

**Draft 2050 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS)
Public Comment Confirmation**

Thank you for your comments. Responses to comments will be prepared and posted on the SANDAG Web site in September 2011. Thank you for your interest in the Draft 2050 RTP/SCS.

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Chapter: General
Topic Area: Mapping and Figures

Comment 1: The alignment of the high speed rail has not yet been determined and is still the subject of much debate. Accordingly, there should be no delineation of any particular alignment of the high speed rail line in any of the figures. To do so is misleading and unfair to those communities affected by any particular alignment. Perhaps place a footnote in the relevant figures and then revisit this issue in the next RTP update to see if an alignment has been adopted.

Chapter: Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS)
Topic Area: Prioritization of highways versus transit.

Comment 2: The draft RTP proposes 72% of the transit budget in the last two decades of the forty year plan. Some have focused on this discrepancy as evidence of favoring highways over transit. Because of the nature of these very large-scale projects it is likely not possible to balance the two based strictly on budget. Instead, re-prioritize the budgets and the projects so there is balance in the incremental increases in carrying capacity between highways and transit. As an example, a 10% increase in overall highway capacity should be matched with a 10% increase in overall transit capacity.