

The City of
SAN DIEGO
MOBILITY BOARD

Meeting Notice and Agenda

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

In Person Meeting: 4:30 PM – 6 PM

Civic Center Plaza, 1200 3rd Ave, 4th Floor Conference Room
San Diego, CA 92101

Members:

Daniel Reeves (Mayoral), Gary Smith (Mayoral), Michelle Krug (Mayoral), Barbarah Torres (Mayoral), Katie Crist (D1), Stephan Vance (D2), Rosa Olascoaga Vidal (D4) Chair, Nicole Burgess (D5), Jeff Dosick (D6), Steve Gelb (D7), Stephanie Hernandez (D9)

Agenda:

Item 1: Call to Order. Roll call.

Item 2: Approval of Meeting Minutes

Approval of the August 2, 2023, meeting minutes.

Item 3: Non-Agenda Public Comment

Item 4: Inclusive Public Engagement Guide (Information)

The City is creating an Inclusive Public Engagement Guide to promote public participation in City plans, programs, and policies, particularly in communities that have historically experienced barriers to participation. The Guide will serve as the foundation for City employees to implement meaningful outreach and engagement best practices that consider public input from all community members, especially from underrepresented groups, so that decisions ultimately improve all San Diegans' quality of life. City Planning Department staff will provide an overview of the project, its next major milestones, and ways to get involved and provide feedback.

Item 5: Fiscal Year 2025 Mobility Board Budget Letter (Approve)

The Mobility Board Budget Subcommittee will present the Mobility Board's Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Letter for discussion and approval.

Item 6: Draft Complete Streets Council Policy (continued) (Action)

This item provides an update to the draft Complete Streets Council Policy. The initial draft was brought to Mobility Board on August 2, 2023. Revisions to this Council Policy were based on feedback received. Overall, this policy will advance the City's commitment to create a healthier, safer, and more sustainable transportation network.

Item 7: Staff Updates

- Item 8: Subcommittee Updates
- Item 9: Updates from Members
- Item 10: Schedule for Future Meetings – 2023
- October 4
 - November 1
 - December 6
- Item 11: Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2023.

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DRAFT – Meeting Minutes

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Agenda

Item 1: Call to Order. Roll call.

Chair Rosa Olascoaga called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

Chair Olascoaga (D4) called roll: Danny Reeves (Mayoral), Gary Smith (Mayoral), Barbarah Torres (Mayoral) (Vice Chair), Nicole Burgess (D5), Jeff Dosick (D6), Steve Gelb (D7), and Stephanie Hernandez (D9).

Item 2: Approval of Meeting Minutes (Action)

Chair Olascoaga asked the Mobility Board to review and approve the minutes from its May 3, 2023, meeting.

There were no public comments on this item.

Action: Upon a motion by Gary Smith, and a second by Steve Gelb, the Mobility Board voted to approve the meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously with all members in attendance voting ‘Yes’.

Item 3: Non-Agenda Public Comment

There were no non-agenda member or public comments.

Item 4: Budget Development Process (Information)

Jordan More, Senior Fiscal & Policy Analyst, Office of the Independent Budget Analyst, provided an overview of the City of San Diego’s budget development process in advance of the Fiscal Year 2025 budget cycle.

There were no public comments on this item.

Item 5: Fiscal Year 2025 Mobility Board Budget Priorities (Discussion)

Chair Olascoaga introduced Vice Chair Barbarah Torres, who lead the Mobility Board in a discussion about Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 budget priorities. Vice Chair Torres confirmed the formation of a Budget Subcommittee to discuss the topic and draft recommendations for FY 2025. This Subcommittee consists of Vice Chair Torres, Gary Smith, Nicole Burgess, Stephan Vance, Jeff Dosick. Recommendations from the Budget Subcommittee will be brought to a future meeting for Board consideration.

There were no public comments on this item.

Item 6: Draft Complete Streets Council Policy (Action)

Phil Trom, Long-Range Mobility Program Manager, Sustainability and Mobility Department, presented the Draft Council Policy for Complete Streets to the Mobility Board. Phil will return to the Mobility Board in September, to review policy updates and seek support for the adoption of the Council Policy.

Nevo Magnezi, BikeSD, provided public comment on the Draft Complete Streets Council Policy.

Action: This item was continued to the September 6, 2023, Mobility Board meeting for consideration.

Item 7: Staff Updates

- Krystal Ayala –The City has launched the Beach Bug in Pacific Beach. More information available at www.sandiego.gov/PBShuttle

Item 8: Subcommittee Updates

- Budget Subcommittee – Vice Chair Torres confirmed member interest in the Budget Subcommittee and noted a meeting between the August and September Mobility Board meetings will be convened.

Item 9: Updates from Members

- Jeff Dosick – First Mobility Board meeting. Jeff is an avid biker and has direct knowledge of bike lane improvement opportunities. Jeff highlighted that there are several projects in the pipeline in that will require proper infrastructure.
- Vice Chair Torres – Suggested a future agenda item to discuss Mobility Board engagement and participation in other City Committees and Council meetings.

