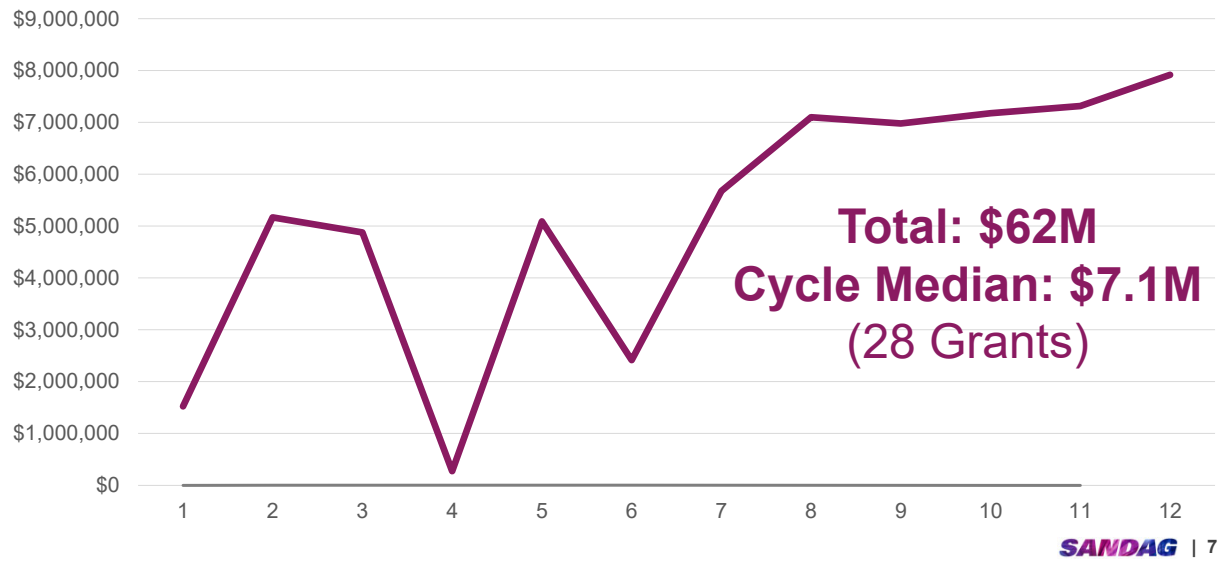


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Awards by Competitive Call For Projects



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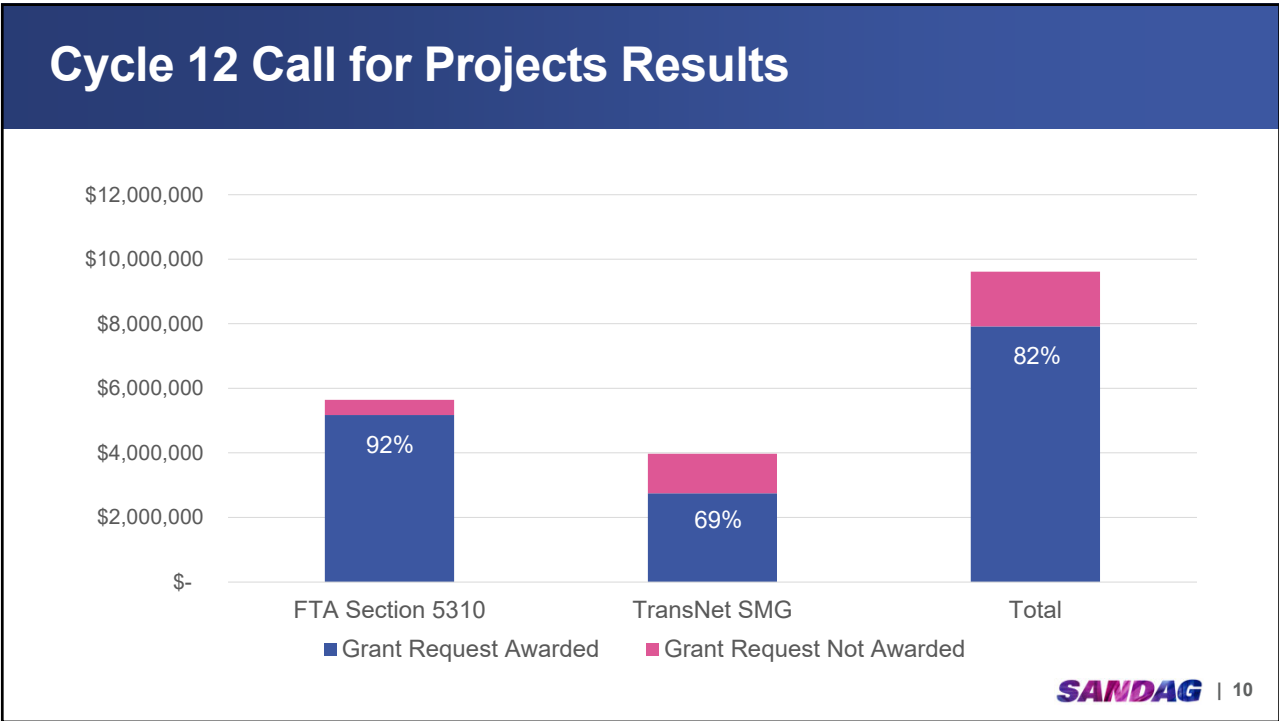
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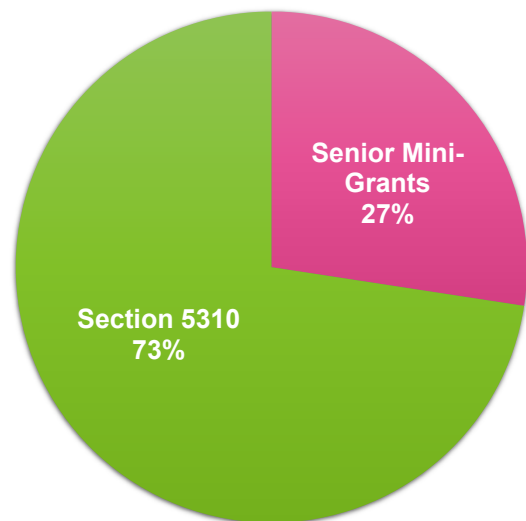


