

EASTERN HILLCREST BIKEWAYS

Uptown Bikeways



Park Boulevard, and buffered bike lanes on Park Boulevard from Robinson Avenue to Upas Street.

The bikeway also will provide important connections to regional bikeways, such as the Fourth and Fifth Avenue Bikeways via the City of San Diego's University Avenue Bikeway, as well as to the Robinson Avenue Bikeway, Landis Bikeway and the Georgia – Meade Bikeway.

The project also includes a new Promenade along Normal Street between University Avenue and Washington Street. The Normal Street Promenade is a community-driven concept that is being developed jointly with the City of San Diego. More information on the Promenade can be found on the back of this fact sheet.

Background

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 for everyday travel. The Eastern Hillcrest Bikeways project 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 also is consistent with the City of San Diego's Climate Action Plan, Vision Zero Plan and Bicycle Master Plan as well as the Uptown Community Plan and the North Park Community Plan.

Since the Uptown Bikeways project began in 2012, ten community workshops have been held and more than 100 presentations have been made to community groups to discuss project details and gather community input for the project.

Design

The proposed improvements were strategically selected and designed to maximize safety for people riding bikes and walking. During the final design and construction phases, SANDAG will continue to work with community stakeholders to incorporate feedback on project aesthetics, landscaping, and other design features.

Overview

The Eastern Hillcrest Bikeways project is one of five segments planned as part of the Uptown Bikeways, which will enhance neighborhood connectivity between Uptown, Old Town, Mission Valley, Downtown San Diego, North Park, and Balboa Park. The Uptown Bikeways project will create approximately 12 miles of inviting and convenient bikeways that link key community destinations, promote active living and healthy communities, and make streets safer and more comfortable for people who bike, walk, drive, and take transit.

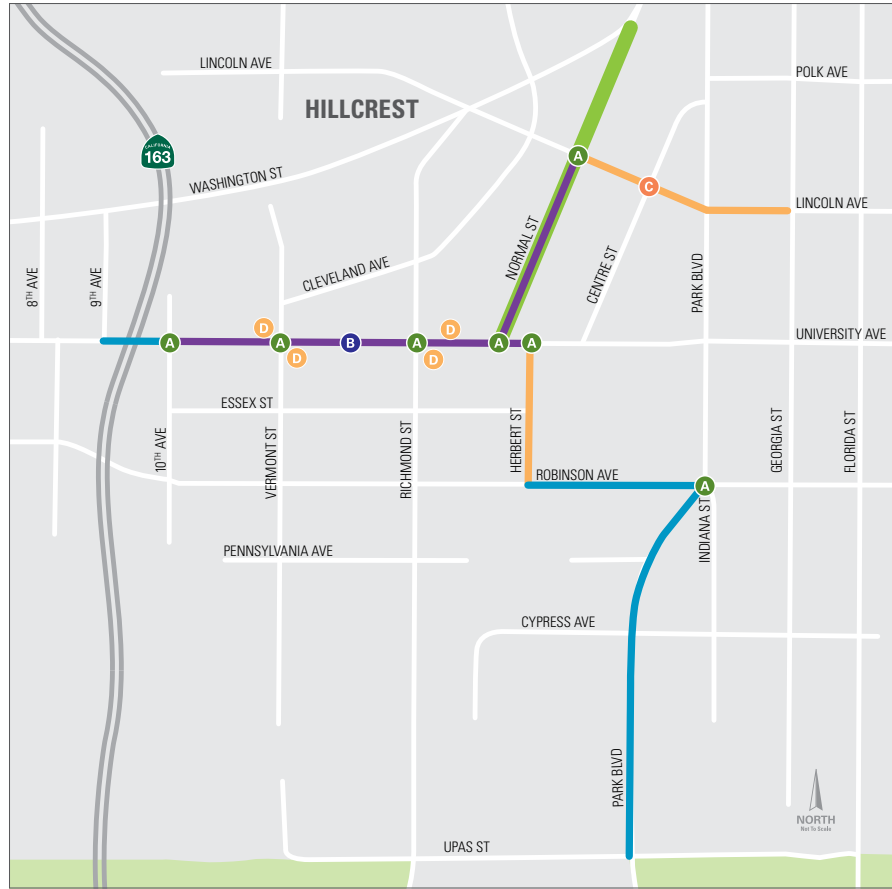
The Eastern Hillcrest Bikeways project consists of separated bikeways and buffered bike lanes on University Avenue from Ninth Avenue to Normal Street, and on Normal Street from University Avenue to Lincoln Avenue. The project also includes shared lane markings and traffic calming features on Lincoln Avenue from Normal Street to Georgia Street. A southbound connection will consist of painted shared lane markings and traffic calming features on Herbert Street between University Avenue and Robinson Avenue, painted bike lanes on Robinson Avenue from Herbert Street to



