

Appendix D: Community Outreach Summary and Materials

Reconnecting Communities Study Community Outreach Summary and Materials

Overview

Community and agency input shaped this study from start to finish. SANDAG used a variety of engagement methods to make sure the study reflected local knowledge and priorities including agency meetings and community-based organizations (CBOs) led outreach events. Engagement activities focused on soliciting feedback to inform the development and evaluation of potential solutions relevant to each focus area. A range of outreach tools were used to inform the public about the study and gather feedback. These efforts provided community members information about the study's goals, process, focus areas, and types of solutions under evaluation. Outreach efforts prioritized inclusive participation and provided language accommodations for both materials and interpretation.

Approach and Methods

Community engagement focused on collecting input from communities within the study's focus areas to identify transportation challenges and potential solutions that could improve access, mobility, and safety.

SANDAG and CBO partners supported outreach efforts by helping distribute project information, promoting community participation, and hosting engagement activities for each focus area. CBO partner organizations included: Mundo Gardens for National City, Urban Collaborative Project for Southeastern San Diego, El Cajon Collaborative for El Cajon, Escondido Education Compact for Escondido, Revitalize Broadway for Lemon Grove and La Mesa, and Vista Community Clinic for Vista. The following summarizes the study's community and partner engagement efforts.

Social Equity Working Group

SANDAG worked with the SEWG (active 2022–2025) to define disconnected communities and ground the study's approach in equity considerations. This collaboration helped shape the definition used to identify focus areas and informed how the study weighed access, safety, health, and disinvestment burdens.

Joint Workshop

A joint workshop was conducted in February 2026 with CBOs and agency partners to provide an overview of the study and facilitate discussions of the potential solutions with representatives of the seven focus areas in the region, including the cities of El Cajon, Escondido, La Mesa, National City, San Diego, and Vista, Caltrans District 11, MTS, North County Transit–San Diego Railroad (NCTD), California Assemblymember Alvarez's Office, Chicano Federation, El Cajon Collaborative, Escondido Education Compact, Mundo Gardens, Revitalize Broadway, Urban Collaborative Project, and Vista Community Clinic. Community leaders and facilitators discussed barriers, opportunities, and solutions for each focus area.

The workshop confirmed current mobility challenges at the work areas, identified additional context-specific challenges, clarified which potential solutions were of greatest interest, and generated new ideas to strengthen community reconnection.



The workshop consisted of a presentation, breakout group discussions by focus area, and ended with group report outs on key takeaways. Each participant received a project fact sheet and a “solution types” reference sheet that illustrated the range of potential strategies under consideration. The presentation provided an overview of the study, its goals and objectives, information on how the focus areas were developed, and an outline of the seven focus areas.

Participants were assigned to breakout groups based on their geographic familiarity. For each breakout group, participants engaged in two facilitated activities:

- **Identify barriers and needs.** Participants reviewed the work areas along the transportation barrier for their focus area using an aerial map and existing conditions photos. They discussed current challenges and their observed/experienced issues in these work areas.
- **Review and refine potential solutions.** Participants reviewed potential solutions identified for the focus area and used color-coded stickers to indicate which potential solutions they supported and for which ones they had concerns. Participants also suggested new solutions or alternative approaches for consideration.

Through these activities, the project team was able to:

- Clarify location-specific concerns (e.g., crossing distances, traffic queuing, visibility)
- Obtain additional context regarding land use, travel behavior, and community assets and priorities
- Identify widely supported solution types
- Document concerns related to feasibility, trade-offs, or operations for potential solutions
- Gather new ideas generated by participants that were not previously included
- Obtain a stronger understanding of where further coordination is required

CBO Community Events

Community-based organizations led outreach events in their respective focus areas to gather feedback on existing conditions and on preferred solution types. These events provided opportunities to reach community members directly, identify areas of concern, and discuss preferred types of solutions.

Each CBO partner tailored its event to the community it serves, using an outreach format that would reach residents most effectively. **Table 1** provides a summary of the CBO community events by focus area. Most events were in-person workshops or pop-ups where community members already gather, such as a parent open house at Lincoln Elementary School in Escondido and the Barrio Logan Planning Group meeting at the Chicano Park Museum and Cultural Center. The Vista event was held virtually with feedback collected through live polling. At each event, residents took part in two activities:

- an aerial map and existing conditions photos to identify challenges along the transportation barrier
- a display of potential solution type images with used to identify preferred solutions and where they would fit best.

Every event was designed for accessibility, with bilingual materials and Spanish-language facilitation or interpretation, and additional Arabic and Farsi interpretation provided in El Cajon. CBOs promoted these events using a mix of social media, email blasts, newsletters, flyers, and word of mouth. Promotion materials were provided in English, Spanish, and other languages for specific focus areas.

Table 1: CBO Community Events Summary

Focus Area	Date	CBO Partner	Format	Number of Participants
National City/ City of San Diego & Southeastern San Diego	April 3, 2026	Mundo Gardens and Urban Collaborative Project	In-Person Workshop with Breakout Group Discussions	40-50
El Cajon	April 8, 2026	El Cajon Collaborative	In-Person Workshop with Breakout Group Discussions	40-50
Vista	April 9, 2026	Vista Community Clinic	Virtual Meeting with Polls	5-10
Barrio Logan/ Logan Heights	April 15, 2026	Support from Chicano Fed., Asm. Alvarez	In-Person Workshop with Breakout Group Discussions	20-30
Lemon Grove/ La Mesa	April 15, 2026	Revitalize Broadway	In-Person Workshop with Breakout Group Discussions	30-40
Escondido	April 16, 2026	Escondido Education Compact	Pop-Up with Sticker Activities	80-90

Figure 1: CBO Outreach Events



Project Development Team Meetings

The Project Development Team (PDT) meetings were conducted with city and agency partners to provide an overview of the study, recap outreach activities held to date, and review potential solutions for their respective communities. PDT review helped confirm technical feasibility, coordination needs, and consistency with local and regional plans and parallel efforts. Across the focus areas, the agencies and cities that took part in coordination and review included staff from the cities of El Cajon, Escondido, La Mesa, National City, San Diego, Vista, Caltrans District 11, MTS, and NCTD.

Community and Agency Input

Together, these activities engaged community members, agency partners, and CBOs across the seven focus areas. Feedback received during outreach activities identified several recurring themes related to safety, connectivity, and potential solutions. The following themes reflect common topics that emerged across the focus areas.

Community Identified Concerns

- Safer crossings and paths are needed, especially near schools, transit stops, and community destinations
- Walking, biking, and rolling connections can be incomplete or uncomfortable.
- Lighting, visibility, shade, and comfort affects how safe people feel.

- Speeding, driver behavior, traffic congestion, and turning conflicts make barriers feel unsafe.
- Concerns were raised about student safety at pedestrian crossings and school-related traffic.
- Transit stops and connections need to be easier and more comfortable to reach.
- Concerns were raised regarding traffic congestion, high speeds, and informal mid-block crossings.
- Concerns with driver behaviors, including ignoring pedestrian signals and speeding.
- Concerns with visibility and blind spots at intersections and unprotected left turns.
- Poor pedestrian infrastructure, including areas with missing or inadequate curb ramps.
- Concerns with conflicts between bikes, e-bikes, and vehicles.

Proposed Community Solutions/Ideas

- More shade, trees, green space, and beautification were identified as desired improvements.
- Underused spaces could become community assets through green space, public art, placemaking.
- Directional signage, wayfinding, and public realm improvements could help people reach destinations more easily.
- Enhance public spaces with placemaking, greenery, and urban design improvements.
- Desire for pedestrian/bike friendly corridors with traffic calming solutions.

Community Input Shaped Solutions

Through a combination of virtual meetings, joint workshops, and CBO-led community workshops, SANDAG recorded challenges community members identified, the location of desired improvements, and the solutions they preferred by each focus area. Aerial map boards, solution type boards, and the note-taker/facilitator notes were used to record the comments and feedback during the workshop discussions. Outreach summaries by focus area and scanned materials were then compiled to synthesize the feedback received. This process showed where community priorities were strongest and where improvements could make the most meaningful difference.

Community input directly influenced the recommended solutions. Where residents described difficult or unsafe crossings, the study prioritized crossing improvements, enhanced lighting, and traffic calming at those specific locations. Where families described unsafe routes to school, the study emphasized sidewalk and bikeway connections along those routes. Where communities pointed to underused land near barriers, the study identified opportunities for green space, public art, and community gathering places. Solutions reflect not only technical analysis but the everyday experience of the people who use these areas. The following materials (D-1 to D-4) are summaries and materials from outreach and engagement for the Reconnecting Communities Study.

D-1: Study Fact Sheet

D-2: Joint Workshop Summary

D-3: CBO Outreach Events Promotion

D-4: CBO Community Event Summaries

D-1: Study Fact Sheet

Reconnecting Communities

Fact Sheet

The regionwide Reconnecting Communities Study will try to identify where highway and rail transportation infrastructure has created barriers and negatively impacted communities. Based on technical analysis and community input, this study will define and prioritize solutions that seek to reconnect historically underserved communities with the goal of improving access to jobs, education, healthcare, and recreation. Funding for this study was provided through a Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant awarded in 2024.

The final report from this study will outline proposed solutions for seven focus areas and allow cities and partner agencies to pursue future funding opportunities for design and construction.

Goals and Benefits

The study will identify community-centered solutions that:

- Reconnect communities harmed by past transportation infrastructure decisions
- Reduce the barriers created by highways and railroads in communities
- Enhance people's connections to key community destinations

The identified solutions will benefit focus area communities by:

- Reducing safety concerns and traffic conflicts by enhancing walking, biking, and other travel options across highway and railroad barriers
- Creating safer and more comfortable connections across highways and railroads and supporting seamless travel between neighborhoods
- Improving economic opportunities and reconnecting people to community services and amenities

This study will also help the entire region by identifying improvements that might be used in other communities experiencing similar barriers.

Solutions under Consideration

The study will outline a variety of solutions, including but not limited to:

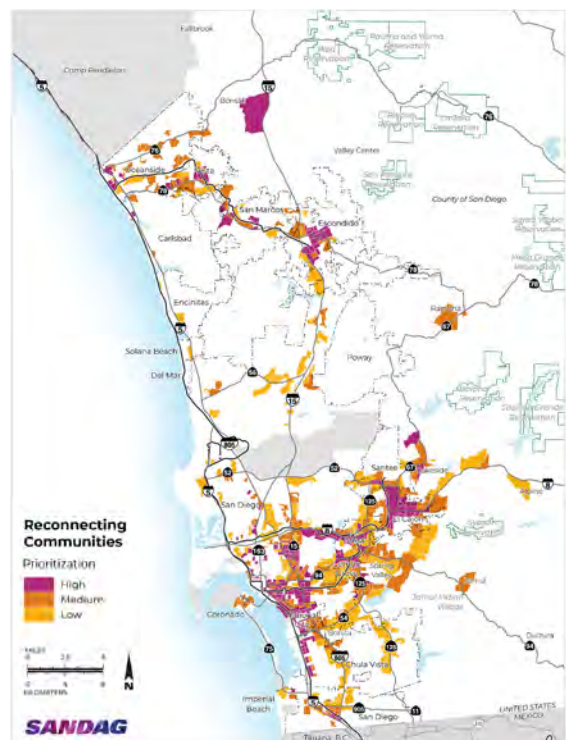
- Enhanced lighting
- Beautification of space (art)
- Intersection and at-grade crossings
- Placemaking strategies
- Transit priority improvements
- Grade separation improvements
- Enhanced pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure

The solutions under consideration are SANDAG concepts with Caltrans as an oversight agency.

