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Good Morning,

**SANDAG INTERIM CEO RESIGNS  
KNEW MANAGED LANES NOT FOR CLIMATE  
2 YEARS AGO ADMITS MANAGED LANES TO FUND SANDAG  
"Road Tolls Will Be Similiar What You See On Interstate 15 Today"**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q70E2MaKFZo&t=100s>

Please See Previous Email, **TODAY 9AM SANDAG MEETING**  
[https://docs.google.com/gview?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgranicus\\_production\\_attachments.s3.amazonaws.com%2Fsandag%2Fa931f7056aa7e557795542618c974f220.pdf&embedded=true](https://docs.google.com/gview?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgranicus_production_attachments.s3.amazonaws.com%2Fsandag%2Fa931f7056aa7e557795542618c974f220.pdf&embedded=true)  
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Coleen Clementson, the interim CEO at the San Diego Association of Governments, submitted her resignation and will depart the agency before [its new CEO](#) takes over in June. Orso takes over an agency **SANDAG facing a federal investigation following the revelation that it improperly charged drivers on a South Bay toll road.** After Ikhata – and Clementson — spent five years selling San Diego on a less highway-focused transportation plan, SANDAG is now in the hands of Orso, who spent three decades

with Caltrans, the state's highway department. Ikhata's predecessor, Gary Gallegos, also came to SANDAG from Caltrans.

<https://www.axios.com/local/san-diego/2024/05/23/sandag-interim-chief-cleo-clementson-resignation>

San Diego Association of Governments, the regional planning agency that controls a [\\$1.3 billion budget](#), received approval Friday to spend \$500,000 to respond to a federal investigation into the organization's business practices.

<https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/watchdog/story/2024-05-10/sandag-approves-500k-to-pay-for-outside-lawyers-to-respond-to-federal-investigators>

## **SANDAG LIED MILEAGE TAX PUSHED THRU STATE CHAIR VARGAS SITS ON SAN DIEGO AIR RESOUCSE BOARD**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2024-05-14/california-offers-to-pay-drivers-to-test-mileage-fee>

**BYPASS VOTE OF BOARD ADVISES STATE CARB IMPLEMENT MILEAGE TAX**  
<https://voiceofsandiego.org/2022/08/31/mayor-gloria-promised-to-kill-sandags-driving-fee-sandag-now-says-it-wont/>

**SANDAG CHAIR  
NORA VARGAS**  
San Diego APCD Member  
Advisor To State CARB  
"SANDAG document  
Road Use Charge  
Mileage Tax does not  
need to be voted by  
people. Implementation  
Actions which is to  
pursue legislation or  
another mechanism to  
administer a regional  
road usage charge."  
<https://www.kusi.com/sandag-chair-nora-vargas-misleads-san-diego-calls-mileage-tax-a-road-user-charge/>



**SANDAG DIRECTOR  
HASAN IKHATA**  
Wrote Letter To State CARB  
"Road Usage Charge  
(RUC) remains in the  
2021 Regional Plan and  
the 2021 Regional Plan  
remains a foundation  
for all future plans. We  
are committed to  
implementing our plan,  
which is used as an  
example for the nation."

## **NOV 2023 CBS 8 Thousands of drivers mischarged on SR-125 South Bay toll road**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PvmsgwIMEbA&t=0s>

**125 ALREADY PAID BY TRANSNET TAX  
PROMISED VOTERS FREEWAYS  
NOT MANAGED LANES NOT TOLL ROADS**

COUNTY SALES TAX SINCE 1987 EXPIRES 2048  
WHERE ARE OUR TAX FUNDS ROADS PROMISED?  
TRANSNET TAX FREEWAY EXPANSION LIE SINCE 1987

<https://www.keepsandiegomoving.com/transnet-about.aspx>

**SCREENSHOT VOTER BALLOT EXPAND FREEWAYS**



<b>A</b>	<b>SAN DIEGO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. 2004 Vote</b>	
	<a href="https://www.keepsandiegomoving.com/transnet-about.aspx">https://www.keepsandiegomoving.com/transnet-about.aspx</a>	
To relieve traffic congestion, improve safety, and match state/federal funds by:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expanding I-5, I-8, I-15, SR 54, SR 56, SR 76, SR 78, SR 94, SR 125, I-805;</li> <li>Maintaining/improving local roads;</li> <li>Increasing transit for seniors and disabled persons;</li> <li>Expanding commuter express bus, trolley, Coaster services;</li> </ul>		
Shall San Diego County voters continue the existing half-cent transportation sales tax (SDCRTC Ordinance 04-01) for forty years, including creating an Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee to conduct yearly audits ensuring voter mandates are met?		
<b>SANDAG</b>		<b>EXPAND FREEWAYS = NO TOLLS</b> YES 000 → <input type="radio"/> NO 000 → <input type="radio"/>

