



**Child and Teen-Friendly City** is an initiative to support the development of the City of San Diego's first-ever Child and Teen-Friendly Public Spaces Design Manual. The initiative seeks to develop a pioneering roadmap that encourages the development of engaging public spaces that support outdoor play, physical activity and social interaction. In doing so, the Child and Teen-Friendly City initiative seeks to create a more livable city that improves the well-being, health and community life of San Diego's youth and their caregivers.

## A CHILD AND TEEN-FRIENDLY CITY HAS SPACES THAT:



**Promote physical activity & minimize risk**



**Create moments to pause & play**



**Support independence**



**Feel comfortable & spacious**



**Inspire curiosity, joy & learning opportunities**

## WHY IT MATTERS

Planning child and teen-friendly public spaces is essential for fostering physical, cognitive and social development while promoting community inclusion. These spaces offer safe environments where young people can engage in play and socialization, helping to reduce risky behaviors and build connections. Inclusive design ensures accessibility for all, encouraging intergenerational interactions and fostering a sense of belonging. By integrating safety features and educational elements, these spaces support the well-being of families and contribute to the long-term livability of cities. Ultimately, they empower youth to engage in their communities and develop into active, responsible citizens.



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## HOW DO WE GET THERE



**Develop a Comprehensive Design Manual:** Create a detailed and user-friendly manual that provides guidelines and best practices for designing public spaces that cater to the needs of infants, toddlers, children, teenagers and their caregivers.

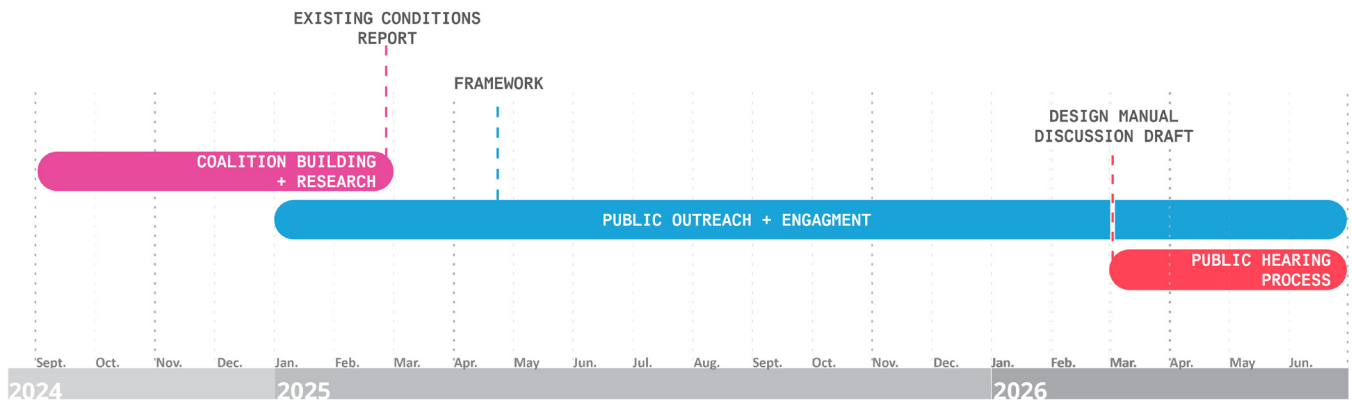


**Prioritize Outdoor Play, Physical Activity and Social Interaction:** Ensure the manual emphasizes the importance of outdoor play, physical activity and social interaction as key components of a livable city, with specific design strategies that promote these activities.



**Engage Stakeholders and Community Members:** Meet with experts and community members, including children and teenagers, to ensure the manual reflects the needs and desires of San Diegans.

### Child and Teen- Friendly City General Timeline



## GET INVOLVED AND STAY CONNECTED

We want to hear from you! To learn more about engagement opportunities and receive updates, sign up at [www.sandiego.gov/planning/work/child-teen-friendly-city](http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/work/child-teen-friendly-city)

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