2012 SANDAG ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION
NON-CAPITAL GRANT APPLICATION

DOWNTOWN COMPLETE STREETS
MOBILITY PLAN

CITY OF SAN DIEGO

JULY, 2012
NON-CAPITAL GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Project Title:
DOWNTOWN COMPLETE STREETS MOBILITY PLAN

Applicant (Agency):
CITY OF SAN DIEGO THROUGH CIVIC SAN DIEGO

Application Amount:
$300,000

Project Type:
☐ Planning
☐ Education, Encouragement, Awareness
☐ Bicycle Parking

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

☐ Ten hard copies and one CD of the complete Active Transportation application (including all attachments)
☐ Resolution authorizing the application, committing to provide matching funds, and authorizing staff to accept grant funds and execute the grant agreement
☐ Format: narrative pages on 8.5x11 paper, all narrative text has at least 1 inch margins on all sides and no less than 10pt. font size (footers and headers exempt from the above requirements)
☐ Documentation of matching funds
☐ Vicinity maps showing project location and local/regional street, bicycle, transit, and highway facilities within and near the project area
☐ Documentation of support for the project from community groups or individuals (recommended but not required)
☐ Aerial photos and other photographs depicting existing conditions

☐ Completed application form:
☐ Project Summary
☐ Project Location Map
☐ Project Funding
☐ Relationship to Program Objectives
☐ Comprehensiveness

☐ Methodology
☐ Community Support
☐ Evaluation
☐ Innovation (if applicable)
☐ Scope of Work, Schedule, and Budget

If any of the above are not included with the application by the deadline (with the exception of documentation of community support), the application will be deemed ineligible.
GRANTEE STATEMENTS

☒ The proposed grantee has read the standardized sample grant agreement.

☒ The proposed grantee understands that SANDAG will not reimburse applicants for expenses incurred prior to execution of a grant agreement.

☒ If the SANDAG Board of Directors approves the grant, the proposed grantee agrees to sign and return the standardized grant agreement to SANDAG, without exceptions, within 45 days of receipt.

☒ The proposed grantee agrees to comply with SANDAG’s Board Policy No. 035 Competitive Grant Program Procedures, which outlines “use-it-or-lose-it” project milestones and completion deadlines. Board Policy No. 035 is included in the standardized grant agreement as Attachment B, and is also on the SANDAG website at the following link: http://www.sandag.org/organization/about/pubs/policy_35.pdf

☒ The proposed grantee understands that all invoices must be accompanied by a written progress report of the charges for both requested reimbursement of grant and matching funds and submitted to SANDAG no less frequently than quarterly. The grantee’s project accounting system should be in harmony with a quarterly invoicing schedule. Invoice and progress report templates are available on the SANDAG website at the following link: http://www.sandag.org/grants/forms

☒ The proposed grantee understands that upon approval of funding by the SANDAG Board of Directors, the applicant will provide a copy of their approved indirect cost rate audit or their proposed indirect cost rate methodology, if charging for overhead, to SANDAG for review and approval, which must occur prior to execution of the grant agreement.

☒ The proposed grantee understands that a resolution including the requirements of Board Policy No. 035, Section 4.1, must be submitted to SANDAG at least two weeks prior to the recommendation by the Regional Planning Committee of the list of grant projects to be considered eligible. SANDAG will provide applicants with advance notice of the Regional Planning Committee’s anticipated meeting dates.

I certify that, I agree with the above statements, have reviewed the Active Transportation Grant Program Guidelines, and that the information submitted in this application is accurate and in accordance with these guidelines.

I have the authorization to submit this grant on behalf of my organization.

Wally Hill
Grantee Name (print or type)

Wally Hill
Grantee Signature (signature cannot be electronic)

Assistant Chief Operating Officer
Title

7-17-12
Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
PROJECT SUMMARY

Applicant (Agency):
CITY OF SAN DIEGO THROUGH CIVIC SAN DIEGO

Project Title:
DOWNTOWN COMPLETE STREETS MOBILITY PLAN

Project Area Limits:
The San Diego Downtown Community Plan area is generally located south of Laurel Street and Interstate 5; west of Interstate 5; north of Sigsbee and 16th streets and San Diego Bay; and, east of San Diego Bay.

Project Description:
Preparation of a Downtown Complete Streets Mobility Plan and applicable CEQA document, including traffic analysis. The plan will establish a comprehensive complete streets approach for Downtown San Diego, including the reduction of vehicular travel lanes to enable the installation of enhanced pedestrian and bicycle facilities both within downtown as well as connecting to surrounding neighborhoods.