## MAY 2024 PROPOSAL CONVERT 125 TO PERMANENT MANAGED LANES TOLL ROAD

SANDAG planning to change toll road to PERMANENT Managed Lanes Toll Road USING OUR TAX TO DOUBLE TAX COMMUTERS. "Convert all existing lanes to managed lanes: Converting the toll road to a fully managed facility is believed to be a lower cost to implement and with less environmental impacts. It also would be consistent with SANDAG Resolution No. 2023- 11. A fully managed facility could be operated in a variety of ways to address specific goals related to traffic and equity."

[https://www.google.com/url?sa=D&q=https://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/2600257/Item\\_8\\_-\\_Process\\_for\\_Removing\\_Tolls\\_on\\_SR\\_125.pdf&ust=1716050280000000&usg=AOvVaw0mpTECRZeQSD0dJbzPkOK7&hl=en](https://www.google.com/url?sa=D&q=https://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/2600257/Item_8_-_Process_for_Removing_Tolls_on_SR_125.pdf&ust=1716050280000000&usg=AOvVaw0mpTECRZeQSD0dJbzPkOK7&hl=en)



## HISTORY OF 125 TOLL FAILURE

Toll Road Operator Files For Chapter 11  
 South Bay Expensive Toll Expressway Use Below Forecast  
 LOW USE 125 FREEWAY CAUSES 805 AND 5 CONGESTION  
<https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/sdut-south-bay-expressway-builders-file-chapter-11-2010mar23-htmlstory.html>

### TOOK TRANSNET BONDS FROM EXPAND FREEWAYS

SANDAG BOUGHT 125 IN 2011 FOR \$341 MILLION  
 IGNORED TRANSNET TAX PROMISE EXPAND FREEWAYS  
 \$265 MILLION NOT SPENT EXPANDING OTHER FREEWAYS  
[https://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/2322756/Item\\_15\\_-\\_Supporting\\_Materials.pdf](https://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/2322756/Item_15_-_Supporting_Materials.pdf)

### IMMEDIATE STOP TOLL NOW SANDAG PAY NEW TOLL OPERATOR ADDITIONAL COST \$31.7 MILLION

[https://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/2370933/Item\\_X\\_-\\_Toll\\_Road\\_Operations\\_Action\\_Plan.pdf](https://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/2370933/Item_X_-_Toll_Road_Operations_Action_Plan.pdf)

## COMMUTERS TAKE NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS TO AVOID MANAGED LANE TOLLS

"Somebody's going to get killed," said resident Judy Tieber. **Drivers trying to avoid paying tolls on state Route 125 are using neighborhood streets to get to and from state Route 54** "With the toll road, 125, traffic on this road has jumped to 7,000-8,000 cars a day. It's all for one reason, it's called toll road avoidance." **The problem is especially dangerous near Sunnyside Elementary School**, where the marquee out front tells drivers to slow down. The committee says that's one of their primary concerns. **"In the afternoon or the morning when school's getting out, this whole roadway's full of cars with**



*people crossing the street going to school," said Mike Clowers. "Drivers need to know; this is a neighborhood, not a freeway."*

<https://www.10news.com/news/drivers-dodging-tolls-on-sr-125-cause-problems-in-south-bay-neighborhood>

**TAX INCREASE TO FUND TOLL ROAD**

**NO ON SANDAG SALES TAX NOV BALLOT**

**THAT WILL CONVERT 805 LANES INTO TOLL ROAD**

**SANDAG \$2.7 BILLION PLAN CONVERT FOUR LANES 805 INTO MANAGED TOLL LANES**

[https://apasandiego.org/download/I-805\\_Managed\\_Lanes.pdf](https://apasandiego.org/download/I-805_Managed_Lanes.pdf)

**SANDAG IN ORDER TO BYPASS 2/3 VOTE OF THE PEOPLE**

**USES TAX PAID UNION FUNDS TAX INCREASE NOVEMBER BALLOT**

" Let's Go! San Diego pursued the [ballot initiative](#) to pay for a slate of transit and road projects sought by the [San Diego Association of Governments](#) (SANDAG). One key difference between the current measure and the one from eight years ago – as it is an initiative, it would only require a simple majority to pass, unlike Measure A, which needed a two-thirds vote.."