Focus Areas

SANDAG, in partnership with Caltrans, will study the following seven focus areas in the San Diego region:

- Vista
- Escondido
- El Cajon
- Lemon Grove and La Mesa
- National City
- Southeast San Diego
- Barrio Logan and Logan Heights



Reconnecting Communities

Study Timeline

- Winter 2026: Project kickoff
- Winter 2026: Outreach and engagement
- Winter/spring 2026: Development and prioritization of solutions
- Summer 2026: Final report

After the solutions are chosen, we will review and finalize the draft solutions using technical analysis and feedback from local city staff, Caltrans staff, community-based organizations (CBOs), and community members. The final report containing the proposed solutions will be developed by summer 2026. With the information from that report, cities and agencies can seek funding to design and construct the proposed solutions through grants and other funding sources.

For More Information

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Hoja Informativa del Estudio Reconnecting Communities

El estudio regional Reconnecting Communities buscará identificar en qué lugares la infraestructura de transporte, como carreteras y vías ferroviarias, ha creado barreras y afectado negativamente a las comunidades. Con base en análisis técnicos y la participación de la comunidad, este estudio definirá y priorizará soluciones que buscan reconectar comunidades históricamente desatendidas, con el objetivo de mejorar el acceso a empleos, educación, servicios de salud y recreación. El financiamiento para este estudio fue otorgado a través de una subvención de planificación de transporte sostenible de Caltrans en 2024.

El informe final de este estudio presentará soluciones potenciales para siete áreas de enfoque y permitirá que las ciudades y agencias asociadas puedan buscar futuras oportunidades de financiamiento para el diseño y la construcción de estos proyectos.

Objetivos y Beneficios

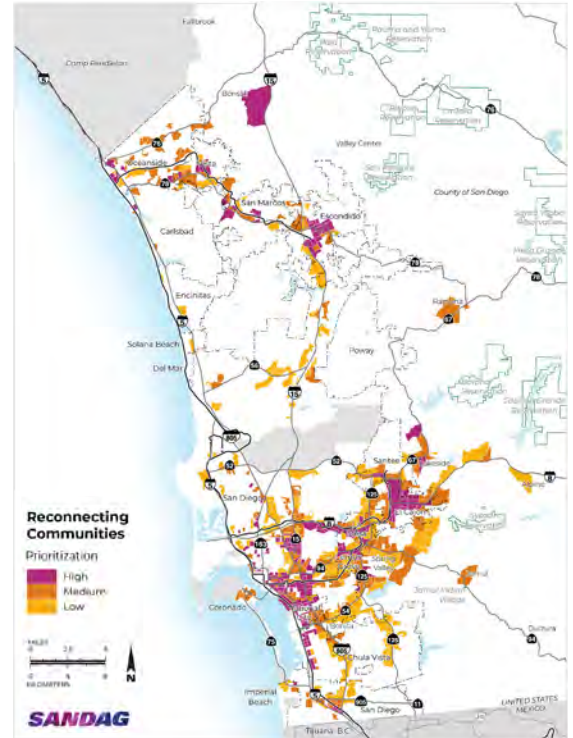
El estudio identificará soluciones centradas en la comunidad que:

- Reconecten comunidades afectadas por decisiones pasadas de infraestructura de transporte
- Reduzcan las barreras creadas por carreteras y vías ferroviarias en las comunidades
- Mejoren la conexión de las personas con destinos comunitarios clave

Las soluciones identificadas beneficiarán a las comunidades de las áreas de enfoque al:

- Reducir riesgos de seguridad y conflictos con el tráfico al mejorar las opciones para caminar, andar en bicicleta y usar otros formas de movilidad al cruzar carreteras y vías ferroviarias.
- Crear conexiones más seguras y cómodas entre comunidades al facilitar cruces a través de autopistas y vías ferroviarias.
- Mejorar las oportunidades económicas y volver a conectar a las personas con servicios y recursos de la comunidad.

Este estudio también beneficiará a toda la región al identificar mejoras que podrían aplicarse en otras comunidades que enfrentan barreras y conflictos similares.



Áreas de Enfoque

SANDAG estudiará las siguientes siete áreas de enfoque en la región de San Diego:

- Vista
- Escondido
- El Cajon
- Lemon Grove y La Mesa
- National City
- Southeast San Diego
- Barrio Logan y Logan Heights

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Soluciones Consideradas

El estudio presentará una variedad de soluciones, que pueden incluir, entre otras:

- Mejor iluminación
- Embellecimiento de espacios públicos y arte comunitario
- Mejoramiento de intersecciones y cruces a nivel
- Estrategias de creación de espacios públicos (placemaking)
- Mejoras para dar prioridad al transporte público
- Mejoras de cruce a desnivel
- Mejoras de infraestructura para peatones y ciclistas

Las soluciones en evaluación son conceptos desarrollados por SANDAG con Caltrans como agencia supervisora.



Calendario del Estudio

- Invierno de 2026: Inicio del proyecto
- Invierno de 2026: Alcance comunitario y participación pública
- Invierno y primavera de 2026: Desarrollo y priorización de soluciones
- Verano de 2026: Informe final

Después de seleccionar las soluciones, se revisarán y finalizarán los borradores mediante análisis técnico y comentarios del personal de las ciudades, personal de Caltrans, organizaciones comunitarias (CBOs) y miembros de la comunidad. El informe final con las soluciones propuestas se desarrollará para el verano de 2026. Con la información de ese informe, las ciudades y agencias podrán buscar financiamiento para diseñar y construir las soluciones propuestas a través de subvenciones y otras fuentes de financiamiento.

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D-2: Joint Workshop Summary

SANDAG Reconnecting Communities Study – Joint Workshop Summary

Event Overview

- Event Name: SANDAG RCS - Joint Workshop
- Date & Time: 2/18/2026 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (In-Person)
- Location: SANDAG Board Room, 1st floor of 1011 Union Street, San Diego, CA 92101
- Team Members in Attendance:
 - SANDAG Staff: Lizzy Havey, Stacey Cooper, Julio Garcia, Paula Zamudio, Benjamin Wynd, Santiago Bustamante, Cat Matel, Tuere Fa'aola, and Rachel Kennedy
 - CRA Staff: Roberto Ruiz-Salas, Alex Chau, Jenny An, Precious Nicanor, Ross Duenas, Samantha Baidy, Tyler Rausch, and Scott Cartwright
- Participating Agencies & Organizations:
 - Staff from cities of El Cajon, Escondido, La Mesa San Diego, National City, and Vista. Staff from agencies of Caltrans D11, MTS, NCTD, and Assembly Member David Alvarez Office
 - Representatives from Chicano Federation, El Cajon Collaborative, Escondido Education Compact, Mundo Gardens, Revitalize Broadway, Travelers Aid San Diego, Urban Collaborative Project, and Vista Community Clinic

Study Background

The Reconnecting Communities Study is a region-wide study led by SANDAG, in partnership with Caltrans, to:

- Understand where **highway and rail infrastructure** created barriers and negative impacts on communities.
- Understand how these **barriers affect access** to key destinations and community services and **mobility within neighborhoods**.
- Develop **locally informed solutions** that reconnect neighborhoods and **advance concepts throughout the region**.

The seven focus areas for this study represent low-income communities that were physically separated and/or displaced by highways and railways and created barriers within neighborhoods and to daily destinations. The focus areas were identified as having the greatest need through SANDAG existing conditions data assessment. The boundaries of the focus areas align with census block groups that are within 0.5-mile of highways and railways.

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| • Vista | • Southeastern San Diego |
| • Escondido | • Barrio Logan & Logan Heights |
| • El Cajon | • National City |
| • Lemon Grove & La Mesa | |

Workshop Overview

The Joint Workshop was designed to:

- Highlight key barrier locations for each focus area,

- Understand the current challenges at key barrier locations,
- Review and refine potential solutions,
- Identify additional community-informed strategies, and
- Strengthen coordination between agencies and community-based organizations.

The session emphasized collaborative discussion and place-based knowledge, ensuring that both technical and community perspectives were incorporated into the study. The Joint Workshop successfully:

- Strengthened collaboration between regional agencies, cities, transit operators, and community organizations
- Confirmed existing barrier locations through local knowledge
- Identified additional context-specific challenges
- Clarified which potential solutions are most promising
- Generated new ideas to enhance community reconnection

The feedback gathered will directly inform the refinement of potential solutions and development of project concepts for the focus areas.

Workshop Format

The workshop consisted of a presentation, focus area break out group discussions, and group report out on key takeaways. Each participant received a project fact sheet and a “solution types” reference sheet that illustrated the range of potential strategies under consideration (e.g., bike facilities, signal improvements, moving tracks above or below railroad, etc).

The presentation provided an overview of the study, the study’s goals and objectives, information on how the focus areas were developed, and outlined the seven focus areas included in the study. Participants were assigned to break out groups based on their geographic familiarity. For example, City staff, transit representatives, and community-based organizations serving Vista participated in the Vista focus area group. Each break out group included agency representatives, CBO partners, and 2–3 SANDAG/CRA team members. Each break out group was facilitated through the following two activities.

Activity #1: Identify Barriers & Needs

Participants:

1. Reviewed the barrier locations using the provided **aerial map** and **existing conditions photos**.
2. Discussed **current challenges** at each barrier location (e.g., safety, access, connectivity).
3. Identified issues **observed or experienced** using the provided sticky notes and placed it on the **aerial map**.

This activity allowed the project team to identify key barrier locations for each focus area and better understand how highway/railway infrastructure affects daily mobility and access. Common challenges participants expressed included traffic congestion, unsafe conditions, lighting issues, and uninviting environments.

Activity #2: Review & Refine Potential Solutions

Participants:

1. Reviewed the **potential solutions** displayed on the provided solutions map.

2. Used color-coded stickers to show which potential solutions **participants supported** and which ones **they had concerns** about.
3. Wrote any missing solutions or **alternative approaches** that should be considered on a sticky note with solution type and placed on the solutions map.

This activity allowed participants to voice their preferred solutions at key barrier locations and identify potential solutions that would be least preferred. Participants emphasized the importance of solutions that are realistic and responsive to local context.

