

# Regional Funding Source

# Goal

Our objective is to secure funds to address the identified gap in conservation funding necessary to support the adopted/planned regional conservation plans for the San Diego region.

# History

- 1990's SANDAG initiated committee to coordinate regional conservation planning
- Late '90s/early 2000 First plans adopted with funding "gaps"
- 2004 Transnet (2) passed with commitment to fund the gap
- 2004 -12 SANDAG considered action-but kicked the can
- 2016 Measure A on ballot- failed
  
- Today - Gap continues

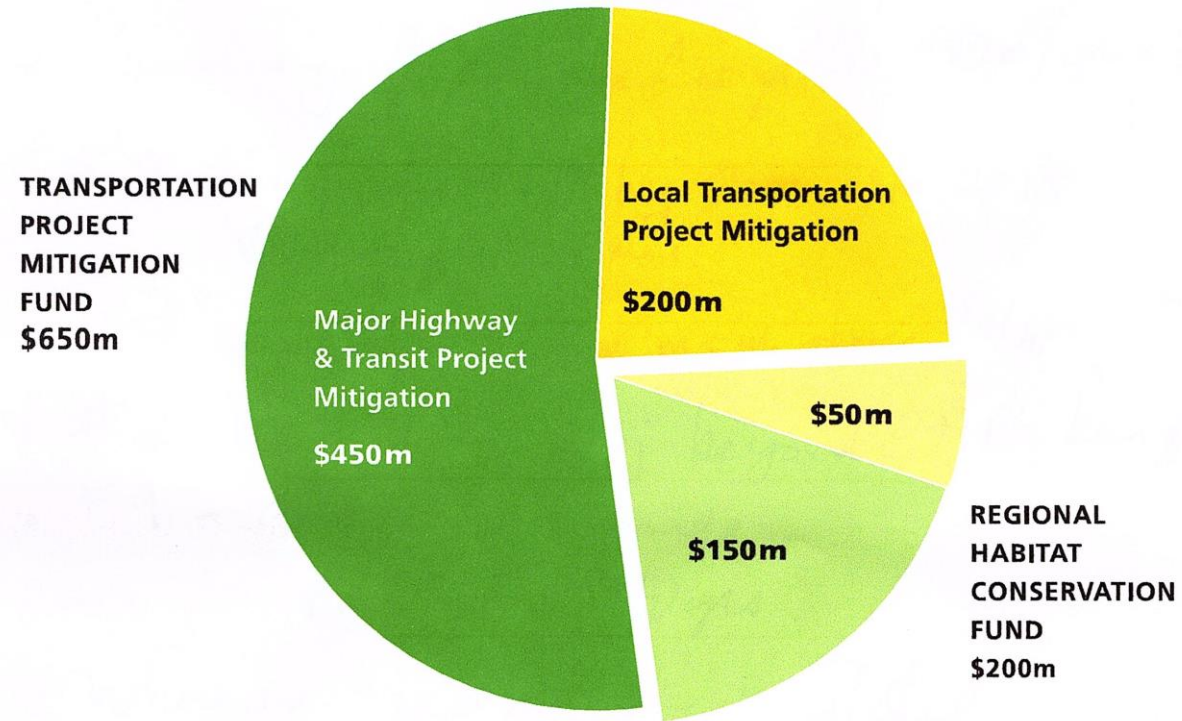
# 2004 Transnet Measure

- ½ cent sales tax for 40 years
- Projected to raise \$ 14B
- Covered highway , local transportation, transit, bike and pedestrian projects per RTP and project list
- \$ 850m for “Environmental Mitigation Program”
- Included commitment to “ act on additional regional funding measures(a ballot measure and/or other secure funding commitments)to meet the long term requirements for implementing habitat conservation plans in the San Diego region” by 2008