<https://timesofsandiego.com/politics/2024/01/05/voters-to-decide-fate-of-half-cent-sales-tax-increase-which-makes-november-ballot/>

**LESSON FROM NORTH COUNTY MANAGED LANES 15 TAXING COMMUTERS:**

**SANDAG TRANSNET LIE OF FUNDS "FREE"WAYS  
HOV TOLL CONCRETE BARRIER = 2 LANES LOST  
CONGESTED LANES WHILE CENTER HOV TOLL ROAD EMPTY**



## I-805 MANAGED LANES FACT SHEET



### The Project

The Interstate 805 (I-805) Managed Lanes, estimated to cost \$2.7 billion, will create a 27-mile Managed Lanes facility in the median of I-805 between State Route 905 (SR 905) and Interstate 5 (I-5).

### Project Costs

The total cost for this project is estimated at \$2.7 billion (2006 dollars). This includes an estimated \$26.3 million for preliminary engineering studies and implementation of

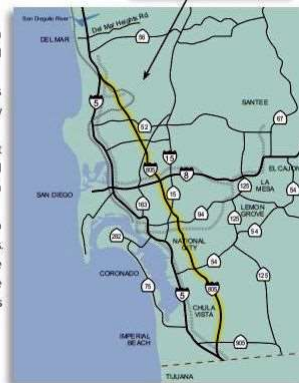
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### The Need

I-805 is the backbone of mobility in the urban core of the San Diego region. It is a key north-south corridor that traverses the most heavily populated portion of the region. Average daily traffic on I-805 ranges from 110,000 to 250,000 vehicles with daily congestion lasting between two and four hours. Demand on this corridor is expected to exceed 330,000 vehicles in 2030 with congestion lasting over six hours.

### Project Elements

- » Four Managed Lanes
- » Multiple access points between the Managed Lanes and general purpose lanes.
- » Direct access ramps for buses and other high occupancy vehicles.
- » Continuous Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service will be operated on Managed Lanes (i.e. South Bay BRT).
- » Solo drivers also will be able to pay a per trip fee to use the lanes. This Managed Lanes technique has been successfully used in the region, providing additional funds for transit service.



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## CHULA VISTA HAS WEIGHTED VOTE

<https://www.kpbs.org/news/politics/2023/01/05/10-cities-demand-sandag-scrap-weighted-vote-to-get-representation>

SANDAG REP CAROLINA CHAVEZ [cchavez@chulavistaca.gov](mailto:cchavez@chulavistaca.gov) STOP MANAGED LANE 125 AND 805

## CHULA VISTA TUESDAY MEETINGS



**CITY OF CHULA VISTA**

# COUNCIL

*Meetings*

**276 Fourth Avenue  
Chula Vista CA 91910**

**TUESDAY 5PM**  
Learn how you can participate at  
[chulavistaca.gov/councilmeetings](https://chulavistaca.gov/councilmeetings)

¡Hoy a las 5 pm el concilio se reúne en vivo!  
Más detalles en

## SANDAG FRIDAY MEETINGS EVERY CITY REP ATTENDING

<https://www.sandag.org/calendar>



**DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO**  
clerkoftheboard@sandag.org (619) 699-1900  
<https://www.sandag.org/meetings-and-events/board-of-directors>

**SANDAG**  
sandag.org  
SANDAG  
401 B STREET  
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FREE PARKING  
VALIDATION AT  
SANDAG OFFICE

**Stop the Mileage TAX**

### CALIFORNIA SANDAG PROPOSED TAXES

<https://www.kusi.com/proposed-sandag-plan-will-charge-sandag-san-diegans-for-every-mile-traveled-increase-sales-tax/>

- Future Local Sales Tax Ballot Measure – half-cent measure (would require ballot measure)
- Future MTS Sales Tax ballot measure – half-cent sales tax after 2024 presidential election (would require ballot measure) TAX PAYERS PAY TRANSNET HALF CENT SALES TAX 1987-2048
- Future State Mileage-Based Road User Fee – begin in 2026 that would \$0.023 per mile with a half cent increase on an annual basis (would require legislation) ADD TO SB1 GAS TAX ANNUAL INCREASE
- Future Local Road User Charge – \$0.02 per mile starting in 2026 MILEAGE TAX EXISTING ROADS <https://www.keepsandiegomoving.com/transnet-about.aspx> ALREADY PAID BY TAX PAYERS
- Future Ridehailing (UBER/LYFT) User Fee – \$1.25 for single trips; \$0.65 for pooled trips

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Alan Curry