Key Takeaways

Through these activities, the project team was able to:

- Clarify location-specific concerns (e.g., crossing distances, traffic queuing, visibility)
- Obtain additional context regarding land use, travel behavior, and community priorities
- Identify widely supported solution types
- Document concerns related to feasibility, trade-offs, or operations for potential solutions
- Gather new ideas generated by participants that were not previously captured
- Obtain a stronger understanding of where further coordination is required

Next Steps

The project team will:

- Coordinate with CBOs to launch focus area specific community outreach
- Synthesize workshop input and refine the barrier locations and potential solutions
- Continue agency and stakeholder coordination
- Advance preferred solution types toward more defined concepts

The Joint Workshop marked a significant milestone in ensuring that the Reconnecting Communities Study reflects both technical analysis and community-informed preferences.

D-3: CBO Outreach Events Promotion

Workshop: Reconnecting Communities

Join us to share your challenges with walking, biking, and riding transit within your community and help identify solutions. Learn more at **SANDAG.org/reconnecting**.



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D-4: CBO Community Event Summaries

Barrio Logan Planning Group Community Pop-Up Summary



Event Overview

- **Focus Area/Geographies:** Barrio Logan and Logan Heights
- **Date & Time:** Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 6:00 - 8:00 PM
- **Event:** Barrio Logan Planning Group
- **Location:** Chicano Park Museum & Cultural Center
- **Estimated Attendance:** 15-20
- **Format:** Verbal presentation with two activities in large group discussion
- **Language Accommodations:** Spanish-speaking attendees were provided bilingual interpretation. Three out of the four facilitators were Spanish-speaking.

Pop-Up Overview

The CBO Pop-Up was designed to help achieve the following for the Barrio Logan and Logan Heights focus area:

- **Highlight key work areas (i.e., barrier locations) along the transportation barrier for each focus area,**
- **Understand the current challenges in these key work areas, and**
- **Identify both preferred and potential solutions to address the challenges being experienced.**

The workshop focused on facilitating discussion with community members through two interactive board activities.

Activity #1: Identify Challenges

Participants:

1. Reviewed the barrier locations using the provided **aerial map** board and **existing conditions photos** for the focus area.
2. Responded to and discussed the specific activity questions on the aerial map boards.

Activity #2: Identify Potential Solutions

Participants:

1. Reviewed the potential solutions using the provided **solution images** board.
2. Responded to and discussed the following activity questions **solution images** board for both focus areas.

Figure 1: Aerial Map Board for Barrio Logan and Logan Heights

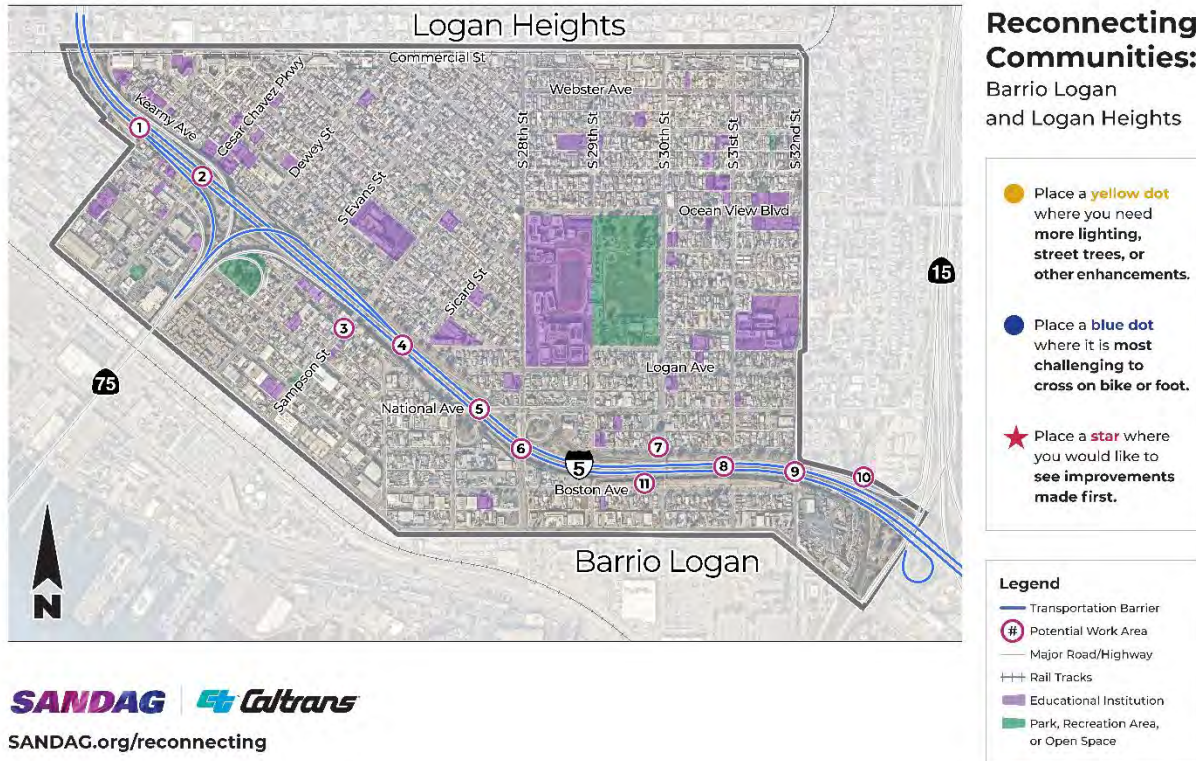


Figure 2: Solutions Type Images Board per Focus Area/ Geography

Reconnecting Communities: Potential Solutions



Place a **green dot** under the solutions you would like to see in your community.

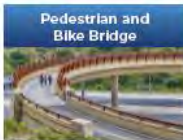


Place a **numbered location sticker** under the solution that works best in that spot.

Intersection and Crossing Improvements

Underpass Enhancement (Existing) 	Rail Crossing Enhancements 	Bicycle/Pedestrian Crossing Improvements 	Signal Improvements 	Directional Signs 
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Traffic and Rail Separation

Moving Tracks Above or Below Roadway 	Freeway Underpass (Proposed) 	Pedestrian and Bike Bridge 	Freeway/Rail Tunnel 	Freeway Lids/Highway Caps and Decks 
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Street Improvements

Rails to Trails 	Median Improvements 	Bike Lanes 	Improved Sidewalks 	Speed Reduction 
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Community Improvements

Urban Design 	Enhanced Lighting/Art 	Green Space and Street Trees 	Sound Walls 	Transit Stop Improvements 
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Infrastructure Upgrades

Intersection Updates 	Rail Track Realignment 	Roadway Realignment 	Ramp Updates 
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Signal Improvements

Signal Coordination 	Signal Priority 
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Barriers/Barrier Closures

Highway/Ramp Removal 
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Discussion Takeaways

Attachment A contains the comments and feedback from the small group discussion including the aerial map boards, solution type boards, and the note-taker notes.

The takeaways listed below reflect participants collective feedback for the identified work areas/ barrier locations along the transportation barrier (i.e., Interstate 5 (I-5)). Participants did provide feedback on local streets and other parts of the focus area that do not cross the transportation barrier. These comments are not included in the summary below but can be found in the attachments.

Activity #1 Takeaways

Key barrier locations mentioned:

- Multiple participants expressed a desire to see lighting, placemaking, greenery, and urban design improvements at work areas #1, # 2, #3, and #5.
- Multiple participants expressed challenges for biking and walking at work areas #5 and #6.
- Many attendees wanted to see improvements first at work area #6.

Key challenges discussed:

- Insufficient lighting was a common challenge expressed with multiple participants mentioning discomfort due to the darkness on streets near freeway (specifically at work area #2).
- Litter and need for maintenance and beautification at the pedestrian bridge was expressed (work area #1).
- Parks and beautification along the fence and sidewalk were expressed for work area #3.

Other items of concern:

- Feedback indicates desire for underutilized areas to be built out into "parks".
- Participants indicated need for connectivity and walkable streets to key community destinations, such as Memorial Park.
- Evan Street & National Avenue and Evan Street & Newton Avenue were identified as areas of concern within the focus area because of the high incidences of speeding and unsafe vehicular movements.
- Harbor Drive at 32nd Street and Main Street at 32nd Street were identified as "most challenging" due to their complex roadway geometry, the nearby rail, and the Navy land use that causes the areas to experience consistent congestion. The at-grade crossings were identified as barriers to the walking environment because of the unsafe crossings. The participant mentioned that with transit headways expected to reduce to 5 minutes for the blue line, this location is only projected to worsen.
- Feedback indicates lots of challenges within the project area due to significant truck movement.

Activity #2 Takeaways

Participants showed interest in seeing more of the following solution types in their community:

- Solution types that participants wanted to see but did not include a specific numbered location sticker were the following:
 - Underpass Enhancement (Existing)
 - Rail Crossing Enhancement
 - Rails to Trails
 - Median Improvements

- Improved Sidewalks
- Sound Walls
- Green Space and Street Trees
- Enhanced Lighting/ Art
- Urban Design
- Intersection Updates
- Rail Track Realignment
- Roadway Realignment
- Ramp Updates
- Highway/ Ramp Removal
- Solution types mentioned that participants wanted to see at a specified numbered location sticker were the following:
 - Bicycle/ Pedestrian Crossing Improvements at work area #2
 - Enhanced Lighting/ Art at work area #2
 - Green Space and Street Trees at Coronado Off-Ramp
 - Bike Lanes along National Avenue
 - Signal Improvements at 32nd Street and Harbor Drive, 28th Street and Harbor Drive, Sampson Street and Harbor Drive, and National Avenue and Sicard Street
 - Moving Tracks Above or Below Roadway at 32nd Street and Harbor Drive and 28th Street and Harbor Drive
 - Speed Reduction along Main Street
 - Signal Priority at 32nd Street and Harbor Drive

Other suggestions:

- Request for pedestrian crossing to specifically “connect to park by the bay.”

Attachments

- Attachment A – Activity Boards
- Attachment B – Note-Taker Notes

El Cajon Workshop Summary



Event Overview

- **Focus Area/Geographies:** El Cajon
- **Date & Time:** Wednesday, April 8, 2026, 8:15-9:45 AM
- **CBO Partner:** El Cajon Collaborative
- **Estimated Attendance:** 30-40
- **Format:** Verbal presentation with visual slides; two activities in small breakout group discussions
- **Language Accommodations:** Arabic-, Farsi- and Spanish-speaking attendees were provided simultaneous interpretation for the presentation. Each table had either Farsi-, Arabic-, or Spanish-speaking interpreters available for the activities, with the exception of the two English-speaking tables.

Workshop Overview

The CBO Community Workshop was designed to help achieve the following for the El Cajon Focus Area:

- **Highlight key work areas (i.e., barrier locations) along the transportation barrier for each focus area,**
- **Understand the current challenges in these key work areas, and**
- **Identify both preferred and potential solutions to address the challenges being experienced.**

The workshop focused on facilitating discussion with community members through two breakout group activities.

Activity #1: Identify Challenges

Participants:

1. Reviewed the barrier locations using the provided **aerial map board** and **existing conditions photos** for both focus areas.
2. Responded to and discussed the specific activity questions on the aerial map boards.

Activity #2: Identify Potential Solutions

Participants:

1. Reviewed the potential solutions using the provided **solution images board**.
2. Responded to and discussed the following activity questions **solution images board** for both focus areas.