Primary Contact Person (Project Manager):
Brad Richter

Title:
Asst. Vice President, Planning, Civic San Diego

Street Address:
401 B Street, Suite 400

City and Zip Code:
San Diego, CA 92116

Phone:
(619) 533-7115

E-mail Address:
richter@ccdc.com

Is the project associated with a specific capital improvement project? If so, describe the capital project:
No

| Active Transportation Grant Funds Request | $300,000 |
| Matching Funds                          | $300,000 (Downtown Parking District Funds) |
| Total Project Cost                      | $600,000 |

Total Project Cost = Active Transportation Grant Funds + Matching Funds
DOWNTOWN COMPLETE STREETS MOBILITY PLAN VICINITY MAP
APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Funding Sources:

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For this section, please provide answers in bullet format. A short, concise narrative may be provided, if necessary, to describe the project.

**RELATIONSHIP TO PROGRAM OBJECTIVES, COMPREHENSIVENESS, METHODOLOGY**

Describe the need for the proposed program. For planning grants, describe the need for traffic calming, pedestrian, and bicycle improvements in the project area. *(In bullets)*

See attached

Describe the goals of the project. *(In bullets)*

See attached

Describe the proposed plan, education/awareness/encouragement or parking effort and why it is particularly suited to address the needs stated above.

See attached

**COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

**Planning Grants:**

Describe which and how community stakeholders will participate in the planning process, as well as community input to date.

See attached

**Education/Awareness/Encouragement and Parking Grants:**

Describe which community stakeholders will participate and how community stakeholder participation will facilitate success of the project, as well as community input that shaped the project to date.
SANDAG ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION GRANT APPLICATION  
CITY OF SAN DIEGO – DOWNTOWN COMPLETE STREETS MOBILITY PLAN

RELATIONSHIP TO PROGRAM OBJECTIVES, COMPREHENSIVENESS, METHODOLOGY

Describe the need for the proposed program. For planning grants, describe the need for traffic calming, pedestrian, and bicycle improvements in the project area. (In bullets)

- Downtown is the regional administrative, commercial, cultural, and visitor center of San Diego County desiring to also become a major residential community
- Downtown's population is expected to grow in the next 20-30 years from the current 36,000 residents to approximately 90,000 residents in the concentrated 1,450 acres, making active transportation improvements critical
- Downtown was developed with a mostly universal grid street pattern designed for commercial and industrial uses geared towards automobile circulation
- Traffic calming and enhanced public rights-of-way are needed to be compatible with, and encourage, the emerging residential neighborhoods
- Traffic calming efforts for individual streets and/or locations absent a comprehensive plan is time consuming, costly and requires individual traffic studies and environmental review
- Most streets in downtown exhibit a similar cross-section without enhanced pedestrian improvements which would encourage more walking
- While there are some recent improvements such as sharrows on a few streets, a more active and comprehensive network of bicycle facilities is needed in order to safely traverse downtown and connect to the surrounding neighborhoods and communities
- There are currently limited bicycle parking facilities in the downtown area

Describe the goals of the project (In bullets)

- To establish a master street program, with specific reductions in vehicular travel lanes on certain streets, which can then accommodate bicycle facilities and enhanced pedestrian facilities to allow for comprehensive implementation
- To provide specific vehicular travel lane configurations for all streets (number of travel lanes, one-way vs. two-way circulation)
- To designate specific bicycle improvements on certain streets consistent with the City of San Diego Master Bicycle Plan and San Diego Regional Bicycle Plan
- To connect downtown's bicycle circulation with surrounding communities to encourage both commuter and recreational bicycle trips within the region
- To locate enhanced and expanded bicycle parking facilities throughout downtown with focus on employment, shopping, and recreational destinations
- To designate specific enhanced pedestrian improvements on certain streets
- To provide a range of alternative bicycle and pedestrian improvements for all streets
- To complete a community-wide traffic analysis, including potentially the establishment of a new LOS threshold for downtown, to allow for prompt implementation of specific improvements without further environmental review
- To engage the public through public workshops and presentations to established community groups in developing a consensus and broad support for innovative street designs
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CITY OF SAN DIEGO – DOWNTOWN COMPLETE STREETS MOBILITY PLAN

Describe the proposed plan (In bullets)

The project is the preparation of a comprehensive Downtown Complete Streets Mobility Plan for Downtown San Diego, with accompanying traffic study and environmental review, which will provide the following elements:

