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STATEMENT

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Regional Plan Invests \$2.3 Billion in Transit by 2020

Councilmember Gloria Supports Strong Investment in Our Transportation Future

SAN DIEGO, CA (October 9, 2015) – San Diego City Councilmember Todd Gloria today released a statement after the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) Board of Directors unanimously approved San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan. Councilmember Gloria serves as one of the City of San Diego's two representatives on the SANDAG Board of Directors and is Chair of the SANDAG Transportation Committee. SANDAG is required by law to update its Regional Transportation Plan every four years, and this document is the latest update.

“The plan approved today programs an unprecedented level of funding to transit and active transportation and results in greenhouse gas emission reductions that exceed State requirements. Seventy-five percent of transportation funding in the next five years will go to transit, up from 50% in the last five years.”

San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan contains the following investments in San Diego's regional transportation network:

- In the first five years, San Diego's Regional Plan dedicates three out of every four dollars to transit. This \$2.3 billion investment will allow San Diegans to benefit from Mid-City Centerline Stations, the Mid-Coast Trolley Extension between Old Town and University City, the South Bay Bus *Rapid* Transit line from Otay Mesa to Downtown, and the double tracking of sections of the LOSSAN Coastal Rail corridor.
- \$100 billion dollars is dedicated to investment in transit, including five new Trolley lines, 32 new *Rapid* lines, and significant increases in transit frequencies.
- Council District Three neighborhoods will benefit from three additional *Rapid* lines, a streetcar operating in a loop between Hillcrest and Downtown, and millions of dollars in active transportation projects to improve biking and pedestrian facilities.
- The Regional Plan not only meets but exceeds greenhouse gas reduction targets set out in SB 375 for cars and light duty trucks. The Regional Plan's 15% reduction would exceed the 7% target set by 2020 and by 2035 the Regional Plan would have a 21% reduction, exceeding the 13% target set. Overall greenhouse gas reductions are reduced in this plan.

“The increased funding commitments dedicated to transit and active transportation in the 2015 plan over SANDAG's previous plans show clear progress which will provide a solid foundation for making even more change moving forward. This progress gives me great confidence that our region will continue to advance and will allow future decision makers to take even more ambitious steps in the 2020 plan.”

"If we want to continue to move the needle further toward preserving our environment and see a change in mode share, more work is necessary, such as passing climate plans in other cities throughout our region, passing a quality of life measure to accelerate transit projects, and advocating for transportation bills at the state and federal levels that give more funding to transit.”

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