Figure 1: Aerial Map Board for El Cajon

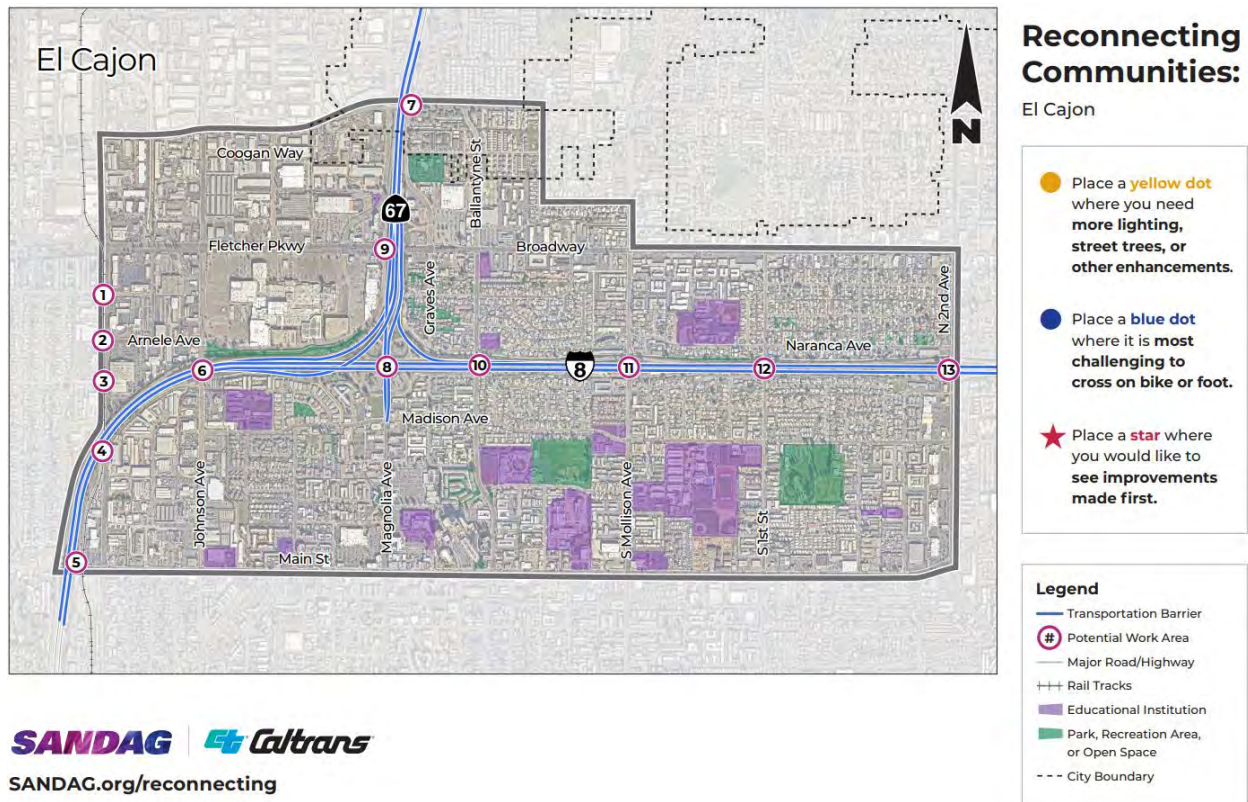


Figure 2: Solutions Type Images Board

Reconnecting Communities: Potential Solutions

● Place a **green dot** under the solutions you would like to see in your community.

Place a **numbered location sticker** under the solution that works best in that spot.

Intersection and Crossing Improvements

Underpass Enhancement (Existing) 	Rail Crossing Enhancements 	Bicycle/Pedestrian Crossing Improvements 	Signal Improvements 	Directional Signs 
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Traffic and Rail Separation

Moving Tracks Above or Below Roadway 	Freeway Underpass (Proposed) 	Pedestrian and Bike Bridge 	Freeway/Rail Tunnel 	Freeway Lids/Highway Caps and Decks 
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Street Improvements

Rails to Trails 	Median Improvements 	Bike Lanes 	Improved Sidewalks 	Speed Reduction 
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Community Improvements

Urban Design 	Enhanced Lighting/Art 	Green Space and Street Trees 	Sound Walls 	Transit Stop Improvements 
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Infrastructure Upgrades

Intersection Updates 	Rail Track Realignment 	Roadway Realignment 	Ramp Updates 
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Signal Improvements

Signal Coordination 	Signal Priority 
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Barriers/Barrier Closures

Highway/Ramp Removal 
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Discussion Takeaways

Attachment A contains the comments and feedback from the small group discussion including the aerial map boards, solution type boards, and the note-taker notes.

The takeaways listed below reflect participants collective feedback for the identified work areas/ barrier locations along the transportation barrier (i.e., Interstate 8 (I-8) and State Route 67 (SR 67)). Participants did provide feedback on local streets and other parts of the focus area that do not cross transportation barrier. These comments are not included in the summary below but can be found in the attachments.

Activity #1 Takeaways

Key barrier locations mentioned:

- Most frequently sited work areas were near Parkway Plaza (work area #6), I-8/SR 67 interchange (work area #8), I-8 and SR 67 on- and off-ramps (work area #9), and Ballantyne St (work area #10).
- Work area #8 (Magnolia Ave / I-8) was identified as a major concern due to the conflict points at the 4-leaf clover interchange.

Key challenges discussed:

- Lack of safe crossings:
 - Participants noted no comfortable crossing between #6 and #10 along I-8 corridor with long gaps between crossings between work areas #4, #5, #6, and #8.
 - Participants expressed having limited access to destinations such as Parkway Plaza at work areas #6 and #8.
- Poor pedestrian infrastructure including narrow sidewalks and missing or inadequate curb ramps (ADA issues).
- Minimal bicycle infrastructure with very few bike lanes.
 - One participant noted that “no bike lanes exist at barrier locations,” leading to riding on sidewalks.
- Safety concerns related to driver behavior:
 - Speeding, vehicles pulling out quickly, and drivers ignoring pedestrian signals
 - Conflicts between bikes, e-bikes, and vehicles
 - Participants expressed “multiple close calls”, with unhoused population suddenly crossing the street, at multiple work areas, and general uncertainty with driver/bike/ped behavior.
- Visibility issues, including parked cars blocking sightlines and low visibility at crossings and intersections, particularly at work area #6.
- Traffic issues, including congestion and freeway ramp backups at work area #8.
- Confusing or missing signage, especially at the Magnolia Ave / I-8 interchange (work area #8).
- Underpasses as a distinct safety concern:
 - Described as poorly lit, “scary,” and uncomfortable, particularly at work areas #8 and #12, participants expressed frustration over homeless encampments and inability to provide housing/support for them.
- School-related conflicts, with children navigating high-traffic areas near schools (e.g., Johnson Elementary, El Cajon Valley High School, Naranca Elementary).

Other items of concern:

- Children crossing streets in unsafe conditions:

- o Many parents without vehicle access rely on neighborhood carpooling, otherwise children are walking long distances to school,
 - o Desire for school buses.
- Concern about homeless encampments at work area #6, #8, and near trolley.
- Heat, dust, and a need for more shade.
- Participants expressed a strong interest in SRTS-related solutions, including at locations outside of the work areas identified.

Activity #2 Takeaways

Participants showed interest in seeing more of the following solution types in their community:

- Solution types that participants wanted to see across all focus areas, without a specific work area location, included the following:
 - o Urban Design / Placemaking
 - o Protected Bicycle Facilities
 - o Pedestrian Infrastructure Improvements
 - Wider sidewalks
 - Improved connections to destinations (schools, transit, commercial)
 - o Transit Improvements
 - Better bus stop conditions (shade, seating, maintenance)
 - Improved affordability and access
 - o System-level changes
 - Roadway realignment
 - Barrier removal
- Solution types mentioned that participants wanted to see at a specified numbered location sticker were the following:
 - o Enhanced Lighting (high priority), especially underpasses and dark corridors at work areas #6, #8, #10, and #12.
 - o High-Visibility Crosswalks & Striping at work areas #6, #8, and #10.
 - o Pedestrian / Bicycle Bridge at work areas #6 and #8.
 - o Ramp / Interchange Improvements at work area #8.
 - o Speed Reduction / Traffic Calming at work area #8 and near schools.
 - o Green Space and Street Trees (shade, heat mitigation) at work area #10 (Madison Ave area; also, general interest).
 - o Accessibility Improvements (ADA / wheelchair access) at work area #9.
 - o Transit Stop Improvements (access and conditions) at work area #6.

Other suggestions:

- Interest in SRTS projects, art, and Main Street improvements (destination signs).

Attachments

- Attachment A – Activity Boards
- Attachment B – Note-Taker Notes

Escondido Pop-up Summary



Event Overview

- **Focus Area/Geography:** Escondido
- **Date & Time:** Thursday, April 16, 2026, 5:00-7:00 PM
- **CBO Partner:** Escondido Education Collaborative
- **Estimated Attendance:** 70+ with 5-8 Escondido City staff
- **Format:** Pop-up Boards at Lincoln Elementary School Parent Open House
- **Language Accommodations:** Half the materials were in Spanish. Half of the facilitators spoke Spanish.

Pop-Up Overview

The Community Pop-Up was designed to help achieve the following for the Escondido focus area:

- **Highlight key work areas along the transportation barrier for each focus area,**
- **Understand the current challenges in these key work areas, and**
- **Identify both preferred and potential solutions to address the challenges being experienced.**

The pop-up focused on facilitating discussion with community members through two interactive board activities.

Activity #1: Identify Challenges

Participants:

1. Reviewed the barrier locations using the provided **aerial map** board and **existing conditions photos**. Responded to and discussed the specific activity questions on the aerial map boards.

Activity #2: Identify Potential Solutions

Participants:

1. Reviewed the potential solutions using the provided **solution images** board.
2. Responded to and discussed the following activity questions **solution images** board.

