MTS as an Agency

- Created by the state legislature in 1975 (formerly MTDB)
- 15-member Board of Directors, comprised of elected representatives from 10 cities and the County, and a Board-appointed chair
- Provides transit services to 10 cities, the unincorporated County, and the international border – 3,240 total square miles, or 75% of the County
- Over $1.5 billion in assets, including 108 miles of track and right-of-way
- Subsidiary corporations:
  - San Diego Trolley, Inc.
  - San Diego Transit Corporation
  - San Diego & Arizona Eastern Railway Company
  - San Diego Vintage Trolley, Inc.
Relationship to MPO: SANDAG

• In 2002, State Senate Bill 1703 merged planning, financial programming, project development, and construction functions of MTS and NCTD into a new regional agency: SANDAG

• Transit operations, ownership of existing right-of-way, and maintenance of assets are the responsibility of MTS

• SANDAG plans and constructs new transit projects (BRT for I-15 and 805, swoop, etc.)
MTS Funding

- 2008 Operating revenue: $240 million
- 30% fare box recovery
Bus Operations

• Contract and in-house operations
• 150,000 average weekday passengers
• 575 buses, 136 vans
• 94 fixed routes
• 1734 employees
• 5 facilities
• Large Rural Service area
• ADA Paratransit complementary Service
Light Rail Operations

- 26 Years in service
- Farebox recovery: 59%
- Mostly State and Local funding
- 90,000-100,000 average weekday riders
- 120 special events
- 493 daily scheduled train trips
- 53 stations, 54 miles of light rail service
- 134 cars
- 15-acre operation/maintenance complex
History of Expansion

• Blue Line from Border to Downtown San Diego - 1981

• Orange Line Development
  – Downtown to Euclid - 1986
  – Euclid to Spring Street - 1989
  – Spring Street to Santee - 1995

• Bayside extension - 1990

• C Street to Little Italy - 1992

• Extension to Old Town and Old Town Transit Center - 1996

• Mission Valley West extension, Old Town to Mission San Diego - 1997

• Mission Valley East extension - 2005
Transit Works and the Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA)

- Market-based strategic plan for growth
- Match the system to the community’s needs
- Basis for planned future system growth (Regional Transportation Plan)
- Comprehensive redesign of the existing system implemented in 2006
- Result: increased ridership
Economic Development Opportunities
America Plaza
Mission Valley and Hazard Center
Morena Vista Development

- $50 million
- 161-unit residential
- 10% affordable housing
- 18,500 square feet retail
- 200 park-and-ride spaces
Smart Corner/City College Station
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Smart Corner Development

- $100 million plus
- 19-story, 301-unit residential
- 5-story office
- LRT Station
- $6.8 million state/federal funding
Grossmont Trolley Station

• Grossmont Trolley Station
  $100 million-plus
  – 7 acre parcel
  – 527 apartment units – 80 affordable housing units
  – 600 parking spaces
Grantville Trolley Station

- Six developable acres, ½ mile from SDSU
- Potential market rate student housing
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