

City of San Diego Mobility Board

Mayor Todd Gloria
City of San Diego Councilmembers
City Administration Building
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Subject: Requests for Fiscal Year 2026 Budget

Dear Mayor Gloria and Councilmembers,

We are writing on behalf of the City of San Diego Mobility Board to propose recommendations for the FY 2026 budget cycle of the City of San Diego. We appreciate the leadership that you have shown in developing safe and sustainable mobility options. We emphasize the importance of prioritizing mobility investments for historically underserved communities of concern. We urge the City of San Diego to allocate funds for safety improvements aimed at addressing the Fatal 15 intersections during this budget cycle. We look forward to continuing to work together to build a truly multi-modal system in San Diego.

In alignment with our overarching objectives of equity, safety, and climate action, we are proposing a list of citywide mobility priorities for inclusion in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget cycle:

Citywide General Priorities

Addressing the Deficiency of Pedestrian Infrastructure:

Prioritize the enhancement of pedestrian infrastructure and safety in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget. This includes updating and fully implementing the Pedestrian Master Plan (2006), with a focus on areas lacking sidewalks. Well-maintained sidewalks are essential to Vision Zero goals, and the City should increase funding for sidewalk repairs and new installations. We propose the development of a policy framework for pedestrian boulevards and pedestrian-only corridors, emphasizing lighting, shade, and seating to ensure safety and comfort for pedestrians and public transit users. Additionally, funding should be allocated for new streetlights, replace old stop signs, and tree planting, supporting the 2022 Climate Action Plan goal of planting 40,000 new trees by 2030 in Communities of Concern. Investments in fixing the most dangerous intersections, as identified in the Systemic Safety Analysis Report Program, should focus on cost-effective safety measures like lead pedestrian intervals, countdown timers, high-visibility crosswalks, curb extensions, and roundabouts. Lastly, the City should establish a Healthy Commuter Incentive Program to promote sustainable and active commuting for City employees.

Addressing Missing Links in the Bike Network:

Prioritize off-cycle resurfacing to complete essential bike network connections on dangerous roads and allocate funding for full-build bikeways during resurfacing. This will improve the bikeway network efficiently in key areas of San Diego. Strengthen parking and code enforcement in bikeways, particularly in the urban core, by assigning two parking enforcement officers to curb illegal parking and parklet encroachments. Utilize the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide as the standard for new bike facilities, aligning with the city's goals and the latest safety classifications. Restore funding for Vision Zero education programs and support active transportation campaigns. Continue funding the Safe and Sustainable Transportation for All Ages and Abilities Team (STAAT) to expedite quick-build and protected bikeways, supporting Climate Action Plan and Vision Zero goals.

Transit and Micro Mobility Improvements

Transit-only lanes have the potential to transform bus routes into the most efficient transportation options. The City should study and implement transit lanes on its most congested corridors. Prioritize funding for immediate and/or low-cost transit solutions benefiting low-income communities including flexible fleet programs, youth opportunity passes, and expanded bus routes and service frequency. Enhance connectivity to major transit stations and bridge transit deserts by investing in ways to connect people to the transit network. This includes enhancing pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, standing up first and last-mile micro-transit solutions, and partnering with private-sector, transit-oriented developments to share in the cost and benefit of these solutions. Collaborate with SANDAG, MTS, NCTD, and local jurisdictions to improve connectivity by urging adoption and investment in transit-complimentary solutions such as bike-share, scooter programs, and EV shuttles, and accelerate the development of multi-modal mobility hubs that encourage mode shift.

District Specific Priorities

In addition to the broad priorities outlined above, the mobility board has identified several Capital Improvement Projects that we believe should be prioritized for funding in the coming fiscal year. For projects that are in the bid/award phase, inclusion in this list means that the Mobility Board believes that such projects should be prioritized for construction as soon as possible. For projects that are in a more preliminary phase, inclusion means that the Mobility Board believes such projects are ripe for the addition of enhancements that should be considered now when such modifications are most cost-effective and before they require significant, costly redesign. The projects to be prioritized are listed by Council District below:

Capital Improvement Program List Priorities:

District 1:

- Completion of the Coastal Rail Trail on Gilman Drive.
- Install additional traffic calming solutions at Beryl St and Lamont St intersection.
- Facilitate pedestrian and bicycle access on Garnet Ave, west of Ingraham Drive.

