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May Brings New Bicycle Infrastructure

By Council President Todd Gloria

San Diego reaped benefits throughout the National Bike Month of May, and wrapped up with the unveiling of the new Downtown Bike Loop on May 27. I was excited to join Mayor Kevin Faulconer in a key segment of the loop in Bankers Hill to announce a seven-mile network of on-street bicycle lanes and routes that connects cyclists with the City's top destinations.



The Bike Loop is a circuitous route that takes riders through Balboa Park, the Gaslamp Quarter, and Little Italy and includes views of San Diego Bay. The loop also brings riders near several attractions, including the USS Midway Museum, Seaport Village, Petco Park, the new Central Library, and the new Waterfront Park. A map of the San Diego Bike Loop can be found <http://www.sandiego.gov/tsw/programs/bicycle.shtml>.

Our streets are a key part of our public infrastructure. They are not just for cars. They are for people. With more people choosing biking not only as a form of exercise but as a real transportation option, providing safe bikeways is a smart investment.

The City has painted way-finding symbols on streets so cyclists and casual riders can easily identify and traverse the San Diego Bike Loop. The project also includes a road diet along 4th and 5th avenues in where a car lane has been replaced with a dedicated bike lane.

I used the new lanes on Bike to Work Day on May 30 and appreciated the added safety. The numbers are still be analyzed, but I'm hopeful San Diegans outpaced last year's performance when 8,400 people biked to work. Overall more than 216,000 bicycle commute miles were logged in May 2013, generating significant environmental and health benefits. That equates to nearly 9,400 gallons of gas saved, 6.6 million calories burned, and is equivalent to nearly nine trips around the earth.

Making biking even easier, San Diego's bike sharing program will finally start later this summer. My staff and I have worked hard to ensure the bike sharing station locations are best for our neighborhoods, and I appreciate DecoBike's willingness to move several in Old Town, South Park, and Golden Hill. If you have additional input, please contact my office or Tom Landre, tlandre@sandiego.gov. Together, we are making San Diego a world class bike city.

Coffee with the Council President June 21 in Old Town

Join Council President Todd Gloria for coffee and a casual conversation about City issues and neighborhood concerns. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and let the Council President know your priorities.

Coffee with the Council President
Saturday, June 21, 2014
10:00—11:30 a.m.
Old Town Market, 4010 Twiggs St.



Council President Gloria Named to Homeless Assistance Program's Governance Board

Council President Todd Gloria was recently named to the inaugural Governance Board of the Regional Continuum of Care Council (RCCC), a community-based forum focused on homelessness in the San Diego region.

Council President Gloria is a long-time advocate for affordable housing and addressing homelessness, and set a goal of ending homelessness Downtown by 2016.

The RCCC is a large cooperative community group consisting of representatives of the 18 cities within the county, nonprofit service providers and other interested parties. Governance Board members are chosen to represent the diversity of stakeholders, are capable of determining mutually reinforcing activities, and are willing to serve to achieve the goal of ending homelessness in the region. The RCCC meets on a monthly basis to identify gaps in homeless services, establish funding priorities, and to pursue an overall systemic approach to addressing homelessness.

The Continuum of Care strategy was designed to promote the development of housing and supportive services to assist homeless persons in the transition from streets and shelters to permanent housing and maximum self-sufficiency.

"I am honored to be part of the Regional Continuum of Care's Governance Board and continue our progress toward ending homelessness locally," said Council President Gloria. "Collaboration between the public and private sectors and service providers has been key to our recent successes like Connections Housing, and I look forward to assisting the RCCC on additional efforts."

News You Can Use

Weigh In on the New Mission Hills-Hillcrest Library: Council President Gloria encourages Uptown neighbors to provide input on the long-envisioned new Mission Hills-Hillcrest library. The City just accepted a \$10 million gift to help complete the library, bringing it ever closer to reality. The new library design incorporates input from stakeholder meetings held during the last decade with the community, Hillcrest Town Council, Mission Hills Town Council, and the Friends of the Mission Hills Branch Library. To keep the community up-to-date on the project, the following presentations are scheduled:

Hillcrest Town Council, June 10, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Joyce Beers Community Center, Cleveland Ave. #101

Mission Hills Town Council, June 12, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Grant K-8 School Cafeteria, 1425 Washington Pl.

Uptown Planners, July 1, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Joyce Beers Community Center, Cleveland Ave. #101

Utility Underground Advisory Committee: Council President Gloria was pleased to appoint David Moty, Bobby Johnson, Joe LaCava, Charles Angyal, John Ready, Vicki Granowitz, and Tom Hebrank to the newly approved Utility Undergrounding Advisory Committee. As the undergrounding of utility lines continues throughout the City, the Committee of community members and utility company representatives will advance direct communication and transparency to ensure a smoother process for all stakeholders and utility box placement and other challenges will be more easily addressed. The first meeting of the Utility Undergrounding Committee is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on June 20, 2014. The meeting will be held at the City Administration Building.

The Downtown Complete Streets Mobility Plan needs the input of San Diegans. The Mobility Plan will establish policies, programs, and projects that will improve overall mobility throughout the Downtown San Diego area. The Mobility Plan will provide for the development of a cohesive network of complete streets, which will: increase priority and safety for bicyclists and pedestrians by providing supportive facilities and amenities; provide desirable connections for all users to public parks, main shopping areas, entertainment facilities, major attractions, the waterfront, surrounding communities, and the regional transportation network; and; support reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. Upon adoption by the City of San Diego City Council in Spring 2015, the Mobility Plan will be a catalyst for both short-term and long-term implementation of the Downtown Community Plan and the creation of a system of complete streets which will provide better circulation and open space opportunities. Learn more and get involved by checking out <http://www.downtownsdmobility.com/>.

