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2024 Annual Awards & Scholarship Gala  
Shaping a Sustainable Future



Wednesday  
October 23, 2024

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# View Tonight's Program



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# President's Message



## Cecily Taylor

President, WTS San Diego Chapter  
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# Welcome Guest & Honorees



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# In Memoriam



*Anne Marie Mowatt*



*Seana Urquhart*

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# Evening Toast

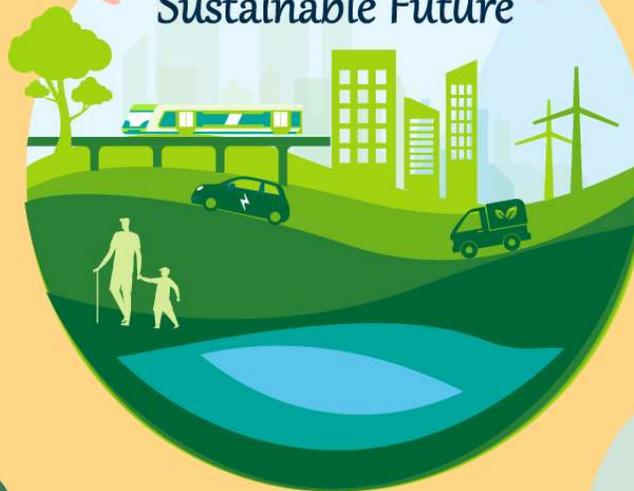
## Anna Lantin

Vice President, Southern  
California Operations Manager



# Intermission & Raffle

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# Guest Speaker

## Lillian Doherty

Director of Planning & Development





# North County Transit District

## Overview

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**BREEZE**

**SPRINTER**

**FLEX**

**NCTD** 

**LIFT**

# TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS



- Oceanside
- Carlsbad
- Vista
- San Marcos
- Escondido





# Transportation YOU



Dara Braitman  
HNTB



Amanda Olgeirsson  
Civic Communities



# 2024 Capital Summit – Resounding Success

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# TYOU Program Launches 1st Field Trip

# Presentation & Scholarships



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# Scholarship Chair



*Janine Andres*  
HDR Inc.



*Marie Lewis Adams*  
HDR Inc.



**Ashley Marani**  
Nova Services Inc.



**Bruce Urquhart**  
SDSU Faculty,  
Formerly Caltrans



**Cecily Taylor**  
SANDAG



**Jennifer Wagner**  
Mott MacDonald



**Kim Magee**  
HDR Inc.



**Lisa Madsen**  
Port of San Diego



**Marie Lewis Adams**  
HDR Inc.



**Marissa Thomas**  
RailPros



**Stacy Williams**  
Twining, Inc.



# Scholarship Judges Panel



High School  
Scholarship Winner

Orianna Russell



University of Colorado **Boulder**

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Undergraduate  
Scholarship Winner

Julia Baxter

**SDSU** | San Diego State  
University



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Graduate  
Scholarship Winner

Nancy Song  
UC San Diego

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Graduate  
Scholarship Winner

Nusheen Baradaran

**SDSU** | San Diego State  
University



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Graduate  
Scholarship Winner

**Katie Persons**

UC San Diego

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supporting local women pursuing a career in transportation!

Questions? Email: [wtsdscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:wtsdscholarship@gmail.com)

# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

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WOMEN PURSUING STUDIES IN TRANSPORTATION OR  
RELATED FIELDS:

