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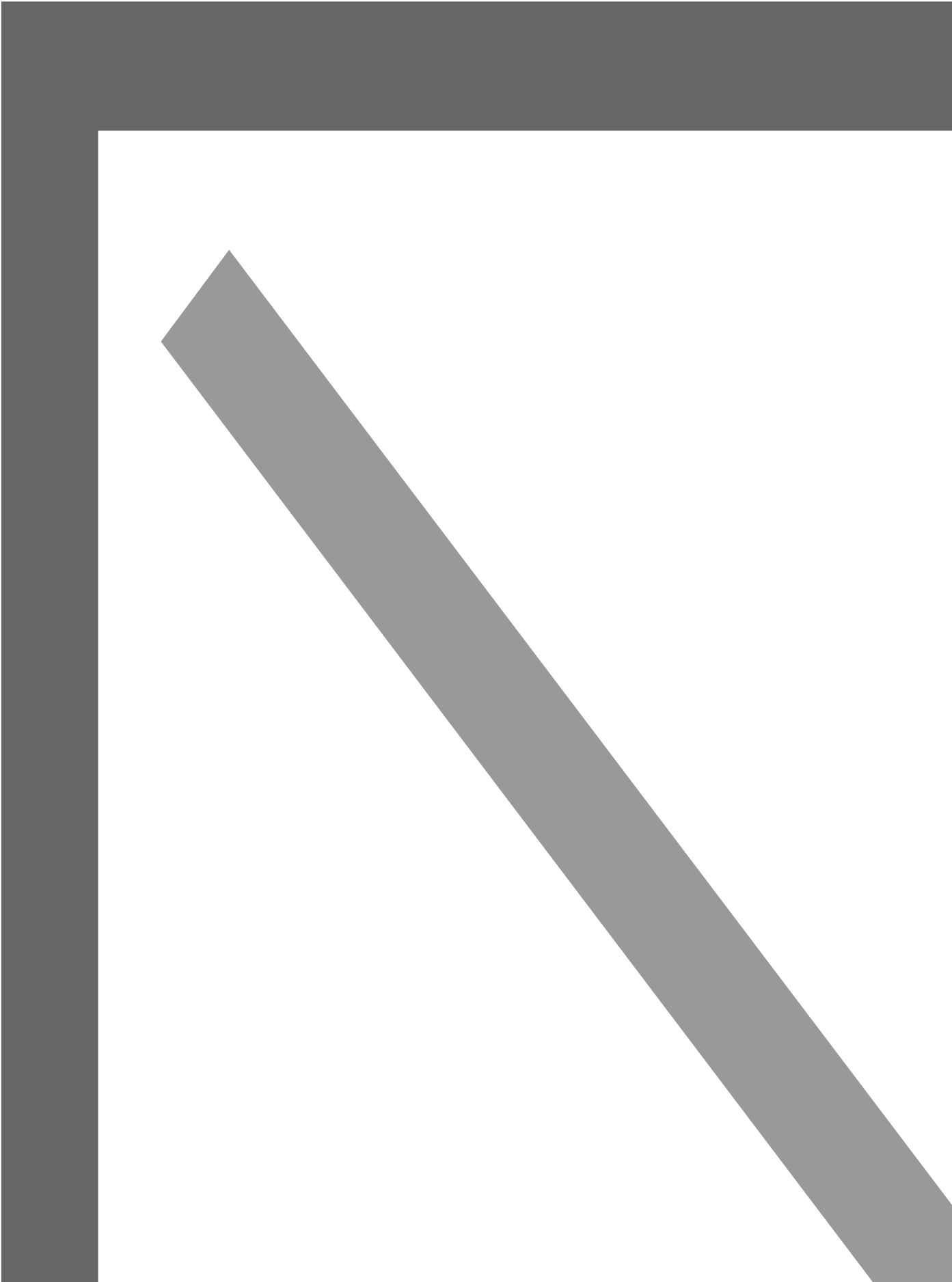
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MTS, SANDAG, the City of San Diego and Westfield Corporation will reach a significant milestone in March for the renovation of the Westfield UTC mall. The new UTC Transit Center will open this Spring after more than a year of construction. The UTC Transit Center is part of a \$500 million dollar mall renovation that includes a new Nordstrom, many retail stores and restaurants, a five-level parking garage.

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Since September 2015, MTS bus routes have been picking up and dropping off more than 4,200 daily passengers street-side on Genesee Avenue and La Jolla Village Drive. The new transit center will be off-street, have a bus-only entrance/exit, and avoid all the pedestrian and private auto flow from the mall. It will include a new controlled bus-only intersection at the southwestern corner of the transit center on Genesee.

The southern half of the transit center is open air and the northern half is sheltered on the bottom floor of the parking structure. Bus traffic will flow around the transit island in a clockwise direction. The island has 11 sawtooth bays that will accommodate the 12 routes (11 MTS and 1 NCTD) serving the center. Additionally, bus operators will be pleased to know that the transit center construction includes two driver-only bathrooms on site.

The transit center will eventually include a skybridge connecting to the Trolley platform when the Mid-Coast Trolley extension is complete (est. 2021).

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