# **TransNet Extension**

## **Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP)**

*(in millions, 2002 dollars)*



**Total EMP: \$850 million**

*Plus up to \$30m in financing costs for advanced habitat acquisition*

# 2016 Measure A Funding Allocations

<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount (Millions of 2015\$)</b>	<b>%</b>
Administration	\$ 182	1 %
Active Transportation	540	3
Open Space	2,000	11.1
Highways and GP Connectors	615	3.4
Managed Lanes, HOV Lanes and Connectors	1,940	10.8
Transit Capital and Operations	7,507	41.7
Local Infrastructure	4,322	24
Traffic Signal synchronization	178	1
Rail/Local Road Grade separation	900	5
Total	\$ 18,002	100 %

# GAP Funding Needs \*

(2010 Estimate in Millions)

	<u>Annual</u>	<u>40 yrs</u>
• Land acquisition, management and monitoring	\$ 43.64	\$ 1,746
• Endowment	\$ 30.38	\$ 1,215
• Contingency	<u>\$ 3.04</u>	<u>\$ 121.5</u>
Total	\$ 77.06	\$ 3,083

- Quality of Life Funding Strategy 2010 Report from Stakeholder Working Group  
File Number 3200000

# Potential Funding Mechanisms

- Sales tax
- Parcel tax
- Parcel transfer tax
- Earmark of property tax
- General fund earmark
- Fees – mitigation, density bonus, infrastructure, landfill
- Cap and trade funds



**ATTACHMENT B WORKING DRAFT : Revenue Sources for Funding Habitat Conservation (Acquisition &/or Management & Monitoring)**

Geographic Area	Revenue Measure/ Plan	Year	Revenue Source	Revenue Yield (\$/yr or \$/acre, etc.)	Annual Yield	Term (Yrs)	Allowable Expenditures
<b>Unrelated to NCCPs/HCPs</b>							
SF Bay Area	Measure AA <sup>1</sup>	2016	Parcel Tax	\$12/yr	\$25M	20	wetland restoration, F&W habitat, shoreline infrastructure
LA County	Measure A <sup>2</sup>	2016	Special Property Development Tax (extension)	added tax of \$0.015/sq. ft./yr of structurally "improved" land	\$94M	25	parks, open space, beaches, natural habitats, wetlands (assessed via property tax bill)
City of Santa Monica <sup>3</sup>	Measure H	2014	parcel transfer tax %age of sale value	\$3 to \$9 per \$1,000 sale price	??	No Limit	low-income, veteran and affordable housing
County of Hawaii	Public Access/ Open Space	2010	earmark of annual property tax revenue	Min of 2% of actual revenue rec'd in the year	currently \$ 4.5M	No limit	entirely for land acquisition: access to beaches, historic or culturally important significant habitat, agricultural lands, watershed <sup>4</sup>
San Diego County	Concept Only	NA	general fund earmark	1% of general fund	\$ 47M/yr	TBD	This was Sierra Club concept proposal-details TBD but was suggested as including parks, and water quality.
Sonoma County	Measure F	2006 <sup>5</sup>	sales Tax	1/4 cent	\$ 21M in 2015/16	25	greenbelts, viewsheds, farms and ranches. Established a separate Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District to oversee.
<b>NCCPs/HCPs</b>							
			Mitigation Fees	Residential fee \$1000-2000/ acre and Commercial fee \$1000/acre	\$20M;		residential, commercial and density bonus finance habitat acquisition; infrastructure and tipping fee for implementing plan
			Density Bonus				

# Issues Related to Source

- 2/3rds vs simple majority vs no vote required
- County wide vs jurisdiction by jurisdiction
- Social equity
- Amount of funds raised
- Who initiates
- Political support
- Voter support
- Lead time to implement

# Long Term Considerations

- More coalition building is needed
- Need to identify a reliable trustworthy lead agency
- Public needs a compelling story

2018 too soon vs Supreme Court decision opportunity

# Short Term Considerations

- Reduce the regional funding gap
- Prepare better foundational research
- Engage recreationists
- Find and cultivate local champions

# What Else ?

- Support state park Bond SB 5
- Other ?