- Defined master street layout designating the number of vehicular travel lanes and directional orientation for all downtown streets
- Specific bicycle improvements (bike tracks, bike lanes, sharrows, bike corrals) on specific streets consistent with the San Diego Regional Bicycle Plan and City of San Diego Master Bicycle Plan, providing safe movements throughout Downtown and connectivity to surrounding neighborhoods and communities
- Specific locations for enhanced bicycle parking including sidewalk extensions/on-street bike corrals focused on employment, shopping, and recreational destinations
- Optional bicycle parking facility standards for location throughout Downtown as deemed desirable in the future
- Specific pedestrian improvements (widened sidewalks, corner-bulb-outs, green streets, linear park promenades) on specific streets consistent with goals and policies of Downtown Community Plan and Downtown Design Guidelines
- Optional enhanced pedestrian improvements for location throughout Downtown as deemed desirable in the future
- Comprehensive traffic analysis performed concurrently with development of plan to ensure subsequent implementation without the need for additional studies
- Examination of potential new LOS thresholds for Downtown streets to prioritize active transportation improvements
- Comprehensive CEQA document to allow for expedited subsequent implementation without further environmental review
- Implementation strategies to allow for installation of new facilities through both capital improvement projects and installation by private development projects, including phased construction and implementation as funding sources become available

The project will achieve the following:

- A comprehensive plan to encourage active transportation alternatives for the highest density, highest mixed-use neighborhood in the region
- Enhanced active transportation facilities for the future 90,000 residents
- Enhanced active transportation facilities within the Downtown area for workers, visitors, and residents in surrounding neighborhoods
- Reduced vehicular trips and greenhouse gas emissions
- Reduced vehicular congestion which results in safer modes of transportation for pedestrians and bicyclists
COMMUNITY SUPPORT
Describe which and how community stakeholders will participate in the planning process, as well as community input to date:

- The goals and policies supporting active transportation modes of travel have been extensively discussed in public workshops and public hearings for the adoption of the Downtown Community Plan, adopted in 2006, and the Downtown Design Guidelines, adopted in 2011.
- Public workshops and meetings in 2011 for the Public Open Space Implementation Plan included presentations and extensive discussion on the establishment of pedestrian connections between public parks, including the establishment of linear park promenades along specific streets in Downtown.
- Presentations for the Downtown Complete Streets Mobility Plan effort have been made to the Centre City Advisory Committee (CCAC - Downtown’s community planning group); the Downtown San Diego Partnership’s Planning Committee; the East Village Association; and, the Civic San Diego Board.
- Letters of support have been submitted in favor by the CCAC; Civic San Diego Board; San Diego Partnership’s Planning Committee; the East Village Association; and the Downtown Resident’s Group.
- The development of the Downtown Complete Streets Mobility Plan will include a minimum of two public workshops as well as presentations and discussions at the CCAC; Downtown San Diego Partnership; East Village Association; Little Italy Association; and other community organizations.
EDUCATION, AWARENESS, ENCOURAGEMENT, AND BICYCLE PARKING GRANTS ONLY

EVALUATION

Describe how the project will evaluate its effectiveness.

INNOVATION

If applicable ONLY: Does this project propose any solutions that are new to the region? If so, please describe.

Briefly describe any other aspects of the project that are relevant to its scoring.
# SANDAG ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION GRANT PROGRAM

## SCOPE OF WORK, SCHEDULE, AND BUDGET

**Project Title:** DOWNTOWN COMPLETE STREETS MOBILITY PLAN  
**Project Type (Planning, Education/Encouragement/Awareness, Bicycle Parking):** Planning

**Project Location/Limits:**  
The City of San Diego Downtown Community Plan area bounded by Laurel Street and Interstate 5 to the north; Interstate 5 to the east; Sigsbee and 16th streets and San Diego Bay to the south; and, San Diego Bay to the west.

**Project Description:**  
Preparation of a Downtown Complete Streets Mobility Plan and applicable CEQA document, including traffic analysis. The plan will establish a comprehensive complete streets approach for Downtown San Diego, including the reduction of travel lanes to enable the installation of enhanced pedestrian and bicycle facilities both within downtown and as well as connecting to surrounding neighborhoods.