- Fund the completion of PB Pathways Phase 3.

District 2:

- Fund CPI Project B19212: Completion of Robb Field Gateway Path.
- Install Voltaire St. at Poinsettia Dr. roundabout.
- Install Class IV bikeway W. Point Loma Blvd. from Nimitz Blvd. to Adrian St originally a part of CPI Project B22115.
- Enhance the bicycle and pedestrian connection between Pacific Beach and the Balboa Ave. Trolley station.

District 3:

- Fund El Cajon & Kansas - Traffic Signal (B20140 - Transportation Asset).
- Completion of 6th Ave @ Juniper St Roundabout (B20142 - Transportation Asset).
- Fund Washington & Albatross HAWK (B24118 - Transportation Asset).
- Fund Golf Course Drive Improvements (S15040 - Parks Asset). This project would benefit from enhancement during the design phase to ensure sufficiently safe bicycle infrastructure is included.
- Create clear connections between the downtown Mobility Network and the Embarcadero, especially on J St. cycle track via the bike path along the railroad tracks.

District 4:

- Funding for Gompers Prep 47th St Safety Enhancements (B23146-Transportation Asset).
- Repaving and Resurfacing for Logan Avenue/ Encina Dr, from Euclid Avenue to Santa Isabella Dr.
- Prioritize funding for constructing sidewalks in District 4 where there is none of them example- Groveland Drive in Valencia Park.
- Install a safe, signalized pedestrian crossing on Euclid Avenue between Naranja Street and Imperial Ave.
- Prioritize pre-design funding for the Skatepark community project in Chollas Community near Gompers Park.
- Fund protected bikeways Federal Blvd from 47th to Euclid Protected bikeways.

District 5:

- Fund bike improvements for Pomerado Rd and foster collaboration with City of Poway.

District 6:

- Fund CIP Project # B22105: Governor Dr. West of Genesee.
- Fund bike lanes for Nobel Dr. currently a gap from Lebon Dr. to I5.
- Fund bike lanes for Regents Rd. currently a gap from Berino Ct. to Arriba.
- Restore bike lanes on Camino Santa Fe between Miramar and Carroll Rd.
- Buffered class II bike lane needed for North/South bike route in Mira Mesa.
- Restore bike lanes on Eastgate Mall.

- Restore bike lanes on Governor Dr. East of Genesee.

District 7:

- Fund CIP project: P18007 for Alvarado Canyon Road Realignment - Allied Gardens/Grantville.
- Fund CIP project: S24004 for West Valley River Crossing- Mission Valley.
- Fund CIP project: B23030 for Updated crosswalk signals Linda Vista Rd/Comstock St-Linda Vista.
- Fund CIP project: S15019 and B18104 for the Continental Crosswalk on Mission Gorge Rd/Mission Gorge Pl-Allied Gardens/Grantville.

District 8:

- Street Lighting Project for Logan Ave.

District 9:

- Fund the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons at 45th & Landis (Transportation Unfunded Needs List #12512).
- Allocate funding to install stop signs at 49th & Orange near Ibarra Elementary School. Parents and residents have petitioned for stop signs to be installed at this location, citing concerns over frequent speeding and inadequate pedestrian crossings.
- Fund Pedestrian Enhancement and Safety Study for Home Ave.
- Fund Street Lights for the 805/15 Home Ave Exit.
- Activation of Transit Plaza Kiosk Stations.
- Fund Repaving of El Cajon Blvd and Orange Ave.

Conclusion

Thank you for considering our budget requests. We enthusiastically support the leadership your offices have shown in creating transportation options for our region. We look forward to working with you throughout the FY 2026 budget process to ensure the city's resources are being used efficiently to create a multi-modal system that is as safe and efficient as possible for all of our San Diego residents.

Sincerely,

City of San Diego Mobility Board Members

cc:

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