Figure 1: Aerial Map Board for Escondido

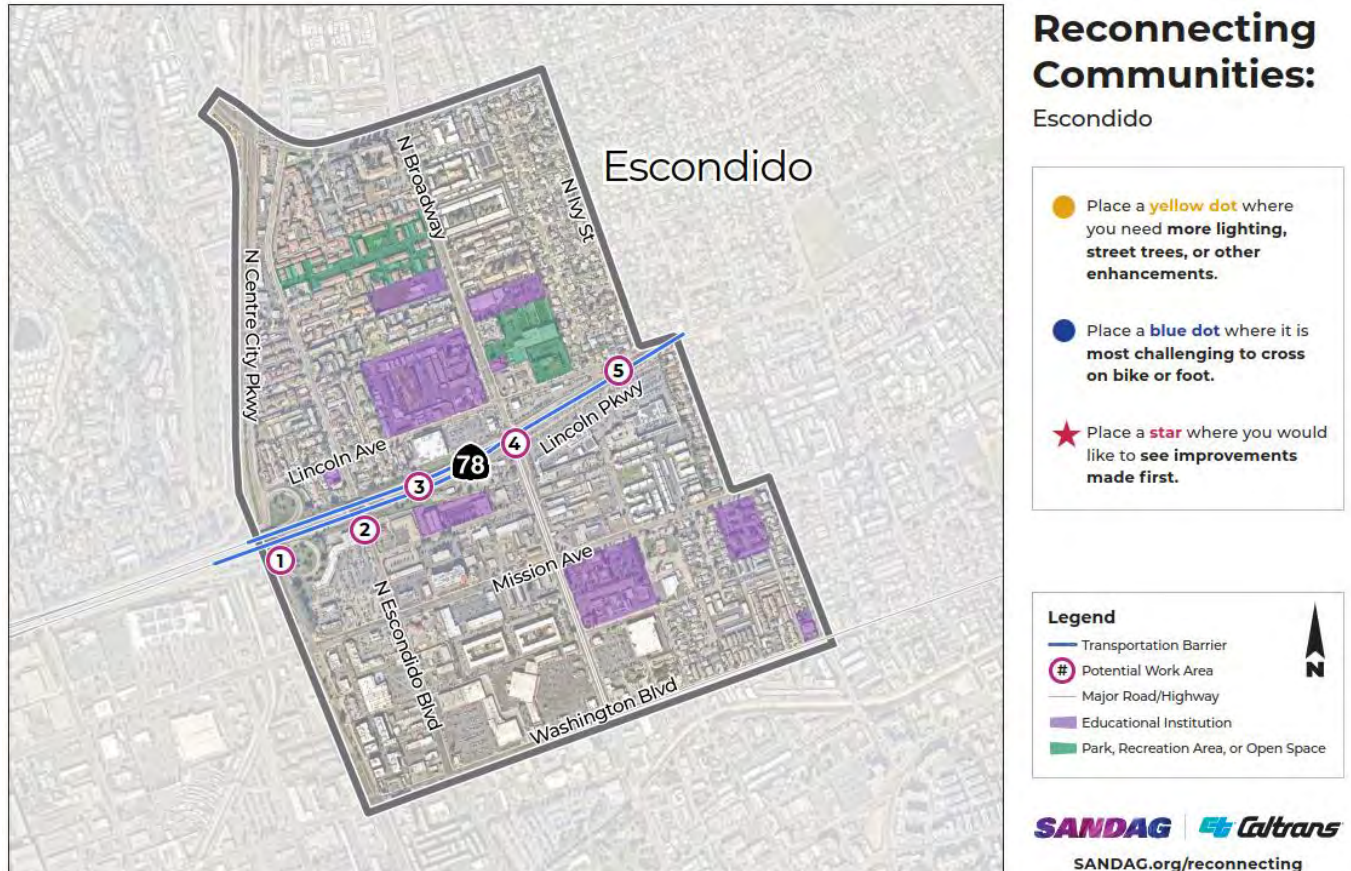


Figure 2: Solutions Type Images Board

Reconnecting Communities: Potential Solutions



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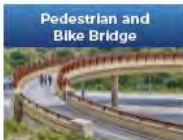


Place a **numbered location sticker** under the solution that works best in that spot.

Intersection and Crossing Improvements

Underpass Enhancement (Existing) 	Rail Crossing Enhancements 	Bicycle/Pedestrian Crossing Improvements 	Signal Improvements 	Directional Signs 
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Traffic and Rail Separation

Moving Tracks Above or Below Roadway 	Freeway Underpass (Proposed) 	Pedestrian and Bike Bridge 	Freeway/Rail Tunnel 	Freeway Lids/Highway Caps and Decks 
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Street Improvements

Rails to Trails 	Median Improvements 	Bike Lanes 	Improved Sidewalks 	Speed Reduction 
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Community Improvements

Urban Design 	Enhanced Lighting/Art 	Green Space and Street Trees 	Sound Walls 	Transit Stop Improvements 
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Infrastructure Upgrades

Intersection Updates 	Rail Track Realignment 	Roadway Realignment 	Ramp Updates 
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Signal Improvements

Signal Coordination 	Signal Priority 
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Barriers/Barrier Closures

Highway/Ramp Removal 
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Discussion Takeaways

The takeaways listed below reflect participants collective feedback for the identified work areas/ barrier locations along the transportation barrier (i.e., State 78 (SR 78)). Participants did provide feedback on local streets and other parts of the focus area that do not cross the transportation barrier, these comments are under the "other suggestions" section.

Activity #1 Takeaways

Key barrier locations mentioned:

- Participants identified work areas #3 and #4 as priority locations for improvements.
- Work area #3 was commonly understood as the Lincoln Avenue segment near the El Super grocery store, where there are multiple traffic conflicts, and the pickup/drop off to the Pre-K.
- Work area #4 was noted as a key crossing location connecting to nearby schools and residential areas

Key challenges discussed:

- Difficulty crossing work areas on foot or by bike, participants also noted they need more time to cross @ intersections.
- Student safety and school-related traffic were major concerns, especially for students crossing across SR 78/Lincoln Parkway, near work areas #3 and #4.
- Driver behavior issues, including speeding, ignoring posted speed limit, failing to yield to pedestrians and aggressive driving were identified at work areas #2, #3, and #4.
- Signal timing and coordination issues particularly at work area #4 and Lincoln Avenue and Broadway, short space between traffic signals continuously leads to severe congestion, and traffic being backed up to the intersection.
- Visibility issues / blind spots at intersections as attendees mentioned parked cars obscuring sightlines and unprotected left turns at work areas #2 and #4.
- A pattern of informal mid-block crossings on Lincoln Ave near work area #3 noted – participants explained they wanted to avoid the intersection at work area #4.
- Outside the identified work areas, participants expressed frustration with the lack of a mid-block crossing opportunity along N Broadway, by the YMCA.

Other items of concern:

- No dedicated drop-off and pick-up loop at Lincoln Elementary.
- E-bikes riding on sidewalk and in-street, especially where bike lanes are missing or unprotected.

Activity #2 Takeaways

Participants showed interest in seeing more of the following solution types in their community:

- Solution types that participants wanted to see across all focus areas, without a specific work area location, included the following:
 - E-bike education
 - Bus stop improvements for shade and comfort

- Solution types mentioned that participants wanted to see at a specified numbered location sticker were the following with signal improvements, signal coordination, speed reduction, and bicycle/pedestrian crossing improvements receiving the most participants. There was a strong desire from participants to look at a package of improvements at work area #4.
 - Signal Improvements and Signal Coordination at work area #4
 - Many participants mentioned how the signals seem “off” and “disconnected” at Lincoln Avenue/Broadway and Lincoln Parkway/Broadway, causing delay and traffic congestion into the intersection.
 - City staff present mentioned that the signal at Lincoln Avenue/Broadway is currently not synced with Lincoln Parkway/Broadway as one is operated and maintained by the City and the other is operated and maintained by Caltrans. The two signals are on different operating systems. The City is currently upgrading the signal system to be the same as Caltrans.
 - Speed reduction strategies at work area #4.
 - Traffic calming was highly desired, especially during pick-up and drop-off hours.
 - Pedestrian/Bicycle Crossing Improvement, primarily at work area #4, with the following ideas recommended by community members and city staff:
 - Pedestrian refuge (also mentioned for work area #1),
 - Pedestrian Z-crossing,
 - Increasing pedestrian crossing time,
 - Raised median with pedestrian refuge island on SR-78 to shorten crossing distance,
 - Raised intersection to slow traffic,
 - No turn on red during school pick-up/drop-off periods,
 - Widened crosswalk for visibility, and
 - Add barrier to prevent crosswalk encroachment.
 - Bike Lanes
 - Adding protected bike lanes at work areas #2 and #4 to help fill existing gaps in the network, especially with the rise of e-bikes.
 - Ramp/intersection improvements at work area #4 to address abrupt stopping and merging conditions near SR-78
 - Rumble strips at SR-78/Broadway to warn drivers of the freeway ending was suggested.
 - Pedestrian & Bike Bridge suggested at work areas #3 and #4.
 - Lighting at work area #4.
 - Green space and street trees at work area #4.
 - Safety enhancements at work area #4 and along Broadway:
 - Protected intersection or bollards to protect pedestrians waiting to cross.

Other suggestions:

- Improvements near Lincoln Elementary School including safer crossings and sidewalk improvements.
- Safe Routes to School to the nearby schools (i.e., Lincoln Elementary School)

Lemon Grove and La Mesa Workshop Summary



Event Overview

- **Focus Area/Geographies:** Lemon Grove and La Mesa
- **Date & Time:** Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 6:00 – 8:00 PM
- **CBO Partner:** Revitalize Broadway
- **Estimated Attendance:** 25-35 with Mayor Snow and Councilmember Smith present
- **Format:** Verbal presentation with two activities in small breakout group discussions
- **Language Accommodations:** Two tables were staffed by Spanish-speaking facilitators. Spanish materials were available if needed.

Workshop Overview

The Community Workshop was designed to help achieve the following for the Lemon Grove and La Mesa focus areas:

- **Highlight key work areas along the transportation barrier for each focus area,**
- **Understand the current challenges in these key work areas, and**
- **Identify both preferred and potential solutions to address the challenges being experienced.**

The workshop focused on facilitating discussion with community members through two breakout group activities.

Activity #1: Identify Challenges

Participants:

1. Reviewed the barrier locations using the provided **aerial map** board and **existing conditions photos**. Responded to and discussed the specific activity questions on the aerial map boards.

Activity #2: Identify Potential Solutions

Participants:

1. Reviewed the potential solutions using the provided **solution images** board.
2. Responded to and discussed the following activity questions **solution images** board.

