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**Subject:** FY 2026 Draft Budget – Support for Funded Items & Urgent Call for Full Vision Zero Implementation

Dear Mayor Gloria and Councilmembers,

On behalf of the City of San Diego Mobility Board, we commend your continued leadership in advancing safe, equitable, and sustainable transportation across our city. We are encouraged by several mobility investments included in the FY 2026 Draft Budget and write today to both express our appreciation and to strongly urge the Mayor and City Council to fully fund critical priorities necessary to meet San Diego's Vision Zero, Climate Action Plan, and equity goals.

### **Investments We Support in the FY 2026 Draft Budget**

We commend the City for including the following high-impact mobility investments in the proposed FY 2026 budget:

- Gompers Prep 47th Street Safety Enhancements (B23146)
- Street Lighting Project on Logan Avenue (District 8)
- Pedestrian Infrastructure, Sidewalk Repairs, Tree Planting, and Lighting Upgrades citywide, especially in Communities of Concern
- Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPis) and signal safety upgrades throughout the city
- Market Street (47th to Euclid) Complete Street Project, a strong example of school access and corridor safety in an underserved area

These investments reflect meaningful progress toward Vision Zero, safe routes to school, and multimodal access. We urge the City Council to preserve and fully fund these initiatives in the adopted budget.

### **Critical Safety and Equity Priorities Not Yet Funded**

At the same time, the budget fails to address several urgent priorities raised by this Coalition and community safety advocates.

We call on the Mayor and Council to include the following items in the final FY 2026 adopted budget:

## 1. **Fund the 6 Most Dangerous School Corridors (\$1.725M)**

These corridors fall within SANDAG's Regional Safety Focus Network and are known to be the most dangerous in the city. They are essential walking routes to school:

- Garnet (Mission Blvd to Balboa Ave) – District 1
- Broadway (North Harbor to 21st Street) – District 3
- Market (2nd to 26th) – Districts 3 and 8
- Palm (Georgia St to Manning Way) – District 8
- El Cajon (48th to Dawson) – District 9
- University (35th to 48th) – District 9

Each of these corridors should receive cost-effective countermeasures, such as Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB), curb extensions, crosswalk striping, and prohibiting right turns on red.

## 2. **Complete Safety Improvements at the “Fatal 15” Intersections**

The most dangerous intersections—like West Point Loma & Nimitz, University and Cherokee, and Federal and Euclid—remain unfixed. These locations must receive high-visibility striping, countdown and audible signals, and where needed, traffic calming strategies to address recurring fatal crashes.

## 3. **Implement AB43 Speed Reductions in School Zones (\$150K)**

AB43 empowers cities to reduce school zone speed limits to 15–25 mph. With speeding still a top factor in pedestrian deaths, this low-cost strategy would immediately improve safety for children walking to school.

## 4. **Fund RRFBs at 45th and Landis (#12512)**

This intersection, requested by the Board, is on the City's Unfunded Needs List and should be addressed now to protect residents in District 9.

## 5. **Support Off-Cycle Resurfacing to Close Bikeway Gaps**

The City must prioritize low-cost, quick-build bike network connectivity by enabling full-build bikeways during repaving—even outside normal resurfacing cycles.

## 6. **Add Two Traffic Enforcement Officers for Bikeway and Moving Violations**

Speeding, illegal parking in protected bikeways, running lights and stop signs is rampant

and undermines safety. Two officers dedicated to enforcement would have a significant deterrent effect, particularly in the urban core.

**7. Fund Transit-Only Lanes and Flexible Fleet Pilots**

Transit riders—especially in underserved communities—deserve fast, reliable service. We urge the City to fund transit lanes and bike/scooter-share pilots that provide better first and last mile access.

## **District-Specific Priorities**

In addition to citywide goals, we urge prioritization of Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs) listed by Council District. Projects in construction should be expedited, and those in planning should be enhanced now—while cost-effective—before requiring major redesigns. **We highly recommend utilizing quick-build materials where feasible.**

*Please refer to the detailed list of district-specific priorities below.*

## **Conclusion**

We appreciate the City’s recent progress—including the adoption of the Complete Streets Policy, the updated Street Design Manual, and the Street Safety Resolution. However, with traffic deaths still rising and a decade of Vision Zero looming, the time to act boldly is now.

We urge you to include these remaining critical items in the FY 2026 final budget to make San Diego a safer, more connected, and more just city for all who walk, roll, bike, or ride.

## Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Priorities by Council District

District	Priority Projects
<b>D1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Complete Coastal Rail Trail on Gilman Drive</li><li>- Traffic calming at Beryl St &amp; Lamont St</li><li>- Improve ped/bike access on Garnet Ave west of Ingraham</li><li>- Fund PB Pathways Phase 3</li></ul>
<b>D2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Fund Robb Field Gateway Path (B19212)</li><li>- Install roundabout at Voltaire St &amp; Poinsettia Dr</li><li>- Build Class IV bikeway on W. Point Loma Blvd</li><li>- Improve connection between PB &amp; Balboa Trolley Station</li></ul>
<b>D3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Fund the feasibility study for Park Blvd, Normal Street, El Cajon Blvd intersection</li><li>- Fund El Cajon &amp; Kansas traffic signal (B20140)</li><li>- Complete 6th Ave &amp; Juniper Roundabout (B20142)</li><li>- Fund Washington &amp; Albatross HAWK (B24118)</li><li>- Improve Golf Course Dr. design for bike safety (S15040)</li><li>- Connect Downtown Mobility Network to Embarcadero via J St</li></ul>
<b>D4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Fund Gompers Prep 47th St Enhancements (B23146)</li><li>- Repave Logan Ave/Encina Dr</li><li>- Fund new sidewalks on Groveland Dr</li></ul>

- Signalized crossing on Euclid between Naranja & Imperial
- Pre-design for Chollas Skatepark near Gompers Park
- Protected bikeways on Federal Blvd (47th–Euclid)

- D5**
- Fund bike improvements on Pomerado Rd
  - Collaborate with City of Poway

- D6**
- Fund Governor Dr (B22105)
  - Add bike lanes: Nobel Dr (Lebon to I-5), Regents Rd (Berino to Arriba)
  - Restore bike lanes on Camino Santa Fe, Eastgate Mall, and Governor Dr
  - Buffered Class II lanes in Mira Mesa

- D7**
- Fund Alvarado Canyon Rd Realignment (P18007)
  - Fund West Valley River Crossing (S24004)
  - Upgrade crosswalk signals at Linda Vista/Comstock (B23030)
  - Fund Mission Gorge Crosswalks (S15019 & B18104)

- D8**
- Fund Logan Avenue Street Lighting Project

- D9**
- Fund RRFB at 45th & Landis (#12512)
  - Install stop signs at 49th & Orange (near Ibarra Elem.)
  - Fund Home Ave Pedestrian Safety Study
  - Fund street lights near 805/15 Home Ave exit

- Activate Transit Plaza Kiosk Stations
- Repave El Cajon Blvd and Orange Ave

Sincerely,

City of San Diego Mobility Board