



Highway 52 Coalition

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 Highway 52 and the surrounding corridors.
- The Coalition will focus on three goals for the San Diego region:
 - 1) To make Highway 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.
 - 2) To promote multi-modal and shared transportation opportunities through improvements to Highway 52 with a focus on the safe and effective integration of emerging transportation technologies.
 - 3) To unite 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 also reducing environmental impacts on natural habitats.

What is the Project Vision?

- The proposed vision for the Project includes three phases:

Phase 1:

Construct a westbound travel lane from Mast Boulevard to I-15; relocate the bike lane from the north side to the south side of Highway 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.

Phase 2:

Install one travel lane in each direction between Mast Boulevard and SR-125 by widening the San Diego bridges.

Phase 3:

Complete the ultimate improvements as reflected in SANDAG's 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.

- Additional sub-phases may be needed depending on funding opportunities and changes in the regional plan over time.
- During each phase of review, opportunities for shared and alternative mobility options, including Bus Rapid Transit, will be carefully analyzed and integrated where possible and where corresponding ridership interest exists.
- Pilot projects associated with new emerging transportation technologies will also be explored to enhance mobility as the Project phases move forward.

Why Support the Highway 52 Coalition Effort?

• Highway 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 military facilities
 - Improving connectivity to local airports
 - Enhancing cross border transportation and trade routes
- The Highway 52 Coalition will focus on promoting 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, and avoid redundancy while maximizing project dollars for construction
- Improve daily access for military personnel and support services, and 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 and key local stakeholders
- To be part of the Highway 52 Coalition, you can:
 - DONATE – Give a donation, which is earmarked solely to support the 52 Coalition. For more information, [click here](#)
 - STAY INFORMED – Attend future meetings and forums and provide comments
 - JOIN – If are interested in becoming a member of the Highway 52 Coalition, please fill out and submit the [Coalition Commitment Form](#)
 - SUPPORT – adapt this draft letter and print on your company or jurisdiction letterhead and return to acates@cityofsanteeca.gov [Support Letter](#)

DRAFT SAMPLE LETTER OF SUPPORT

RE: SR-52 Highway Improvements

To Whom it may Concern,

On behalf of the City of Santee and the Highway 52 Coalition, I respectfully ask for your support of the Phase I improvements to the Highway 52 Project. We are seeking \$26 million in federal funds for Phase I improvements out of a total estimated project cost of \$43 million.

These improvements represent the first step in breathing new life into one of the most important regional corridors in San Diego County, by increasing passenger and goods movement mobility through roadway capacity, and enhancing transportation access to military bases, job centers, healthcare and academic institutions. Improvements will expedite international and interstate goods movement between California, Baja California and Arizona. The project, in addition, will boost capacity of emergency evacuation routes in case of natural disasters such as wildland fires floods and earthquakes. The project will promote multi-modal and shared transportation opportunities centered on the safe and effective integration of emerging transportation technologies. Finally, environmental quality will be enhanced with an efficient reduction to idling vehicles and expanded mass transit and goods movement routes.

When SR-52 was first completed from La Jolla Parkway at Interstate 5 in La Jolla, San Diego to SR-67 in Santee, it established a critical east-west transportation corridor that has shaped the region's economy, housing and employment sectors and people's quality of life. Today, this regional transportation link to the I-5, I-805, SR-163, I-15, SR-125 and SR-67 is a victim of its own success. Drivers from Ramona, Poway, Alpine, Lakeside, El Cajon, San Diego, Chula Vista and National City use SR-52, joining tens of thousands of additional commuters, tying the whole corridor in a Gordian Knot. According to the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), nearly three-quarters of the estimated 196,000 employed East County residents commute outside the area to work.

The first phase of the project includes the construction of an additional Westbound Lane from Mast Boulevard in Santee to the I-15 freeway; the buildout of one additional Westbound Onramp Lane from Mast Boulevard; widening of two bridges; the addition of one Auxiliary Eastbound Lane from I-15 to Santo Road; the relocation of the Bicycle Path from the northside to the southside of 52; and the construction of one Auxiliary Eastbound Lane from Mast Boulevard toward SR-125.