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SANDAG Use Only  
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RESOLUTION NUMBER R-307562
DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE JUL 12 2012

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION WITH SANDAG FOR THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION GRANT PROGRAM AND ACCEPTING THE TERMS OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) Board of Directors allocates funds under the Transportation Development Act and TransNet local sales tax program to support bicycle and pedestrian transportation projects in the San Diego region through a competitive process; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Active Transportation Grant Program is to promote the "complete streets" vision, providing multiple travel choices for residents and connectivity to transit, schools, recreation centers, parks, work, and other community gathering places; and

WHEREAS, $8.8 million of Transportation Development Act and TransNet funding for capital and non-capital active transportation projects is available to local jurisdictions and the County of San Diego from Fiscal Year 2011-2012; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego seeks to receive an amount not to exceed $5,650,000 for the following: Pedestrian Master Plan Phase V, Downtown Complete Streets Mobility Plan, Chollas Creek Multi-Use Bike Facility, Bicycle Detection at Signalized Intersections, Mission Center Road Improvements at the terminus of the San Diego River Bike Path, University Avenue and 54th Street Roadway Improvements, and Sixth Avenue Bridge Promenade; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego understands that the Active Transportation Grant Program funding is fixed at the programmed amount, and therefore project cost increases that exceed the grant awarded will be the sole responsibility of the grantee; and
WHEREAS, the City of San Diego agrees to complete the proposed grant projects within a timely matter and in compliance with SANDAG Board Policy No. 035; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of San Diego, as follows:

1. That the Mayor or his representative is authorized to file a grant application with SANDAG, execute the grant agreement on file in the office of the City Clerk as RR-307562, and to take all necessary actions to secure funding for an amount not to exceed $5,650,000 in SANDAG Active Transportation Grant funds, Fund 600002.

2. That the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to accept an amount not to exceed $5,650,000 in SANDAG Active Transportation Grant funds, Fund 600002.

3. That the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to appropriate and expend an amount not to exceed $5,650,000, contingent upon receipt of a fully executed grant agreement.

4. That the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to establish a special interest-bearing fund, Grant Projects Fund, contingent upon receipt of a fully executed grant agreement.

5. That the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to accept up to $300,000 in Downtown Parking District Funds, and to appropriate and expend from Grant Projects Fund, contingent upon a fully executed grant agreement for the Downtown Complete Streets Mobility Plan.

6. That the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to accept up to $100,000 in San Diego County Funds, and to appropriate and expend from Grant Projects Fund, contingent upon a fully executed grant agreement for the Chollas Creek Multi-Use Bike Facility project.

7. That the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to accept up to $500,000 in Downtown Far Bonus Payment Program funds, and to appropriate and expend from Grant...
Projects Fund, contingent upon a fully executed grant agreement for the Sixth Avenue Bridge Promenade.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the proposed projects for the SANDAG Active Transportation Grant Program are listed on RR- __307562-2__ on file in the office of the City Clerk.

APPROVED: JAN I. GOLDSMITH, City Attorney

By

Nina M. Fain
Deputy City Attorney

NMF:js
06/11/12
06/15/12 Cor. Copy
Or.Dept:DSD
Doc. No. 387924

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of __JUL 10 2012__.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By

Deputy City Clerk

Approved: __7.12.12__
(date)

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By

Deputy City Clerk

Vetoed: ____________
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

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Proposed Projects for SANDAG Active Transportation Grant Program

### Non-Capital Grants

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Total grant application is not to exceed $5,650,000.
Ms. Christine Eary  
Active Transportation Grants Program Manager  
SANDAG  
401 B Street, Suite 800  
San Diego, CA 92101  

July 3, 2012  

Dear Ms. Eary,

As Chair of the Centre City Advisory Committee (CCAC), the community planning group for downtown San Diego, I am writing to convey support of the Downtown Complete Streets Mobility Plan for which 2012 Active Transportation Grant funds are being sought.

CCAC is a 28-member body that represents downtown homeowners and tenants, commercial property owners and businesspeople, charitable organizations and civic groups, making us a strong and diverse voice for the community. As evidenced in our Community Plan, our commitment to a forward-looking, integrated model of "complete streets" is genuine and long-standing. We strongly support efforts to make downtown streets more bike and pedestrian-friendly by removing travel lanes and creating calmer streets. We believe that the creation of the Complete Streets Mobility Study is one step toward that goal. This support was publicly announced by way of a unanimous vote of support at our June 20, 2012 meeting. We hope that you will agree with our sentiment and score the CCDC grant application accordingly.