Item 10: Schedule for Future Meetings – 2023

- September 6
- October 4
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Item 11: Adjournment

Chair Rosa Olascoaga adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

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City of San Diego Mobility Board

September 6, 2023

Mayor Todd Gloria
San Diego City Councilmembers
City Administration Building
202 C Street
San Diego, CA 92101

Subject: Requests for Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

Dear Mayor Gloria and Councilmembers,

We are writing on behalf of the City of San Diego Mobility Board to propose recommendations for the fiscal year 2025 budget cycle of the City of San Diego. We appreciate the leadership that you have shown on developing safe and sustainable mobility options. We emphasize that mobility investments should prioritize historically underserved communities of concern. 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 2025 budget:

Addressing the Deficiency of Pedestrian Infrastructure:

- Prioritize the enhancement of pedestrian infrastructure and safety measures within the fiscal year 2025 budget. Emphasis should be placed on allocating funds for the expansion and update of the Pedestrian Master Plan, originally completed in 2006, with a dedicated commitment to its comprehensive implementation framework.
- Implement and maintain sidewalks where missing infrastructure exist. Access to well-maintained sidewalks are an indispensable component of Vision Zero, and the City should augment funding a campaign of sidewalk repair and installation.
- Develop a structured formula/policy framework for the establishment of pedestrian boulevards and pedestrian-only corridors.
- Adequate lighting, shade, and seating options are crucial factors in engendering a sense of safety among pedestrians and those utilizing public transportation. These investments should be further prioritized in FY 2025. Allocating funding for new streetlights would allow the city to continue its ambitious path towards providing adequate street lighting citywide. Identifying funding for tree planting will align with

San Diego's 2022 Climate Action Plan goals of planting 40,000 new street trees in Communities of Concern by 2030. This action will bring nature shade infrastructure and cool down temperatures for pedestrians.

- Work and expand fixing the most dangerous intersections according to the Systemic Safety Analysis Report Program. These improvements should include effective, low-cost measures like lead pedestrian interval blank out signs, audible pedestrian signals, countdown timers, high-visibility crosswalks, stop signs, curb extensions, lane narrowing, and roundabouts and traffic circles.
- Establish and sustain a Healthy Commuter Incentive Program to promote sustainable and active commuting alternatives for City Employees.

Addressing Missing Links in the Bike Network

- Prioritize off-cycle resurfacing to complete essential bike network connections on dangerous roads efficiently. Allocate funding for full-build bikeways during resurfacing, enhancing the overall bikeway network in key areas of San Diego. This approach would empower Transportation to complete fully functioning bikeway networks in key areas of San Diego with significantly greater efficiency.
- Strengthen parking and code enforcement in bikeways, especially in the urban core, by either hiring two new parking enforcement officers or reassigning two existing ones. This action aims to curb illegal parking and parklet installations that impede bike lane use.
- Initiate the update of San Diego's Bicycle Master Plan, which has not been revised since 2013. 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.
- Invest in education and encouragement campaigns for active transportation and public transportation. Restore funding for Vision Zero education, including city-led programs and grants for education by nonprofits and community-based organizations.
- Allocate funding to support the implementation of Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPI) on designated slow streets, enhancing pedestrian safety and accessibility.
- Study the possibility of lowering speed limits on Vision Zero Corridors using AB 43 legislation. This proactive approach aligns with safety concerns in areas with high pedestrian and bicycle activity.

- Continue allocating funding for STAAT funding for the Safe and Sustainable Transportation for All Ages and Abilities Team (STAT). This will enable the construction of quick-build bikeways and the development of protected bikeways across the city, contributing to Climate Action Plan and Vision Zero goals.

Transit improvements

- New transit-only lanes possess the transformative potential to elevate bus routes from being the least efficient transportation options to the most efficient. The city should study and implement new opportunities for implementing transit-only lanes on its most congested corridors.
- Invest in delivering immediate transit solutions that would benefit low-income communities. This can be achieved through the allocation of funding for additional flexible fleet programs, youth opportunity passes, and the expansion of both bus routes and service frequency.
- Deliver on improved connectivity to major transit stations, invest on pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure investments around transit stations, and continue the construction of transit-oriented developments.
- Implement coordination plan with SANDAG/MTS/ NCTD and other local jurisdictions to deliver improved connectivity and multimodal travel to accelerate the development of mobility hubs.

Conclusion

Thank you for considering our budget requests. We enthusiastically support the leadership your offices have shown creating transportation options for our region. We look forward to working with you throughout the FY 2025 budget process to ensure the city's resources are being used efficiently to create a multi-modal system that is safe and efficient as possible for all of our San Diego residents.

Sincerely,

Rosa Olascoaga Vidal
Chair, City of San Diego Mobility Board