- ENGINEERING
- URBAN, CITY OR REGIONAL PLANNING
- ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES
- GEOGRAPHY
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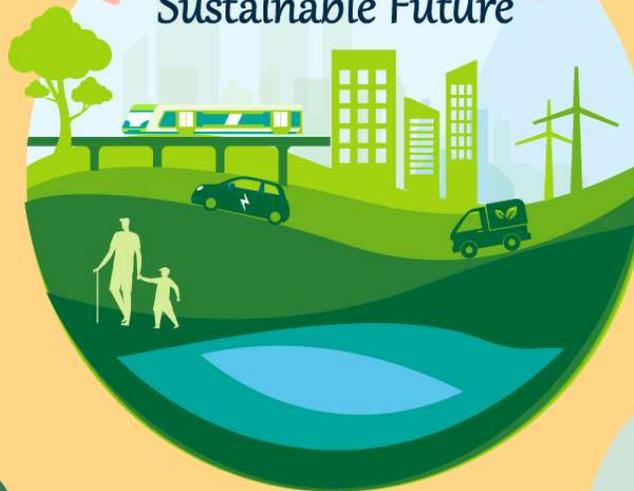
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# Guest Speaker



# Denis Desmond

Director of Planning & Scheduling

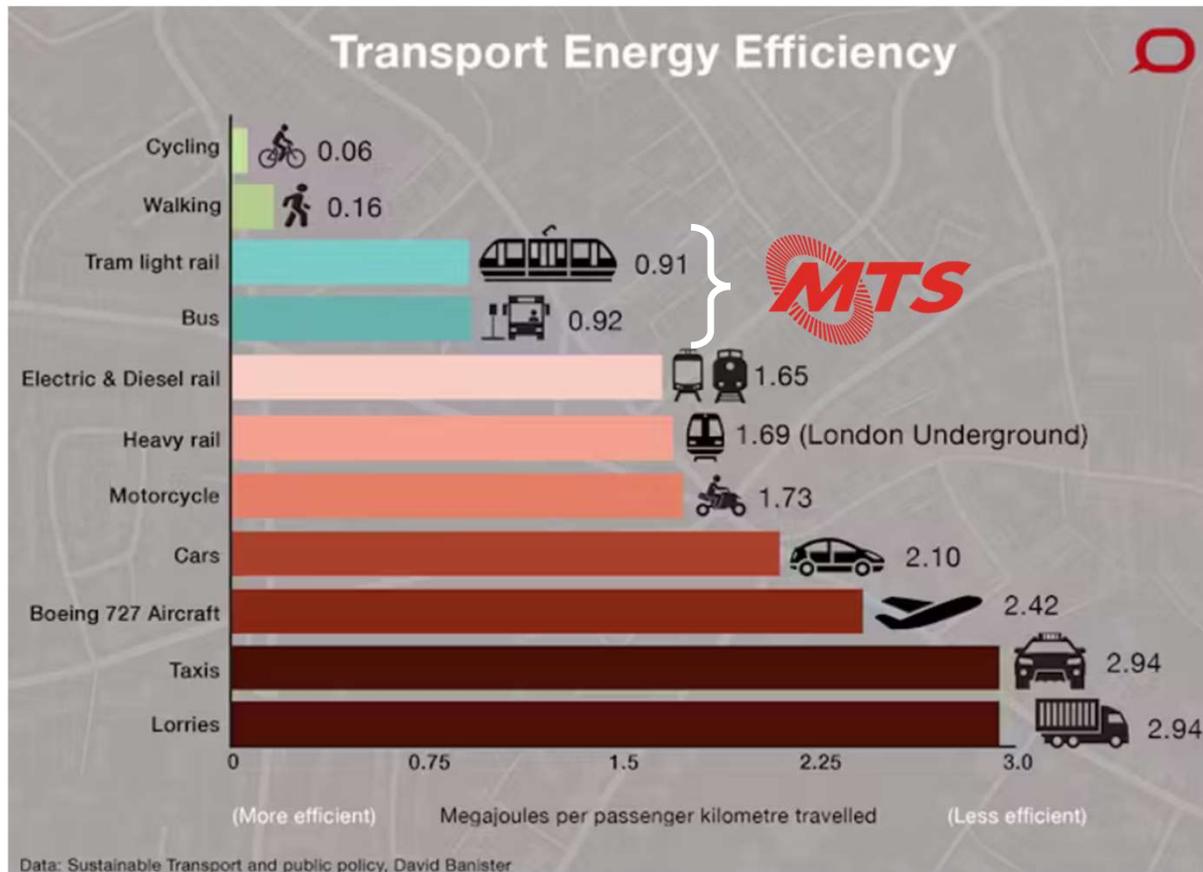




Denis Desmond, Director of Planning & Scheduling  
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# Transportation Energy Efficiency