Raise Up San Diego: Council President Gloria continues to work with stakeholders and his colleagues to develop a measure to increase the minimum wage and allow workers to earn sick days. The measure will be considered by the Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations Committee on June 11 at 9:00 a.m.

Community Connection: The Todd Squad is Working for You

Strengthening Public Safety

- Per the community's request, all-way stop signs were installed at the intersection of Madison and Mississippi.
- A streetlight was fixed at 32nd St. and North Park Way.
- Potential traffic calming measures are being considered for Fern St. in South Park.
- The barrier fence and traffic signage were replaced at Juan St. and Sunset Way.
- Graffiti abatement occurred in Switzer Canyon
- To reduce congestion that often blocks the intersection, City traffic engineering staff is examining possible changes to the traffic light pattern and timing at Lincoln and Washington.
- Urban Corps assisted in covering graffiti on the sewer pipes in University Heights that run into a canyon.

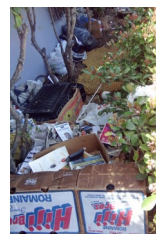
Infrastructure Investment

- Potholes were fixed on 10th and Robinson and at 32nd Street at Dwight.
- A street sign was moved out of the middle of the lily pond in University Heights on Mission Cliff Dr.
- A falling down sign was replaced at Madison St. and

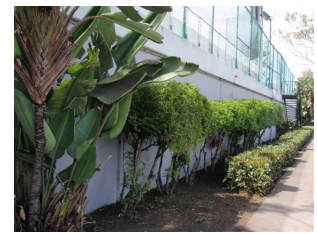
- A sidewalk damaged by a parkway tree was repaired in the 4400 block of Hamilton St.
- An alley leveled near 3300 Dwight St.

Community Character

- Fallen palm fronds were removed from Louisiana Street.
 - Benches and shade structures will soon be added to Balboa Park's Federal Lot thanks to a contribution from Council President Gloria's office savings.
 - A Notice of Violation was issued to a property owner in the 1600 block of Island Avenue for unpermitted electrical work among other violations.
 - Trolley Barn Park will soon feature barbecues and coal receptacles made possible by a contribution of funds from Council President Gloria's office.
- To assist local businesses along the 30th Street construction route, "Businesses Open" signs were added to the corridor and encourage patronage.
- A Notice of Violation was issued to a property owner in the 700 block of 9th Avenue for failure to comply with applicable zoning.
 - Debris abatement and landscaping occurred in front of North Park Water Tower near El Cajon Blvd. and Idaho St. See before and after photos below.



Before



After

Summer Community Events

One Sweet Ride: Community celebration of new I-15 transit service, Sunday, June 8, 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m., City Heights Transit Center on University Ave. at I-15.

East Village Pocket Park Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting, Sunday, June 8, 11:00 a.m., near 1250 J St.

Bird Park Concerts, alternate Saturdays starting June 14, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Bird Park, Upas at 28th St. in North Park. Please no alcohol, glass, grills, or unleashed dogs. http://www.northparksd.org/programs/bird_park_concerts/index.php

21st Annual Taste of Gaslamp, Saturday, June 14 and Sunday, June 15, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. <http://gaslamp.org/taste-of-gaslamp>

South Park Old House Fair, Saturday, June 21, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., 30th at Beech St.

University Heights Summer in the Park, Friday evenings, July 4—August 1, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Trolley Barn Park, Adams Ave. at Florida St.

San Diego LGBT Pride, Friday, July 18 through Sunday, July 20. Parade on Saturday through Hillcrest; Festival in Balboa Park. Full details: <http://www.sandiegopride.org/>

Marine Band San Diego Summer Concert hosted by the Little Italy Association, Saturday, August 2, 6:00 p.m. on W. Date between India and Columbia Streets

Flags Fly on Memorial Day

The streets of Hillcrest were appropriately patriotic this Memorial Day as the Hillcrest-Mission Hills Lions Club displayed American flags as it had for decades.

Due to a complaint lodged, the City was requiring the Club to pay \$2,000 in permit fees, which were paid for by Council President Gloria from his office budget savings.

"This is a beloved tradition and an appropriate way to honor fallen service members and their families, and it would be shameful for it to end," said the Council President.

To demonstrate further community support for the flags, Jeff Jackson, the owner of Flicks, contributed \$2,000 to the Lions Club's charity fund, where it will serve the sight-impaired community in San Diego.

The flags will also be flown on Flag Day, July 4, and other occasions throughout the year.

Tracking Todd



1. Todd and colleagues celebrate local tourism at Petco Park. 2. Councilmember Harris, and his son joined Todd at the Dragon Boat Festival. 3. Todd stops in to thank 211 San Diego volunteers for their amazing efforts during the May wildfires. 4. Todd celebrates the 30th anniversary of Rachel's Women's Center. 5. Todd joins community planning leaders, neighbors, mobility advocates, and others for a discussion about smart growth.



Council President Todd Gloria serves on the following:

Chair, Budget and Government Efficiency Committee
Member, San Diego Association of Governments Board (SANDAG)
Chair, SANDAG Transportation Committee
Member, SANDAG Executive Committee

Member, Metropolitan Transit System Board
Liaison, Civic San Diego
Member, San Diego Regional Continuum of Care Governance Board

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