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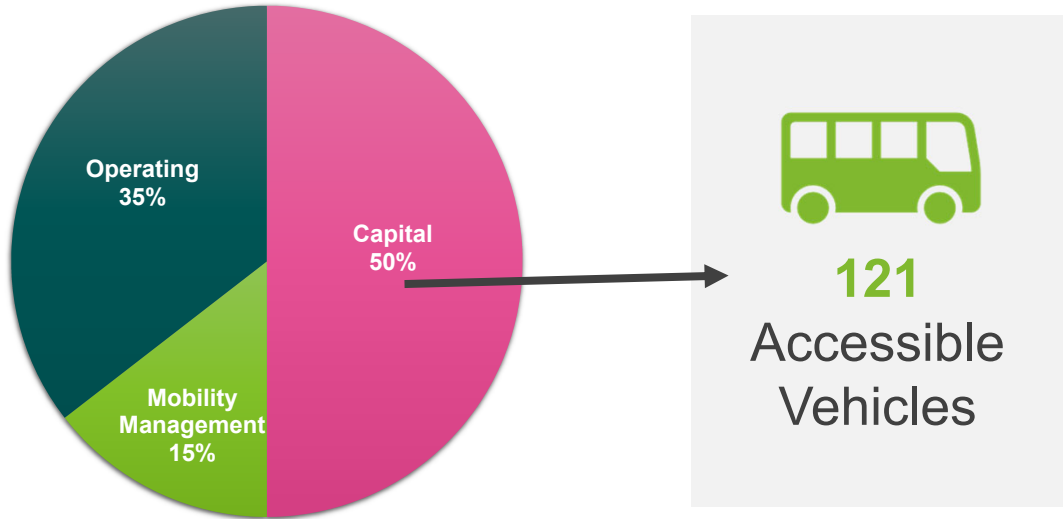
2022 Monitoring

Active Grant Funding

- \$17,023,555
- 62 Grants



Active Grant Types



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Statistics



489,755 One Way Trips



8,905 Estimated Passengers



15,556 COVID Supplies

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Challenges



Driver Shortages



Increased Costs



Supply Chain
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Solutions



Waivers



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Next Steps

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2022 Lessons Learned



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Prepare for the STGP Cycle 13 Call for Projects

Step 1: Engage and Prepare (Fall 2023 – June 2024)



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Review the [STGP web page](#) and [Coordinated Plan](#)



Provide input on draft evaluation criteria



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Step 2: Apply (Anticipated July – September 2024)

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