Figure 1: Aerial Map Board for Lemon Grove and La Mesa

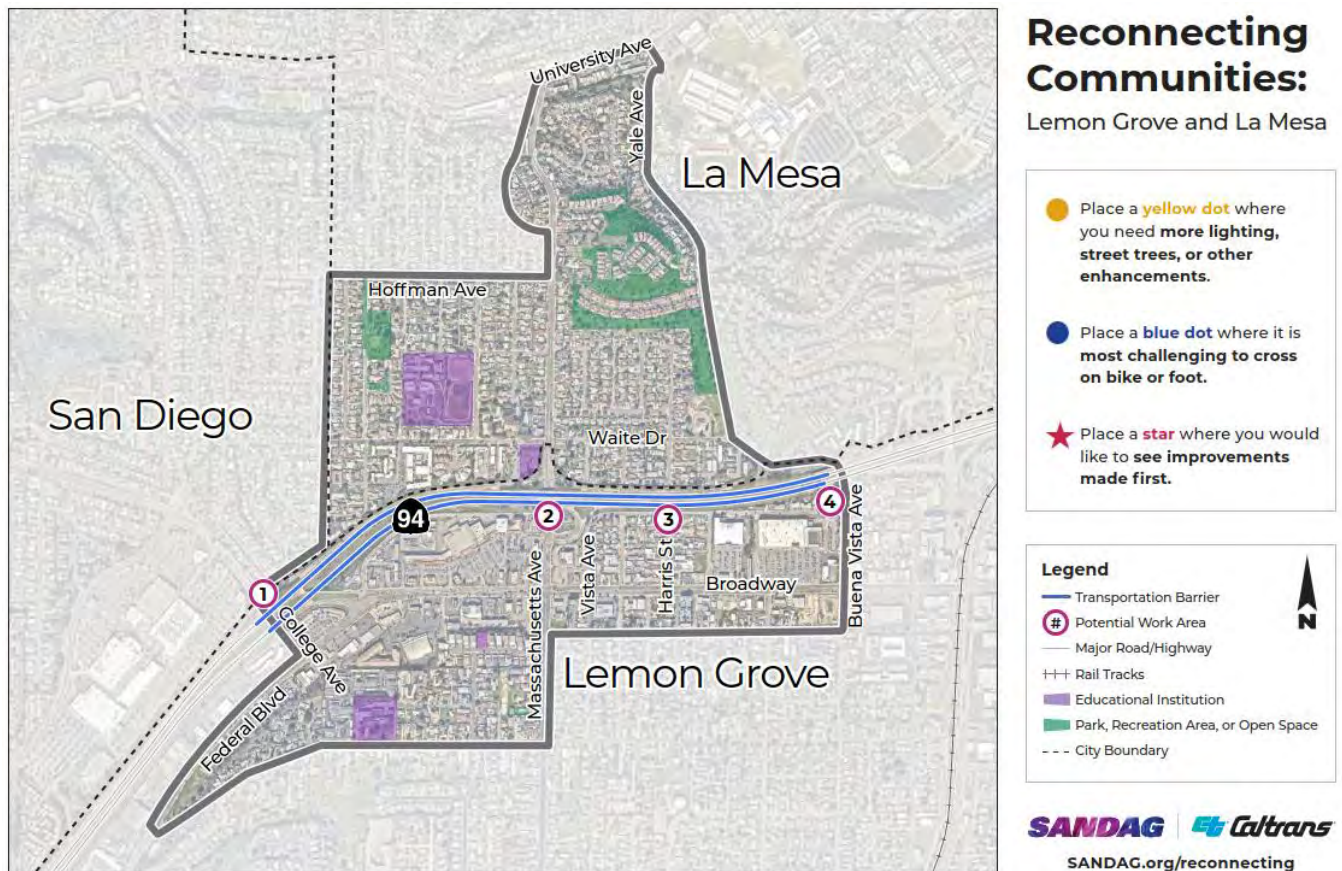


Figure 2: Solutions Type Images Board

Reconnecting Communities: Potential Solutions



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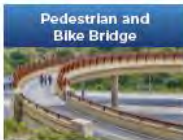


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Intersection and Crossing Improvements

Underpass Enhancement (Existing) 	Rail Crossing Enhancements 	Bicycle/Pedestrian Crossing Improvements 	Signal Improvements 	Directional Signs 
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Traffic and Rail Separation

Moving Tracks Above or Below Roadway 	Freeway Underpass (Proposed) 	Pedestrian and Bike Bridge 	Freeway/Rail Tunnel 	Freeway Lids/Highway Caps and Decks 
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Street Improvements

Rails to Trails 	Median Improvements 	Bike Lanes 	Improved Sidewalks 	Speed Reduction 
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Community Improvements

Urban Design 	Enhanced Lighting/Art 	Green Space and Street Trees 	Sound Walls 	Transit Stop Improvements 
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Infrastructure Upgrades

Intersection Updates 	Rail Track Realignment 	Roadway Realignment 	Ramp Updates 
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Signal Improvements

Signal Coordination 	Signal Priority 
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Barriers/Barrier Closures

Highway/Ramp Removal 
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Discussion Takeaways

The takeaways listed below reflect participants collective feedback for the identified work areas/ barrier locations along the transportation barrier (i.e., State Route 94 (SR 94)). Participants did provide feedback on local streets and other parts of the focus area that do not cross the transportation barrier. These comments are not included in the summary below but can be found in the attachments.

Activity #1 Takeaways

Key barrier locations mentioned:

- Participants expressed challenges for biking and walking near the transportation barrier (SR 94), and particularly at work areas #2 and #4.
- Attendees wanted to see improvements first at work areas #2, #1, and #4.
- Opportunity to connect neighborhood/residents in La Mesa to Broadway and improve pedestrian connectivity from the Lemon Grove Trolley Station to work area #4.

Key challenges discussed:

- Lack of safe crossings at work areas #1, #2, and #4.
 - #1: Walking north from Lemon Grove to College Grove Shopping center in La Mesa.
 - #2: Walking near the In-n-out south of SR-94.
 - #4: Walking to Helix High and to the trolley station. Limited wide sidewalks at this location, little to no ADA Accessible Infrastructure.
- Traffic and congestion issues noted at work areas #1, #2, and #4, with special interest on work area #2, given this is where the SR 94 off ramp converges and traffic backs up frequently.
- Participants noted several Pedestrian push buttons don't work across all the focus area.
- Ramp configuration issues noted at work area #2.
- Insufficient lighting at work areas #1 #2 and #4.
- Pedestrian infrastructure deficiencies:
 - Poor sidewalks along #1, #2, and #4,
 - Unpleasant environment at work area #4, and
 - Signal timing and coordination issues.
- Bike infrastructure deficiencies, and some mentions of topography (elevation) as a limitation towards biking.
- Student safety concerns crossing barrier, especially at work area #4.
- Work area #3 is a dead end street against a freeway wall — no pedestrian or vehicle access across SR-94. Participants would like to connect the neighborhoods at this location but it's a lower priority to the other work areas.

Other items and concerns:

- Presence of trash and encampments in some areas, particularly along SR 94, North Ave and north of the barrier.

Activity #2 Takeaways

Participants showed interest in seeing more of the following solution types in their community:

- Solution types that participants wanted to see across all focus areas, without a specific work area location, included the following:
 - Improved Sidewalks

- Bike Lanes (protected preferred)
- Urban Design (benches)
- Underpass Enhancements
- Green Space and Street Trees for shade
- Solution types mentioned that participants wanted to see at a specific numbered location sticker were the following:
 - Enhanced Lighting / Art at work areas #1, #2, #3, and #4.
 - Urban design enhancements (lighting, sidewalks, street trees, and landscaping) at work area #4.
 - Green Space at work areas #1 and #4.
 - Pedestrian/bike bridges at work areas #1 to #4.
 - Ramp updates/reconfiguration at work area #1.
 - Signal Improvements and coordination at work areas #1, #2, and #4 with work area #2 being the priority.
 - Traffic calming / speed reduction at work areas #1, #2, and #3.

Other desires:

- EB on-ramp desired at work area #1.
- Road maintenance needed.
- Grade separation solutions desired at trolley, east of work area #4

Attachments

- Attachment A – Activity Boards
- Attachment B – Note-Taker Notes

National City and Southeastern San Diego CBO Community Workshop Summary



Event Overview

- **Focus Area/Geographies:** National City and Southeastern San Diego
- **Date & Time:** Friday, April 3, 2026, 5:00 - 7:30 PM
- **CBO Partners:** Mundo Gardens and Urban Collaborative Project
- **Estimated Attendance:** 40-50
- **Format:** Verbal presentation with two activities in small breakout group discussion
- **Language Accommodations:** Spanish-speaking attendees were provided simultaneous interpretation headsets for the presentation. Half of the facilitators were Spanish-speaking.

Workshop Overview

The CBO Community Workshop was designed to help achieve the following for the National City and Southeastern San Diego focus areas:

- **Highlight key work areas (i.e., barrier locations) along the transportation barrier for each focus area,**
- **Understand the current challenges in these key work areas, and**
- **Identify both preferred and potential solutions to address the challenges being experienced.**

The workshop focused on facilitating discussion with community members through two breakout group activities.

Activity #1: Identify Challenges

Participants:

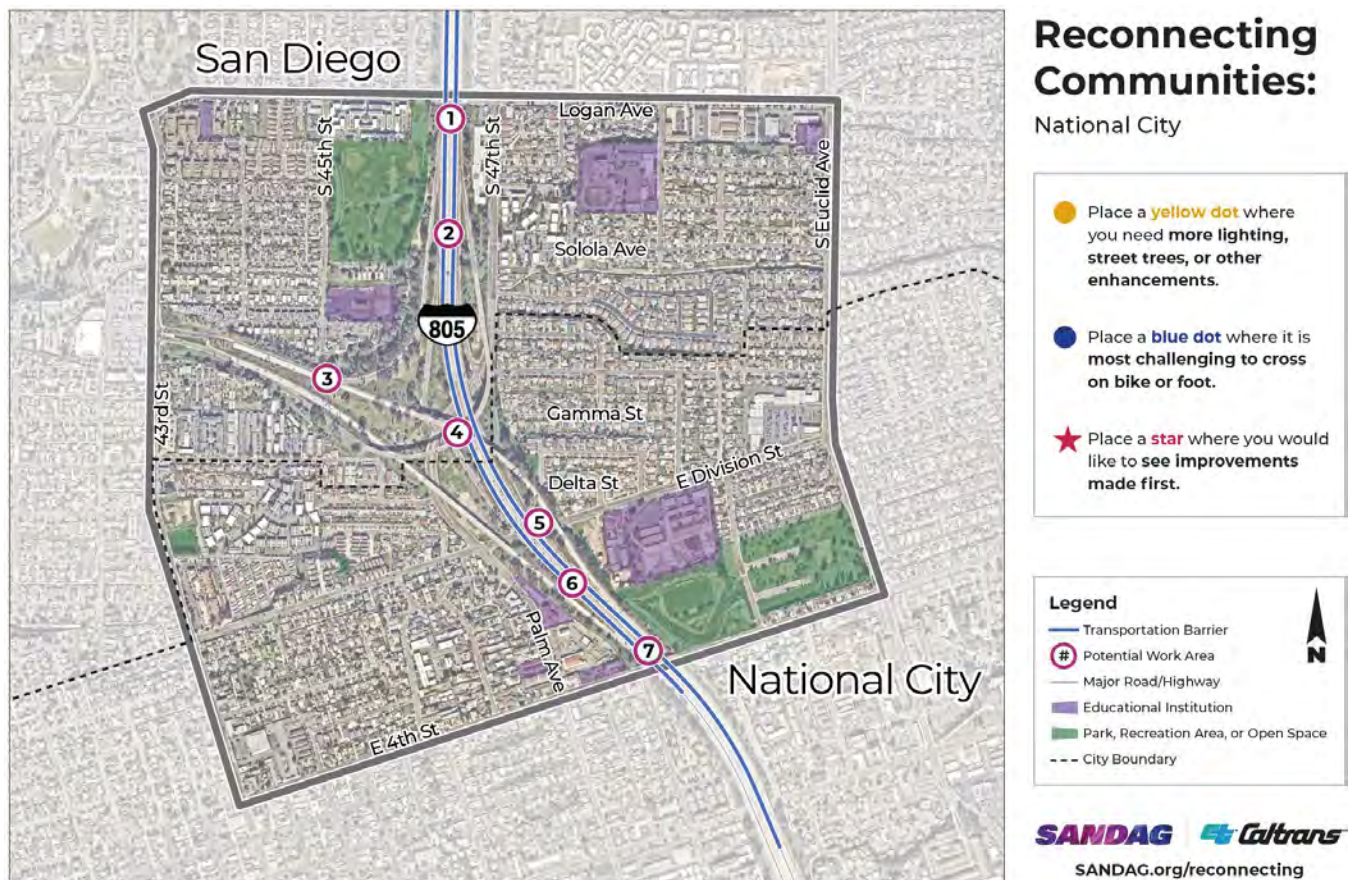
1. Reviewed the barrier locations using the provided **aerial map** board and **existing conditions photos** for both focus areas.
2. Responded to and discussed the specific activity questions on the aerial map boards.

