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City of San Diego to Install Hundreds of Bike Racks Citywide

CITY TO PARTNER WITH LOCAL BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS TO IDENTIFY OPTIMAL LOCATIONS TO ASSIST BICYCLISTS

SAN DIEGO – In its continuing effort to promote alternative transportation and improve bicycle infrastructure, the City of San Diego today announced plans to install hundreds of bicycle racks in neighborhoods citywide. The City, which has already designated more than 50 bicycle racks for the downtown area as part of its comprehensive <u>Downtown Mobility Plan</u>, is also seeking input via local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to provide recommendations for additional bike rack installation locations in the community. The proposed 50 downtown bike rack locations correspond with developing cycle tracks – also known as protected bike lanes – being installed to improve ease and safety of bicycle ridership downtown.

"We're building a more bike-friendly city every day and these new bicycle racks will encourage more folks to get around on two wheels instead of four," said Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer. "As we continue to improve transportation options citywide, it's important to provide an orderly place for cyclists and casual riders to store their bikes so the public spaces in our neighborhoods are free from clutter."

The bicycle rack initiative, dubbed "BIDs to Bike Racks," is a collaborative effort between the Mayor's Office and the City's Transportation and Storm Water and Economic Development departments, and impacts every <u>Business Improvement District</u> across the city. Collaborating directly with BIDs will help achieve the goal to place bike racks in strategic locations within each community that best serve cyclists.

The addition of hundreds of new bike racks throughout the city will complement the improved and developing bicycle infrastructure and offer more places to safely secure bicycles.

Cyclists interested in locating existing bike racks are encouraged to use the City's <u>interactive map</u> which allows for convenient ride planning. Increasing bicycle ridership is a key strategy of the City's <u>Climate</u> <u>Action Plan</u> to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The City of San Diego was recently named a "Bike Friendly Community" by <u>The League of American</u> <u>Bicyclists</u>.

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