

# Memorandum

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**Subject:** Innovations in Transportation: San Diego Part-Time Transit Only Lanes Pilot

## **Summary:**

Peter Thompson, Senior Transportation Technology Analyst at the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), will showcase the San Diego Part Time Transit Only Lanes Pilot Project (Pilot), which launched on June 21, 2022. Additionally, Peter will highlight the partnerships involved in the pilot, discuss the project area, technology innovations, and the public outreach that contributed to the launch of the pilot, as well as future evaluation efforts.

## **Background:**

The San Diego Part Time Transit Only Lanes Pilot Project is a three-year project funded by the Federal Transit Administration that allows SANDAG, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), and the Metropolitan Transit System to pilot the use of specified freeway shoulders in the San Diego region as part time transit-only lanes. This project will adhere to strict operating conditions and will be coordinated with the California Highway Patrol.

SANDAG is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the San Diego region. For the past several years, SANDAG has worked with the Metropolitan Transit System, Caltrans, California Highway Patrol, Federal Transit Administration, and local municipalities to implement a part-time transit-only lane along segments of Interstate 805 and State Route 94. With safety as a top priority, specially trained bus drivers are being supported with innovative new transportation-safety technologies. This Pilot aims to demonstrate that a transit-only lane using innovative safety technologies can help maximize the existing highway system and make transit a more reliable option for people to reach the places that matter most. This Pilot will also inform SANDAG's next Regional Transportation Plan with information on the viability and sustainability of part-time transit only lanes and will additionally contribute to reducing transportation's environmental footprint.