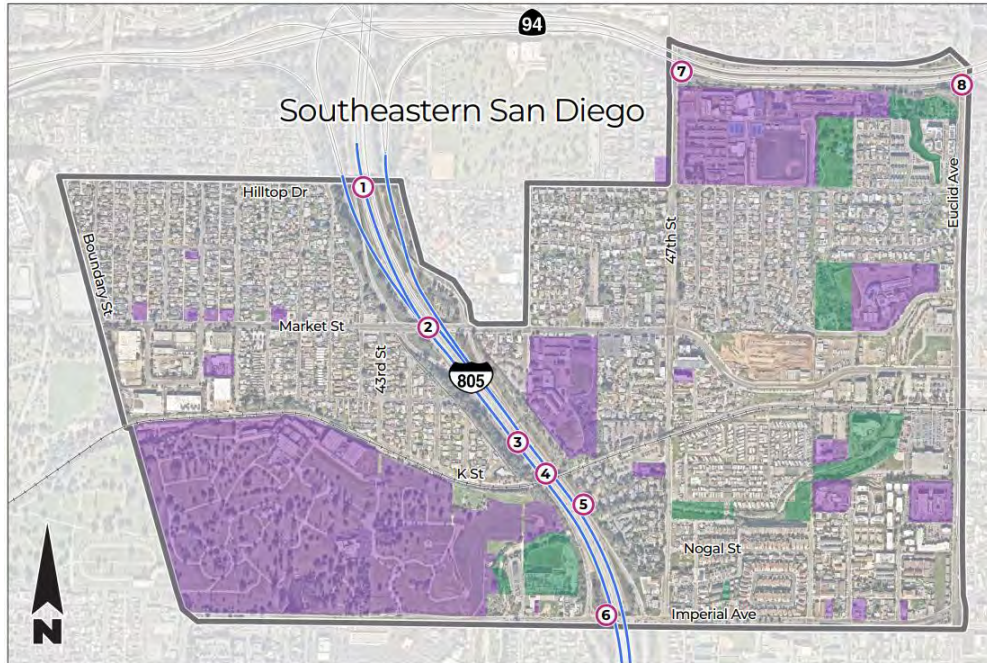
Activity #2: Identify Potential Solutions

Participants:

1. Reviewed the potential solutions using the provided **solution images** board.
2. Responded to and discussed the following activity questions **solution images** board for both focus areas.

Figure 1: Aerial Map Board for National City and Southeastern San Diego





Reconnecting Communities:

Southeastern San Diego

● Place a **yellow dot** where you need **more lighting, street trees, or other enhancements.**

● Place a **blue dot** where it is **most challenging to cross on bike or foot.**

★ Place a **star** where you would like to see **improvements made first.**

Legend

- Transportation Barrier
- # Potential Work Area
- Major Road/Highway
- +++ Rail Tracks
- Educational Institution
- Park, Recreation Area, or Open Space

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Figure 2: Solutions Type Images Board per Focus Area/ Geography

Reconnecting Communities: Potential Solutions



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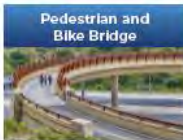


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Intersection and Crossing Improvements

Underpass Enhancement (Existing) 	Rail Crossing Enhancements 	Bicycle/Pedestrian Crossing Improvements 	Signal Improvements 	Directional Signs 
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Traffic and Rail Separation

Moving Tracks Above or Below Roadway 	Freeway Underpass (Proposed) 	Pedestrian and Bike Bridge 	Freeway/Rail Tunnel 	Freeway Lids/Highway Caps and Decks 
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Street Improvements

Rails to Trails 	Median Improvements 	Bike Lanes 	Improved Sidewalks 	Speed Reduction 
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Community Improvements

Urban Design 	Enhanced Lighting/Art 	Green Space and Street Trees 	Sound Walls 	Transit Stop Improvements 
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Infrastructure Upgrades

Intersection Updates 	Rail Track Realignment 	Roadway Realignment 	Ramp Updates 
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Signal Improvements

Signal Coordination 	Signal Priority 
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Barriers/Barrier Closures

Highway/Ramp Removal 
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Discussion Takeaways

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The takeaways listed below reflect participants collective feedback for the identified work areas/ barrier locations along the transportation barrier (i.e., Interstate 805 (I-805)). Participants did provide feedback on local streets and other parts of the focus area that do not relate to the transportation barrier. These comments are not included in the summary below but can be found in the attachments.

Focus Area: National City

Activity #1 Takeaways

Key barrier locations mentioned:

- Multiple participants expressed a desire to see lighting, placemaking, greenery, and urban design improvements at work areas #5 and #6.
- Multiple participants expressed challenges for biking and walking at work areas #2 (no pedestrian crossing over I-805), #4 (underpass), and #7 (overpass).
- Many attendees wanted to see improvements first at work areas #3, #4, and #5.

Key challenges discussed:

- Insufficient lighting was a common challenge expressed with multiple participants mentioning discomfort due to the darkness on streets near freeway.
- Illegal dumping (specifically at work areas #4 and #5)
- Sound pollution from freeways

Other items of concern:

- Feedback indicates desire for underutilized areas to be converted into "cultivated" community destinations that support gathering.

Activity #2 Takeaways

Participants showed interest in seeing more of the following solution types in their community:

- Solution types that participants wanted to see across all focus areas, without a specific work area location, included the following:
 - Improved Sidewalks
 - Freeway Lids/ Highway Caps and Decks
 - Urban Design
- Solution types mentioned that participants wanted to see with specified numbered location sticker in mind were the following:
 - Green Space and Street Trees suggested at work areas #3 and #4
 - Enhanced Lighting / Art as lighting mentioned as a large issue by many at work areas #3 and #4
 - Pedestrian & Bike Bridge suggested at #3 and #4
 - Sound Walls suggested at work areas #4 and #5 as sound was a frequently cited issue
 - Highway/Ramp Removal at work area #3

Focus Area: Southeastern San Diego

Activity #1 Takeaways

Key barrier locations mentioned:

- Multiple participants expressed a desire to see improvements at work area #6
 - Solutions suggested included lighting, greenspace and pedestrian improvements
- Work areas #2, #4, # 6, and #7 were identified by participants and primarily discussed within the breakout groups.
 - Work area #4 has train tracks in need of pedestrian crossings and connection to the YMCA.
 - Work areas #2 and #6 are along major streets with more destinations (Market St and Imperial St).

Key challenges discussed:

- Lighting improvements needed at work areas #1, #2, #4, #6, and #7.
- Traffic congestion and too many lanes of traffic especially at work areas #2, #6 (along Imperial Ave), and #8.
- Walkability and Bikeability:
 - One group emphasized the goal of making it safer for children to travel alone
 - Walking along #3 and #4 is a “terrible walking experience”
 - No way to access YMCA from Trolley
 - Missing bike facilities and sidewalks throughout corridor
- Cars speeding at #5 and #7
 - One person mentioned accidents and a fatality at #7
 - Suggested a pedestrian/bike bridge here
 - 47th Street noted as a street of major speeding

Activity #2 Takeaways

Participants showed interest in seeing more of the following solution types in their community:

- Green Space
 - Participants had a desire for pedestrian/bike friendly green corridor at work areas #1 and #2.
 - Work area #2 was mentioned for its connections to Chollas View, Lincoln Park, Emerald Hills.
- Freeway Lids/ Highway Caps and Decks
 - Mentioned frequently
 - Work areas #2, #4, #6, #7, and #8, with emphasis at work area #6.
 - One person suggested lid to be used as a skatepark.
- Traffic Calming and Speed Reductions
 - Near YMCA (work area #4)
 - On Imperial Ave (work area #6)
- Pedestrian/bike bridge at work area #5

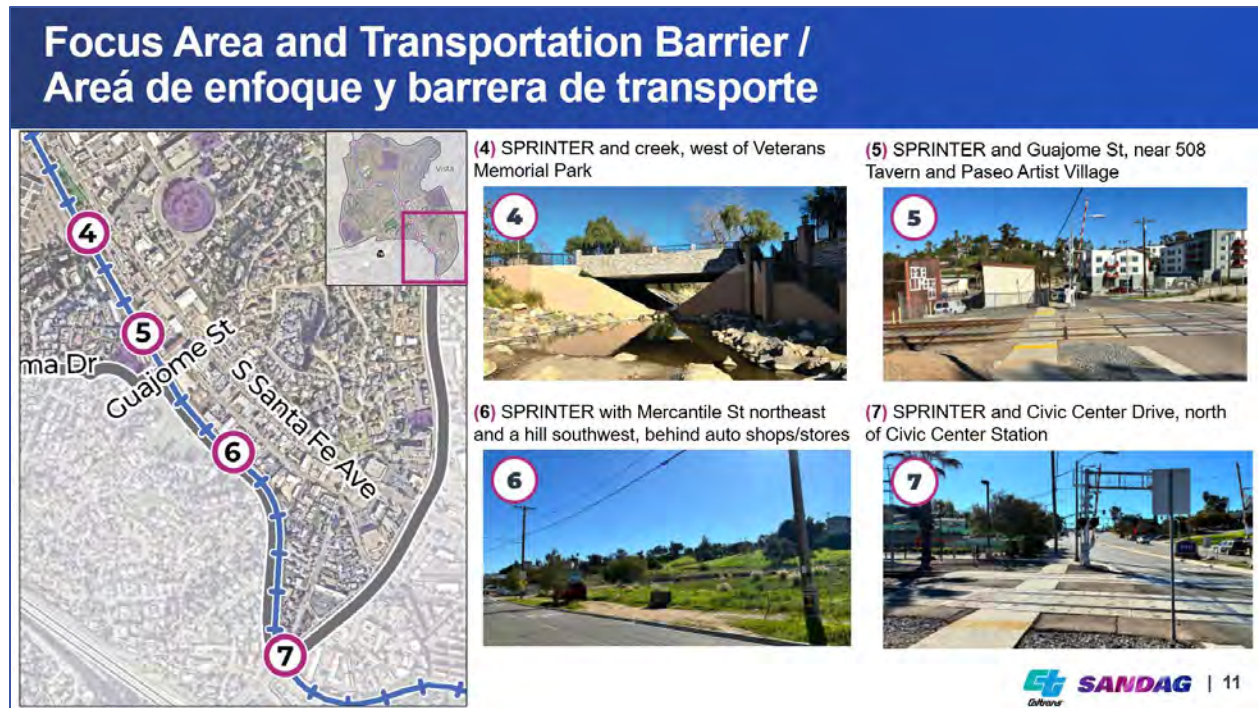
Other suggestions:

- Roundabouts
- Beautification
 - Euclid Trolley Station
 - Downtown Business District
- Lighting all along Market Street

Attachments

- Attachment A – Activity Boards
- Attachment B – Note-Taker Notes

Vista CBO Community Workshop Summary



Event Overview

- **Focus Area/Geographies:** Vista
- **Date & Time:** Thursday, April 9, 2026, 5:00-6:30 PM
- **CBO Partner:** Vista Community Clinic
- **Estimated Attendance:** 4 residents with 2 Vista City staff
- **Format:** Virtual zoom presentation and guided discussion – feedback on the two activities collected through Zoom polling
- **Language Accommodations:** The presentation and guided activities were delivered in English and simultaneously interpreted to Spanish for Spanish speaking attendees. All slides were bilingual, in English and Spanish.

