



Highway 52 Coalition Information Sheet

What is the Highway 52 Coalition?

The Highway 52 Coalition is a bi-partisan, multi-interest, economic and community minded effort focused on educating local, state and federal lawmakers and officials around funding needed to improve the SR-52. Our diverse public and private sector coalition will include regional and local interests connected to the SR-52 and focus collaboration around the following goals and opportunities for the San Diego region:

- Realizing the opportunity to make the SR-52 a mobility corridor that enhances the economic vitality of the region and supports connections between San Diego communities and surrounding regions, both rural and urban.
- Promoting multi-modal and shared transportation opportunities through infrastructure improvements to the SR-52 with a focus on the safe and effective integration of emerging transportation technologies.
- Uniting the interests of the public and private sectors around opportunities to reduce congestion for both passenger and commercial vehicles with emphasis on enhancing transportation for freight access, as well as access to military bases, job centers, healthcare and academic institutions, while reducing environmental impacts on natural habitats.

What is the Project Vision?

The proposed vision for the Project includes the following three phases:

- I. Construct a westbound travel lane from Mast Boulevard to I-15; relocate the bike lane from the north side to the south side of SR-52; add an eastbound auxiliary lane from I-15 to Santo Road; and create an additional eastbound travel lane by re-striping to provide three travel lanes from Mast Boulevard to SR-125.
- II. Install one travel lane in each direction between Mast Boulevard and SR 125 by widening the San Diego bridges.
- III. Complete the ultimate improvements as reflected in the SANDAG regional plan to include two reversible managed lanes from SR-125 to I-805 and two additional travel lanes (one in each direction) from Mast Boulevard to SR-125, plus auxiliary lanes and freeway connectors. There may be additional sub-phases depending on funding opportunities and changes in the regional plan over time.

During each phase and its accompanying scoping and environmental reviews, options for promoting shared and alternative mobility options, including Bus Rapid Transit, will be carefully analyzed and integrated where possible and corresponding ridership interest exists. Additionally, the City looks forward to exploring pilot projects associated with new emerging transportation technologies to enhance mobility as the Project phases move forward.

Why Support the Highway 52 Coalition Effort?

The SR-52 has grown to become a critical transportation corridor for the entire region. With growth comes the opportunity for the region to invest together in an improved and innovative transportation corridor that benefits many facets, including growing economic opportunities; facilitating innovation focused jobs; providing access to educational institutions, healthcare and our military facilities; improving connectivity to local airports; and enhancing cross border transportation. The Highway 52 Coalition will collaborate and focus on the promotion of the following priorities for the Project:

- Provide an important economic link in the San Diego region and beyond to benefit the jobs-housing balance in southern California.
- Facilitate a transportation corridor for commuting employees in emerging and established businesses in innovative sectors, such as biomedical, telecommunications and defense industries.
- Leverage the maximum amount possible from private sector, local, state and federal funding sources to support this unique and important infrastructure opportunity.
- Expedite completion of the project by using opportunities to better coordinate necessary environmental reviews with the appropriate lead agency, avoiding redundancy and maximizing project dollars towards construction.
- Improve access for military personnel and support services on a daily basis, and even more importantly, during times of high national alert.
- Explore opportunities to incorporate new transportation innovations into the project, in addition to integrating infrastructure improvements for increased bike connectivity and mass transit for the region.
- Reduce congestion for both passenger and commercial vehicles to benefit the economy and the local environment.

How Can You Support the Highway 52 Coalition?

This effort is going to take the energy, commitment and cooperation of many – from individuals, to elected officials, to the business community. To be part of the Highway 52 Coalition, you can:

- **DONATE** – For more information, visit cityofsanteeca.gov.
- **STAY INFORMED** – Attend future meetings and forums and provide comments. More information can be found at cityofsanteeca.gov.
- **JOIN** – If are interested in becoming a member of the SR-52 Coalition, please fill out and submit the Coalition Commitment Form to the City of Santee.