The Project
The project expanded the South Bay Bus Maintenance Facility in Chula Vista into a larger and more functional bus maintenance and operations base.

The Need
The Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) contracts with a bus operator to use and maintain the facility, maintain and service the buses, and provide personnel to operate the buses on routes in the San Diego metropolitan area. The current site was expanded to 10.6 acres. Before the project improvements, the facility served 174 buses. The previous parking space and maintenance facilities were very limited, creating challenges to maneuver buses and perform required fueling, servicing, and operational tasks. The project site was developed in phases over the last several years and included property acquisition and demolition.

This project expanded the existing site to include a new administration building, a new bus maintenance building, alterations to an existing maintenance building, a new bus wash facility, and additional bus parking. A site utilization study, including a survey of the new area and a maintenance facilities space assessment, was completed. The expansion and reconfiguration of the site increased site capacity to 240 buses, including new South Bay Rapid buses. The expanded site accommodates all service trucks, relief cars, and supervisor and staff vehicles.

Project Costs
Total project costs were $50.9 million and included right-of-way acquisition, environmental, design, and construction costs.

Project Status
A design-build contract was issued in January 2013. Construction began in July 2013 and was completed in November 2014. This project had an approved federal categorical exclusion from environmental analysis required under the National Environmental Policy Act. Additionally, a mitigated negative declaration was completed and approved under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Funding
The project was funded by federal and state dollars, along with money from the regional TransNet half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements.

For More Information
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