<https://theconversation.com/which-transport-is-the-fairest-of-them-all-24806>



- Public Transit typically ranks best (or among best) for motorized transportation.
- Lots of variables and caveats move these categories around
  - How many riders on a bus
  - Size/weight of vehicle
  - Fuel type
  - Engine efficiency
  - etc. etc.
- But! What if all cars were electric??



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# Beyond GHG

A developed country is not a place where the poor have cars. It's where the rich use public transportation.



- Habitat loss
- Urban heat island
- Impermeable surface
- Opportunity cost of land that could be used for parks, housing, etc.
- Costs of maintaining vast roadways

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### Audit report finds \$1.2B backlog for street maintenance projects in San Diego

Mayor Todd Gloria hopes a sales tax increase can subsidize revenue for road maintenance and infrastructure improvements

By Joey Safchik • Published March 28, 2024 • Updated on March 28, 2024 at 7:13 pm

**SAN DIEGO NEWS**

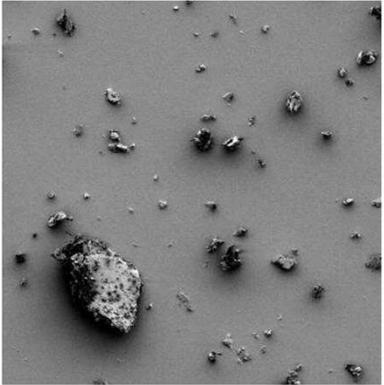
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JANUARY 9, 2020