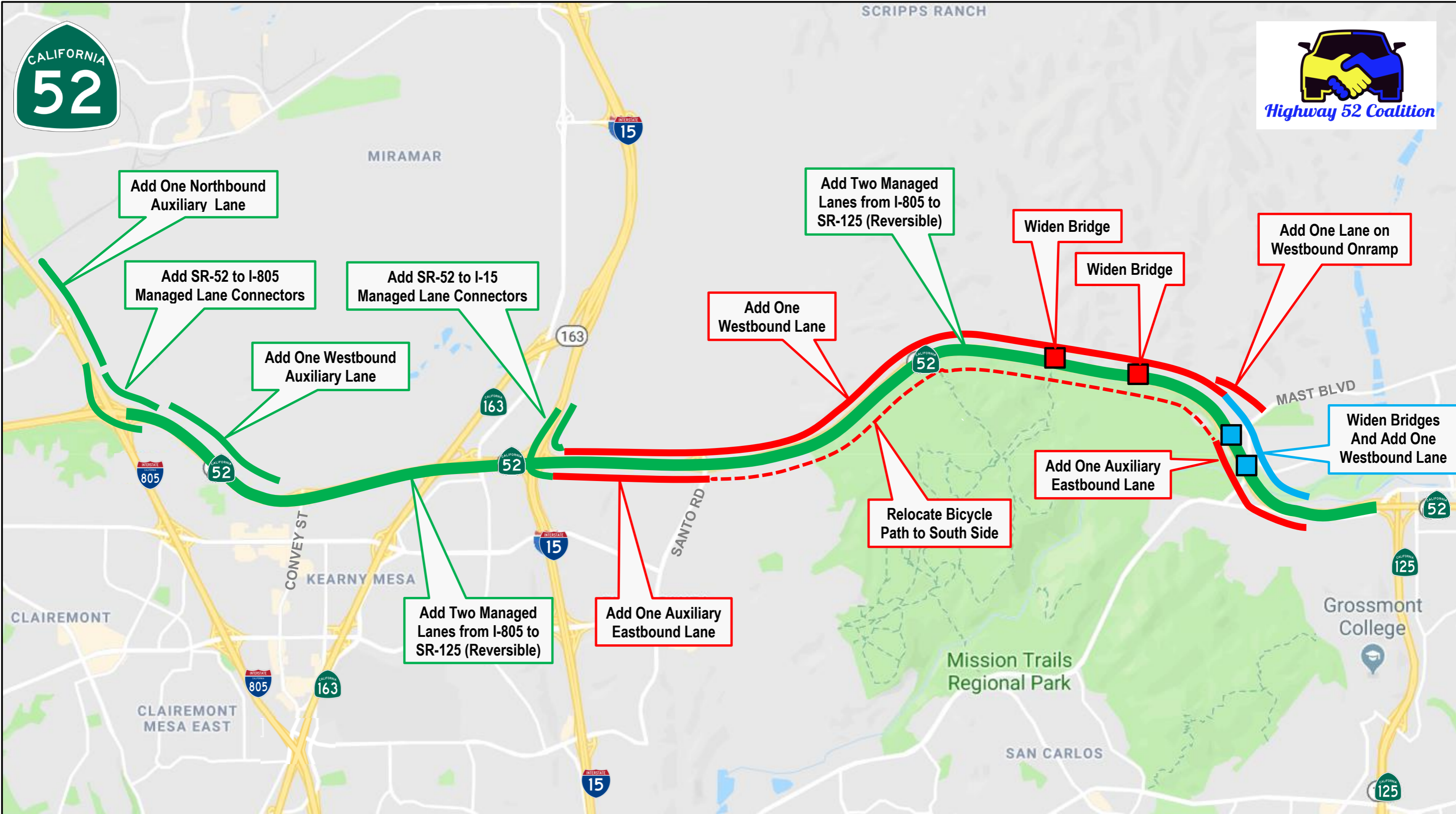
The time to fix the 52 is now – our region simply cannot afford the luxury of standing by for 15 to 30 years as our transportation and economic lifeline shuts down. Your support in this endeavor is critical to our success.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Attachment: SR 52 Improvements Project Map

STATE ROUTE 52 IMPROVEMENTS PHASING



- Phase 1 Improvements
- Phase 2 Improvements
- Phase 3 Improvements