



**April 1, 2026**

Mayor's Office, Planning Department  
202 C Street  
San Diego, CA 92101

Subject: Concerns with omitting safe bicycle infrastructure on Governor Drive

Dear Mayor Todd Gloria and Planning Department,

We are writing to express concern about the status of the planned buffered Class II bike lanes on Governor Drive west of Genesee Avenue, which were included in the updated University Community Plan and expected to be implemented following the Pure Water project. Many in the community understood that this project had both support and funding identified.

The recent communication from the Mayor's office indicating the project is on hold for "budget reasons," followed by statements that it was not yet budgeted, raises serious concerns about transparency and commitment.

Governor Drive is a heavily traveled corridor, often used as a bypass when Interstate 805, California State Route 52, and Interstate 5 are congested. Traffic is fast and aggressive at nearly all hours, despite the presence of schools, parks, athletic fields, and a community pool. If the City is delaying or stepping back from a project that would reduce vehicle miles traveled, it must take meaningful action to significantly slow traffic in the interim.

The segment of Governor Dr. East of Genesee, serves a school, a large community park, a ball field, and a fast growing 55+ residential community near Gullstrand Street. It is also a critical connection for students biking between neighborhoods and destinations such as University City High School and University of California San Diego, as well as for adults commuting to work and accessing daily needs.

There is no bus service along this portion of Governor Drive, increasing reliance on biking and walking. What was originally built as a complete Class II bike lane corridor has been degraded over time, with segments disappearing to accommodate left-turn lanes. The result is an environment that is now incredibly unsafe.

**Two people have already been hit and killed in this part of Governor Drive.**

This corridor presents a clear opportunity to uphold the City's Complete Streets Policy, advance Vision Zero goals, and meet Climate Action Plan commitments.

We ask the Mayor and Councilmember Kent Lee to recommit to these goals and take immediate action to make all of Governor Drive safer for all road users.

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