### Brake dust air pollution may have same harmful effects on immune cells as diesel exhaust

by UK Research and Innovation




• This article is more than 1 year old

### How solar farms took over the California desert: 'An oasis has become a dead sea'

### Car Tire Dust Is a Major Source of Microplastics, and It's Killing Marine Life

BY LIZZY ROSENBERG  
UPDATED JULY 25 2022, 3:50 P.M. ET

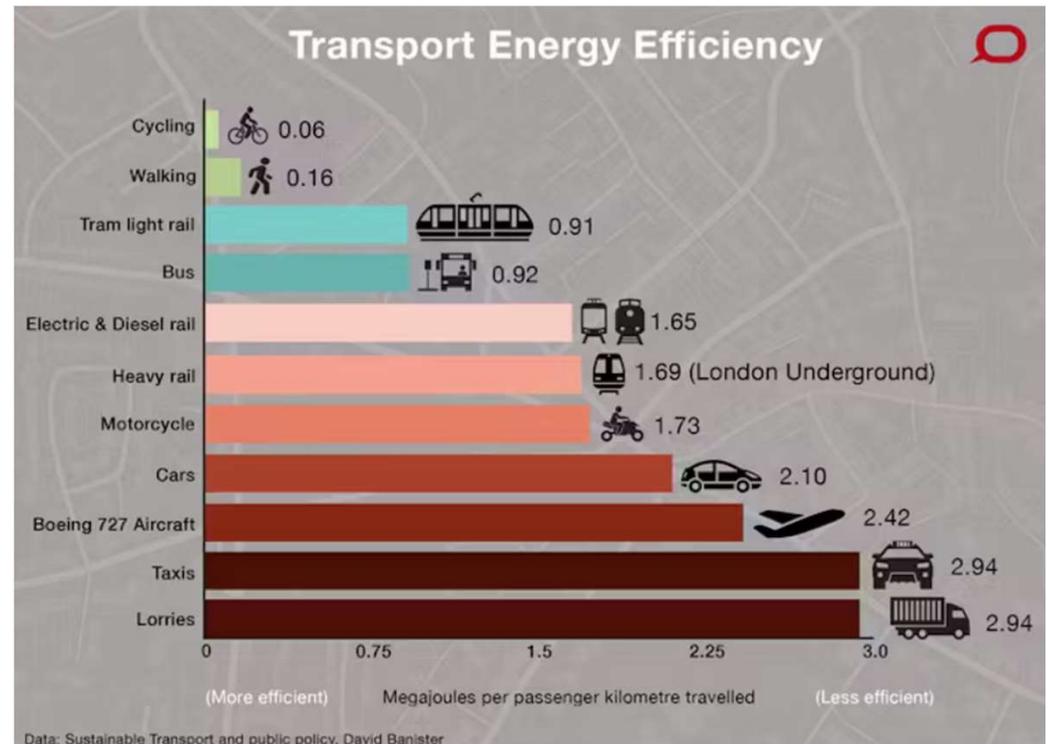


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# Sustainability

Public transit groups rides together to reduce the per-person usage of resources.

- Energy
- Funds
- Raw materials
- Waste products
- Land





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# Annual Awards Presentation



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# Recognitions Chairs



Amy Restelli  
Kimley-Horn



Claudia Brizuela  
City of San Diego



**Lima Saft**  
SDSU Adjunct Professor |  
Caltrans District 8



**Heather Furey**  
San Diego MTS



**Audrey Porcella**  
City of San Diego



**Fariba Ramos**  
Caltrans District 11



**Katy Cole**  
Fehr & Peers



**Don Murphy**  
Arcadis



**Chis Wahl**  
HNTB



# Recognitions Jury Panel





Melina Pereira  
Caltrans District 11



Olivia Lincoln  
RICK Engineering

# Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Chairs



# Rosa Parks Leadership Award

## Kena Teon

Grants Administrator  
San Diego Metropolitan  
Transit Service (MTS)



# Honorable Ray LaHood Award



## Glen Parker

Principal  
Wood Rodgers, Inc.





**HNTB**



Employer of the Year

# Technology for Transportation

# Maritime Clean Air Strategy





# Innovative Transportation Solutions

# Mobility Evaluation Tool (MET)

City of San Diego  
**Mobility Evaluation Tool**  
Understanding the Benefit of Mobility Options



San Diegans' quality of life relies on thriving neighborhoods and a healthy environment.



Building projects that are walkable, bikeable, and close to transit will help create this vibrant community and will also reduce greenhouse gasses caused by driving.



