Overview
This project will improve north-south connectivity for people who bike and walk through Balboa Park and between North Park and Downtown San Diego. The 2.6-mile bikeway will begin in North Park at the intersection of Utah Street and Landis Street, and run south along Utah Street to connect with Pershing Drive at Upas Street. The route will travel through Balboa Park on Pershing Drive and connect to C Street in Downtown San Diego. Proposed project features include buffered bike lanes, a two-way separated bikeway, and a path for people walking.

The project will help transform Pershing Drive into a low-stress street that will improve safety for people walking, biking, and driving. SANDAG is leading the effort to complete this project as a component of the Regional Bike Network. It is one of several high-priority projects included in the Regional Bike Plan Early Action Program, a $200 million initiative adopted by the SANDAG Board of Directors in September 2013.

The Need
The project will help fulfill the vision laid out in the San Diego Regional Bike Plan, which aims to make riding a bike a safer and more convenient choice for everyday travel.

Pershing Bikeway is a vital part of the regional bike network, GO by BIKE, and a high-priority project funded through the Regional Bike Plan Early Action Program.

The project is also consistent with the City of San Diego’s Climate Action Plan, Vision Zero Plan, and Bicycle Master Plan.

Project Status
The project is currently in the final design phase. The SANDAG Transportation Committee approved the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption in January 2017. Project plans have been refined based on community outreach, a process that will continue through the final design and construction phases. Construction is expected to begin in early 2020.

Community Involvement
The project team engaged the community in the planning process through a community workshop and an open house and public hearing in 2016. The team analyzed insight from that process and developed the final conceptual design. Outreach activities will continue to be conducted during the pre-construction and construction process. Interested stakeholders are kept apprised of the progress of the project through email updates. Sign up to receive email updates at KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/SubscribeGObyBIKE.

Project Funding
The Pershing Bikeway project is funded by TransNet, the region’s voter-approved, half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements administered by SANDAG.

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