



SAN DIEGO REGIONAL BIKE PLAN FACT SHEET



Regional Bike Plan Goals

1. Increase levels of bicycling
2. Improve bicycling safety
3. Encourage complete streets
4. Support reductions in emissions
5. Increase community support for bicycling

Overview

Riding to 2050: San Diego Regional Bike Plan (Bike Plan) was adopted to provide a regional strategy for making the bicycle a useful form of transportation for everyday travel. The Bike Plan supports the implementation of both the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) and 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The RCP calls for more transportation choices and a balanced regional transportation system that supports smart growth and a more sustainable region. The RTP calls for a multimodal regional transportation system that includes a regional bike network. The Bike Plan provides that network.

Investing in Active Transportation

Biking and walking are modes of active transportation, a concept that emphasizes the health benefits of these modes of travel for individuals and communities. In October 2011, SANDAG made an unprecedented commitment to active transportation with the adoption of the 2050 RTP and Sustainable Communities Strategy, calling for an early action program that would:

1. Within ten years, implement the high-priority projects as shown in the map on the back
2. Execute supporting programs outlined in the Bike Plan
3. Continue to fund local bicycle and pedestrian projects through a competitive grant program

In September 2013, the SANDAG Board of Directors approved \$200 million to implement the Regional Bike Plan Early Action Program (EAP). The EAP focuses on the region's highest priority projects. Bike projects are prioritized

based on several key criteria. One factor is proximity to smart growth areas, taking into account the fact that bikeways would be used more often if they connect high-density activity hubs within a short distance of each other. Another factor is whether projects would fill key gaps in regional bike networks. Also considered is the feasibility and efficiency of grouping certain projects together geographically and whether projects can capitalize on other regional efforts.

GO by BIKE: Regional Bike Network

The San Diego Regional Bike Network coordinates and implements the planning, design, and construction of a diverse infrastructure of interconnected, on-street, and separated bikeways, as well as programs and services designed to support and encourage people to use a bike for more daily trips. Investments in the regional bike network and programs support both regional transit and local smart growth development.



High-Priority Projects

The region has already made a significant investment in Class I bikeways, including the Bayshore Bikeway, Inland Rail Trail, Coastal Rail Trail, and San Diego River Trail. The Bike Plan

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calls for completing these bikeways, and identifies new bikeways to create a more enjoyable experience for people riding bikes, including safe and comfortable connections within and between neighborhoods throughout the region; safer streets for people who choose to ride a bike, walk, or drive a car; more vibrant communities and business districts that allow people to bike to work, to school, for errands and for fun; and opportunities for healthy activity (see map below).

Supporting Programs

The Bike Plan identifies other programs to directly support the capital investments in the regional bike network and maximize use and safety. Initial funding has been allocated for data collection, evaluation, and modeling, safe routes to transit, transit station bike parking, and regional wayfinding signage guidelines and signing plan.

For More Information

To learn more about the Regional Bike Plan, visit KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/GObyBIKE.