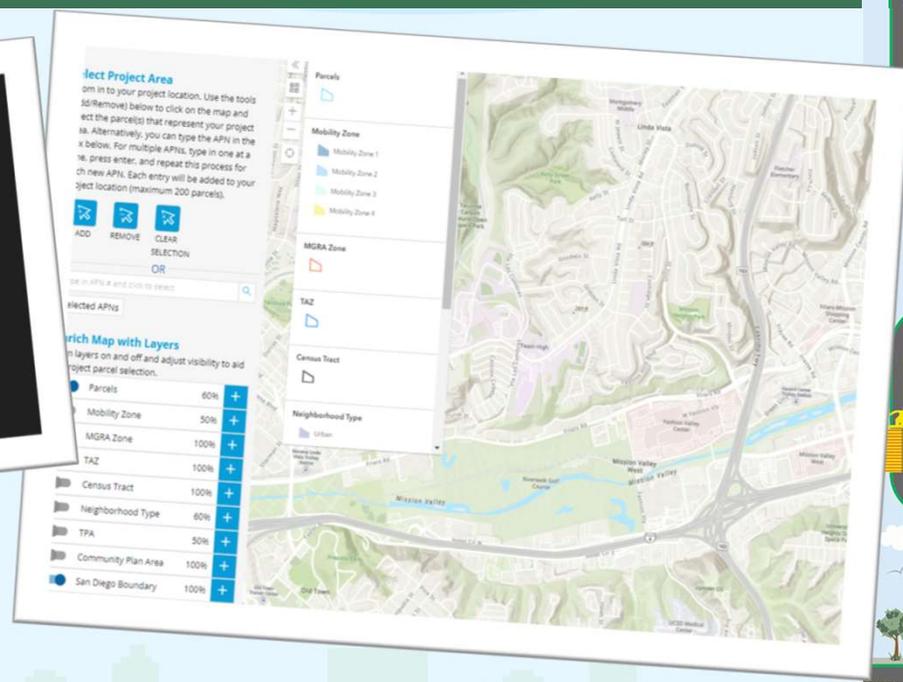
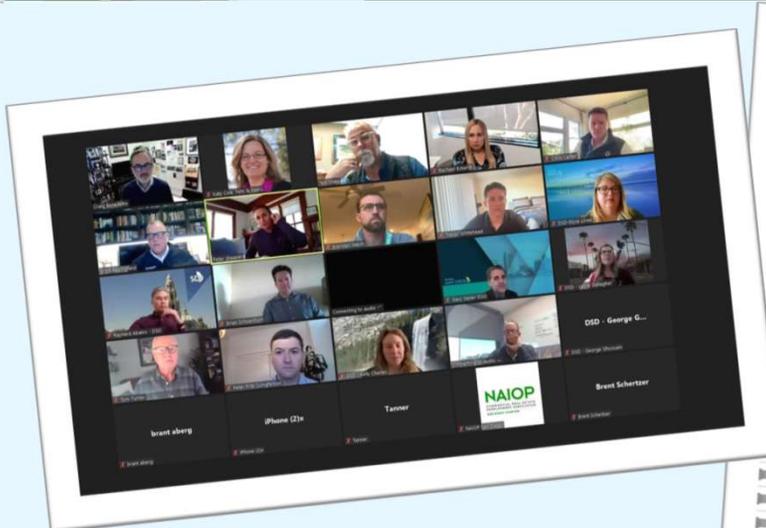
The Mobility Evaluation Tool helps developers analyze important information such as tracking project compliance with the City's Complete Communities Mobility Choices Regulations and driving reductions.



Equipped with this data, they can build projects that reduce environmental impacts and enhance the quality of life for all San Diegans.



To Learn More  
visit: [sandiego.gov/mobilityevaluationtool](http://sandiego.gov/mobilityevaluationtool)  
email: [sustainability@sandiego.gov](mailto:sustainability@sandiego.gov)



# Alternative Modes & Active Transportation

## The Beach Bug: Pacific Beach Neighborhood Electric Vehicle Pilot Program



# SANDAG



The City of  
**SAN DIEGO**



# Member of the Year



## Dawn Wilson

WTS San Diego Chapter  
Annual Awards Chair





# Pursuit of Excellence Award



## Claudia Brizuela

Senior Traffic Engineer  
City of San Diego

# Woman of the Year



## Brittany Waddell

Southwest District Environmental Manager  
Flatiron Construction





Congratulations to  
all our 2024  
Award Recipients!

# Special Presentation



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Closing Remarks



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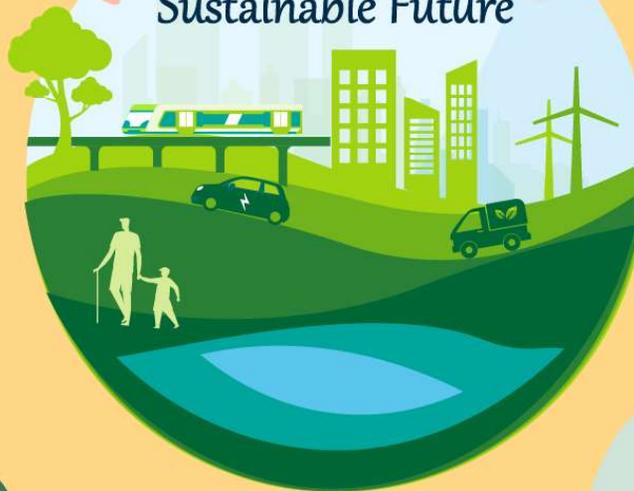


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