Should you have any questions or need any additional input from our planning group, please contact me without hesitation. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Laura Garrett  
Chair, Centre City Advisory Committee  
lgarrett.ccac@gmail.com  
760.310.0817  

cc: Brad Richter, CCDC
July 12, 2012

Ms. Christine Eary  
Active Transportation Grants Program Manager  
SANDAG  
401 B Street, Suite 800  
San Diego, CA 92101  

Dear Ms. Eary:

As Chairman of the Downtown Planning Committee of the Downtown San Diego Partnership (DSDP), I am writing to convey support of the Downtown Complete Streets Mobility Plan for which 2012 Active Transportation Grant funds are being sought.

As you may know, the Downtown San Diego Partnership represents downtown businesses, residents, charitable organizations and civic groups, making us a strong and diverse voice for the community.

Our commitment to a forward-looking, integrated model of “complete streets” is genuine and long-standing. We strongly support efforts to make downtown streets more bike and pedestrian-friendly by removing travel lanes and creating calmer streets. We believe that the creation of the Complete Streets Mobility Study is one step toward that goal. This support was publicly announced by way of a unanimous vote of support at our June 12, 2012 meeting. We hope that you will agree with our sentiment and score the CCDC grant application accordingly.

Should you have any questions or need any additional input from our planning group, please contact me without hesitation. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Phil Rath  
Chair, Downtown Planning Committee  
PRath@pps.us.com

cc: Brad Richter, CCDC
July 9, 2012

Ms. Christine Eary, Active Transportation Grants Program Manager
SANDAG
401 B Street, Ste. 800
San Diego, CA 92101

Re: Support for Downtown Complete Streets Mobility Plan Grant Application

Dear Ms. Eary:

On behalf of the East Village Association, Inc., the nonprofit corporation that manages the East Village Business Improvement District, representing 700 businesses and about 10,000 residents, this letter serves as our organization's support for the Civic San Diego formerly known as Centre City Development Corporation's grant application to prepare a comprehensive street plan for downtown.

The EVA Board unanimously voted on July 5, 2012 to support this grant application to further the vision of "complete streets" providing multiple travel choices for residents and businesses and connectivity to transit, schools, library, parks, work, and other community gathering places. Please contact Lisa Lem, Executive Director, at 619.992.7525 or email info@eastvillagesandiego.com if you need further information.

Sincerely,

David Hazan, President
East Village Association, Inc.

cc: Brad Richter, Civic San Diego
July 17, 2012

Ms. Christine Eary  
Active Transportation Grants Program Manager  
SANDAG  
401 B Street, Suite 800  
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Ms. Eary,

As Councilmember for the Third District of the City of San Diego, I am writing to convey my personal support of the Downtown Complete Streets Mobility Plan for which 2012 Active Transportation Grant funds are being sought.

The Downtown Community Plan, adopted in 2006, establishes numerous goals including the promotion of complete streets and enhanced pedestrian and bicycle facilities. The Downtown Design Guidelines, adopted in 2011, provide additional goals, policies, and concept diagrams for improved public rights-of-way. In order for Downtown to accommodate an additional 50,000 residents and substantially increase its employment base, it is imperative that pedestrian and bicycle mobility throughout the area be improved. The proposed Downtown Complete Streets Mobility Plan will accomplish this goal by establishing a specific master plan for the street network, including the removal of vehicular travel lanes and the creation of calmer streets with bike facilities and widened and enhanced sidewalks. The plan will be a blueprint for future improvements throughout the area which can be implemented with capital improvement projects and through requirements on new developments. The San Diego City Council unanimously supported this application on July 10, 2012 and indicated our strong support for moving forward with this critical project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

TODD GLORIA  
Councilmember, Third District
San Diego Association of Governments  
Attn: Christine Eary, Associate Regional Planner  
401 B Street, Suite 800  
San Diego, CA 92101

13 July 2012

Board Members,

The San Diego Downtown Residents Group strongly supports the application of Civic San Diego for your Active Transportation Grant Program. Specifically for the Downtown Complete Streets Mobility Plan.

Downtown has developed a comprehensive plan for bicycle and pedestrian projects under the former guidance of Centre City Development Corporation which has now ceased to exist. Civic San Diego has the capability to pick up the planning effort and begin actual implementation of these plans.

Your grant for the Downtown Complete Streets Mobility Plan would provide the ability to begin our program to interface with the Regional Master Plan and greatly increase safety of current cyclists in Downtown. It would also enable, through the Complete Streets vision, further improvements as new projects continue with the growth of Downtown.

We strongly urge your support for this grant to Civic San Diego.

Sincerely,

Gary Smith  
President