

Pershing Bikeway Project
Balboa Park Committee
Agenda Action Item #201

201. Pershing Bikeway Project. Presenter: Chris Carterette, AICP, Project Manager, SANDAG

The Pershing Bikeway project was presented to the Balboa Park Committee as an Info Item on November 5, 2015 and as a workshop item on March 3, 2016. After reviewing the Committee's and public's comments and questions, SANDAG believes the project, as presented, reflects the goals of the Committee and seeks approval and asks the Committee to recommend approval from the San Diego Park and Recreation Board.

The Pershing Bikeway will provide north-south connectivity for people riding bikes and walking between North Park and Downtown. The 2.6 mile bikeway is proposed to begin in North Park at the intersection of Utah and Landis streets. The route will run south along Utah Street and connect to Pershing Drive via Upas Street. Continuing through Balboa Park on Pershing Drive, the route connects with B and C streets in Downtown San Diego. The termini of the Pershing Bikeway corridor connect with other planned bikeway projects in North Park and Downtown. The route may feature bike facilities such as a combination of wide buffered bike lanes and a separated (protected) bikeway. As part of the project, a parallel pedestrian route is envisioned adjacent to the proposed bike facilities on Pershing Drive.

The goal of the project is to improve very important connections in multiple areas, including within Balboa Park along and across Pershing Drive, and between North Park and Downtown. The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) is leading the effort to implement this project as a component of the San Diego Regional Bike Network, GO by BIKE. It is one of several high priority projects included in the Regional Bike Early Action Program, a \$200 million initiative adopted by the SANDAG Board of Directors in September 2013.