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City of San Diego's Earns Public Agency of the Year Nod for Bike Projects

SAN DIEGO, CA (November 7, 2013) – Interim Mayor Todd Gloria today announced that the City of San Diego received some well-deserved recognition for local transportation efforts. The Institute of Transportation Engineers San Diego Section selected the City of San Diego as the “Public Agency of the Year.”

The City of San Diego's Traffic Engineering Division was selected because of its dedication to repurposing the streets for all users. In particular, the recognition was for the numerous improvements made in a short amount of time for cyclists and for the innovative and progressive measures taken to move forward with this effort.

“Our bike infrastructure efforts are really in response to the desires of San Diegans,” said Interim Mayor Gloria. **“By making biking safer, it becomes a true alternative to driving and can complement transit use for longer trips. Increased biking will help make our City healthier environmentally and physically.”**

The City has restriped 50 bike lane miles as part of road resurfacing contracts. This results in narrower car lanes, wider bike lanes, and buffers between the two. These improvements come at no additional cost to the City.

Also, the City's first road diet has been approved and should be installed by the end of December 2013 along Fourth and Fifth Avenues from Laurel Street to I-5; hundreds of sharrows have been installed within bike routes to improve the connectivity of the overall bike network; the City is installing traffic control devices at three locations where pedestrian and bike paths exit onto major streets to minimize vehicular delays and maximizing cyclist and pedestrian safety; and the City has purchased bike detectors for eight traffic signals so the green signal time is extended to allow a cyclist enough time to travel through.

Of course, these efforts complement the installation of 150 bike racks in the last year, the popular bike corral program, and the bikesharing partnership with DecoBike, which will start next spring.

“I'm incredibly proud of our City employees who have demonstrated initiative and creativity in making San Diego more bike friendly,” said Interim Mayor Gloria.

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