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PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AND SAFETY BENEFITS



- PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**
- Separated Bikeway
 - Buffered Bike Lane
 - Bike Boulevard
 - Normal Street Promenade (see more information on back)
 - A** Bike Friendly Intersection
 - B** Enhanced Pedestrian Crossing
 - C** Neighborhood Traffic Circle
 - D** Bus Islands

Separated Bikeways



- Separate bikeway from vehicular traffic with a curb, median, parked cars, bollards, or other barriers
- Create a safer and more comfortable experience for people biking by physically separating them from vehicular traffic
- Appeal to bike riders of all ages and abilities



Buffered Bike Lanes



- Increase the comfort of people riding bikes by separating them from people driving cars with a painted buffer
- Increase comfort of people walking by creating more distance between the sidewalk and people driving cars
- Calm traffic by narrowing roadways

Bike Boulevards



- Create a safer and more comfortable experience for people biking by using signs, pavement markings, and speed and volume management measures, like neighborhood traffic circles, mid-block curb extensions, and raised crosswalks
- Discourage through-trips by cars and encourage slower speeds to provide a more bicycle friendly environment
- Create safe bike crossings for major roads

A Bike Friendly Intersections



- Reduce conflicts and increase safety for people biking, walking, and driving
- Indicate clear paths of travel and staging areas for people biking, walking, and driving
- Improve visibility and intersection operations by allowing bikes to queue in front of vehicles (bike box) and by signaling bikes to cross (bike signal head)

B Enhanced Pedestrian Crossings



- Provide a new crossing for people walking and biking between intersections
- Alert people driving of crossings through use of high-visibility paint, signage and, in some cases, flashing lights
- Increase comfort for people walking and biking by allowing a two-stage crossing via median pedestrian refuge islands

C Neighborhood Traffic Circles



- Improve safety and comfort by reducing traffic speeds
- Reduce conflicts and increase safety for people walking, biking, and driving
- Provide an opportunity for public art or decorative hardscapes in the center island

D Bus Islands



- Eliminate bus-bike "leapfrogging"
- Allow people biking to continue in a straight line without merging into traffic
- Provide more space for transit passengers and amenities while maintaining a clear pedestrian path on the sidewalk

THE NORMAL STREET PROMENADE



Overview

The Normal Street Promenade will be a new public space in Hillcrest along Normal Street between University Avenue and Washington Street. The traffic lanes on the west side of Normal Street will be closed to accommodate the Eastern Hillcrest Bikeways as well as to create a public promenade and pedestrian thoroughfare for the community — becoming the first transit-oriented pedestrian promenade in San Diego. Pride Plaza also will be expanded.

The Normal Street Promenade will accommodate the weekly Hillcrest Farmers Market as well as other treasured events, such as the San Diego Pride Festival and Parade. The promenade will provide ample space for new community events, such as movies or concerts, art events, and additional space for street fairs.

The promenade also includes a proposal for additional parking space realignments on Normal Street from Lincoln Avenue to Washington Street.

Background

The Normal Street Promenade is a community-driven concept derived from early ideas from both the Uptown Planners and the Hillcrest Business Association, as well as early visioning completed by local landscape architects KTU+A, to turn underutilized public right-of-way on Normal Street into public gathering space. It brings to life the vision for a new community space along Normal Street from the Uptown Community Plan.

The project is a collaborative effort between the City of San Diego and SANDAG, with support from the Uptown Planners, Uptown Community Parking District, and Hillcrest Business Association.

Design

The design will largely be based on the community-driven concept that initiated this project. To develop the final concept, the City of San Diego and SANDAG worked with the community through a series of workshops hosted by Uptown Planners. Community outreach for this project was conducted in early 2019 with construction expected to start in 2021.

Draft Conceptual Rendering of the Normal Street Promenade



Schedule

- **Preliminary Engineering**
2014 – 2016
- **Final Design**
2016 – 2021
- **Construction**
2021 – 2022

Funding

- *TransNet*, the regional half-cent sales tax for transportation administered by SANDAG, is funding the cost of planning, design, and construction of the Uptown Bikeways as part of the \$200 million Regional Bike Plan Early Action Program approved by the SANDAG Board of Directors in September 2013.
- The planning, design, and construction for the **Normal Street Promenade** is funded by the City of San Diego. In addition to City funds, the Uptown Community Parking District has allocated \$1.8 million to fund improvements to the right-of-way for additional parking and mobility.

For More Information

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