Workshop Overview

The CBO Community Workshop was designed to help achieve the following for the Vista focus area:

- **Highlight key work areas (i.e., barrier locations) along the transportation barrier for each focus area,**
- **Understand the current challenges in these key work areas, and**
- **Identify both preferred and potential solutions to address the challenges being experienced.**

The workshop focused on leading the community members through two activities. The facilitator used zoom polling features and asked attendees to elucidate their answers in the chat box or by using their microphones.

Activity #1: Identify Challenges

Participants:

1. Reviewed the barrier locations using the provided **aerial map and existing conditions photos slides** for the focus area.
2. Responded to the activity questions using **Zoom polls**.

Activity #2: Identify Potential Solutions

Participants:

1. Reviewed the potential solutions using the provided **solution images** slides.
2. Responded to the activity questions using **Zoom polls**.

Figure 1: Aerial Map Slides



Focus Area and Transportation Barrier / Área de enfoque y barrera de transporte

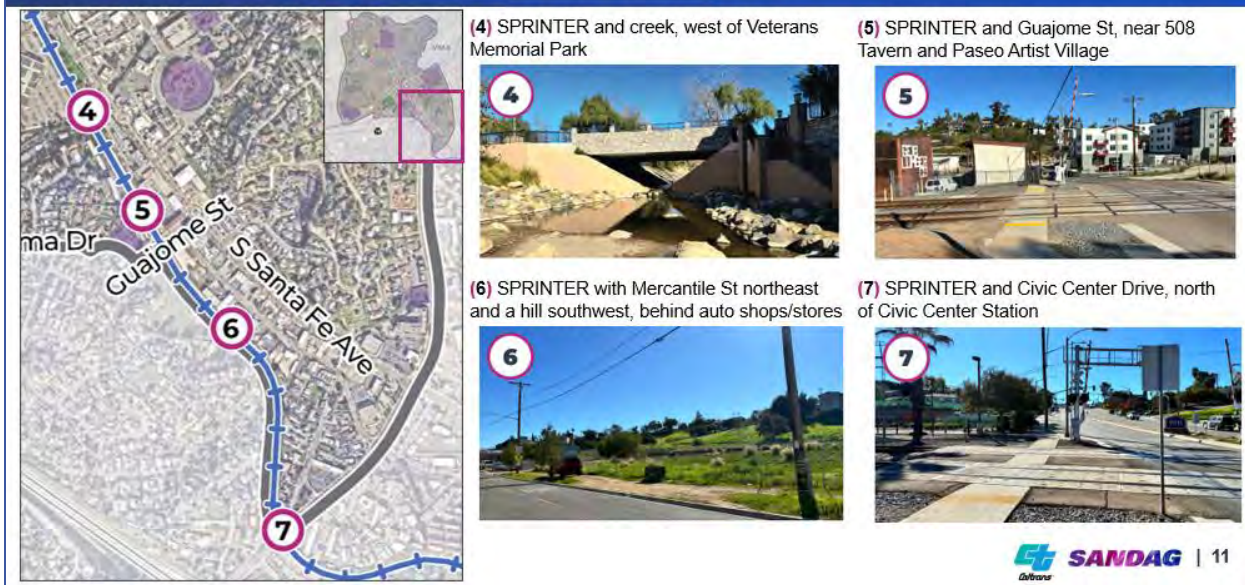


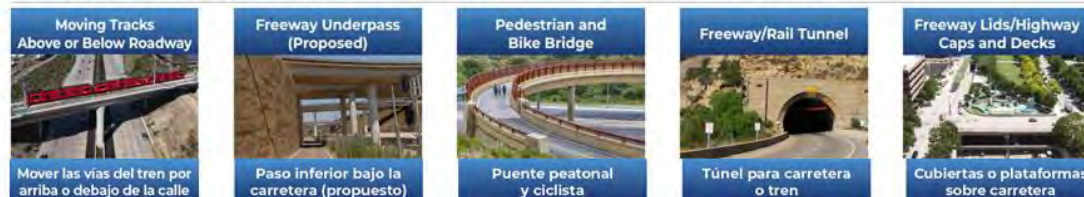
Figure 2: Solutions Type Slides

What solution would you like to see in your community? ¿Qué solución le gustaría ver en su comunidad?

Intersection and Crossing Improvements / Mejoras en intersecciones y cruces



Traffic and Rail Separation / Separación entre tráfico y vías del tren



What solution would you like to see in your community? ¿Qué solución le gustaría ver en su comunidad?

Street Improvements / Mejoras en la calle



Community Improvements / Mejoras comunitarias



What solution would you like to see in your community? ¿Qué solución le gustaría ver en su comunidad?

Infrastructure Upgrades / Mejoras de infraestructura



Signal Improvements / Mejoras en semáforos



Barriers/Barrier Closures / Barreras o cierres de barreras



Figure 3: Zoom Poll Questions for Activity #1

Where do you need more lighting, street trees, or other enhancements?
¿Dónde se necesita más iluminación, árboles u otras mejoras?

- 1
- 2
- 3

- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7

Where is it most challenging to cross on bike or foot?

¿Dónde es más difícil cruzar a pie o en bicicleta?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7

Where would you like to see improvements made first?

¿Dónde te gustaría que las mejoras se realicen primero?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7

Figure 4: Zoom Poll Questions for Activity #2

What solution would you like to see in your community?

¿Qué solución le gustaría ver en su comunidad?

- Underpass Enhancement (Existing) / Mejora en pasos inferiores (existente)
- Rail Crossing Enhancements / Mejoras en cruces ferroviarios
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Crossing Improvements / Mejoras en cruces peatonales y ciclistas
- Signal Improvements / Mejoras en semáforos
- Directional Signs / Mejoras en señalización
- Moving Tracks Above or Below Roadway / Mover las vías del tren por arriba o debajo de la calle
- Freeway Underpass (Proposed) / Paso inferior bajo la carretera (propuesto)
- Pedestrian and Bike Bridge / Puente peatonal y ciclista
- Freeway/Rail Tunnel / Túnel para carretera o tren
- Freeway Lids/Highway Caps and Decks / Cubiertas o plataformas sobre Carretera

What solution would you like to see in your community?

¿Qué solución le gustaría ver en su comunidad?

- Rails to Trails / Vías ferroviarias convertidas en senderos
- Median Improvements / Mejoras en el camellón central
- Bike Lanes / Ciclovías
- Improved Sidewalks / Banquetas mejoradas
- Speed Reduction / Reducción de velocidad
- Urban Design / Diseño urbano del espacio público

- Enhanced Lighting/Art / Iluminación mejorada/arte público
- Green Space and Street Trees / Áreas verdes y árboles en la calle
- Sound Walls / Muros contra ruido
- Transit Stop Improvements / Mejoras en paradas de transporte público

What solution would you like to see in your community?

¿Qué solución le gustaría ver en su comunidad?

- Intersection Updates / Mejoras en intersecciones
- Rail Track Realignment / Reubicación de las vías ferroviarias
- Roadway Realignment / Reconfiguración de la calle
- Ramp Updates / Mejoras en rampas de acceso a carreteras
- Signal Coordination / Coordinación de semáforos
- Signal Priority / Prioridad en semáforos
- Barriers/Barrier Closures / Barreras o cierres de barreras
- Highway/Ramp Removal / Eliminación de carretera o rampas

Discussion Takeaways

The takeaways listed below reflect participants collective feedback for the identified work areas/ barrier locations along the transportation barrier (i.e., SPRINTER corridor).

Four residents took part in the polls, in addition to a representative from the City of Vista and one from SANDAG. Not all participants took part in every poll question, and a maximum of four individuals took part in any of the questions.

Activity #1 Takeaways

The first activity asked participants about the challenges experienced at each of the barrier locations on the map, such as where it's hard to cross on bike or foot, where street trees or lighting are needed, and where they would like to see improvements first via the zoom polling functions. The facilitator asked attendees to explain their polling choices in the chat box or over microphone, but no participants shared.

Activity #1 Results:

Lighting, street trees or other enhancements needed:

- Resident: 4, 5, 6
- SANDAG: 3
- City of Vista: 1,3, 9

Where is it most challenging to cross on bike or foot?

- Resident: 5
- SANDAG: 6

Where would you like to see improvements made first?

- Resident: 5
- SANDAG: 3
- City of Vista: 5

Activity #2 Takeaways

The second activity asked participants to answer polls about solutions that they would like to see in their community and describe (verbally or in the chat box) which solutions they could imagine at each of the barrier locations. The facilitator asked attendees to explain their polling choices in the chat box or over microphone, but no participants shared.

Activity #2 Results:

3 Votes:

- Bike Lanes

2 Votes:

- Bicycle/Pedestrian Crossing Improvements
- Freeway/Rail Tunnel
- Improved Sidewalks
- Rail Crossing Enhancements
- Signal Improvements

1 Vote:

- Directional Signs

Activity #2 Results by Participant Type:

Residents: (3 represented)

- Bicycle/Pedestrian Crossing Improvements
- Bike Lanes
- Directional Signs
- Freeway/Rail Tunnel
- Improved Sidewalks
- Rail Crossing Enhancements
- Signal Improvements

City of Vista:

- Bicycle/Pedestrian Crossing Improvements
- Bike Lanes
- Green Space and Street Trees
- Intersection Updates
- Moving Tracks Above or Below Roadway
- Rail Crossing Enhancements
- Rails to Trails
- Transit Stop Improvements

SANDAG:

- Barriers/Barrier Closures
- Bike Lanes
- Freeway/Rail Tunnel
- Green Space and Street Trees
- Improved Sidewalks
- Moving Tracks Above or Below Roadway
- Pedestrian and Bike Bridge
- Rail Track Realignment
- Rails to Trails
- Signal Coordination

- Signal Improvements
- Signal Priority
- Transit Stop Improvements
- Urban Design

Attachments

- Attachment A – Vista Virtual Zoom Presentation
- Attachment B – Zoom Poll Results