# Normal Street Promenade

Uptown Planners Meeting March 5, 2019



































### **Project Context**



# Project Background - Why Now?

- A public space on Normal Street has been requested in community for over 30 years;
  - o Included in the 1988 and 2016 Uptown Community Plans.
- This latest concept of the Promenade arose from a visioning process in 2015 called "Reimagine Normal Street"
  - o A community-led effort, including:
    - Hillcrest Business Association
    - Hillcrest Community Development Corp
    - Hillcrest Town Council, and others.
- This project is a joint effort between the City of San Diego and SANDAG with financial support of the Uptown Community Parking District.

### **Project Funding**

- SANDAG, the City of San Diego, and Uptown Community Parking District are all contributing to the funding of the project.
- The funding is only eligible to be spent on transportation and mobility projects

**Funding Sources to Date, Excluding SANDAG Bikeway Funds** 

\$1.8m

parking meter fees

\$400k

development impact fees

# Outreach

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Meetings with Property / Business Owners	15	17	7	9	4	52
News Articles		7		6	2	15
Public Meetings	5	3		4	3	15
Social Media Posts		85		20	19	124
Mailers / E-blasts					6	6
Total	20	112	7	39	34	212

### Phase 1 Outreach Process

#### **Meeting 1**

January 24, 2019

#### Workshop

- Gather input on initial draft concept
- Gather input on features
- Discuss desires and concerns



#### **Meeting 2**

February 20, 2019

#### Workshop

- Present updated draft concept
- Gather input on anchor options
- Discuss programming



#### **Meeting 3**

March 5, 2019

#### **Presentation**

- Present final concept
- Request approval from Uptown Planners



# Workshop 1 Highlights

100+
participants

300+
priority votes

20+
written comments





# Workshop 2 Highlights

60+
participants

170+
individual comments



# What We Heard – Design Features



# Plaza String Lighting

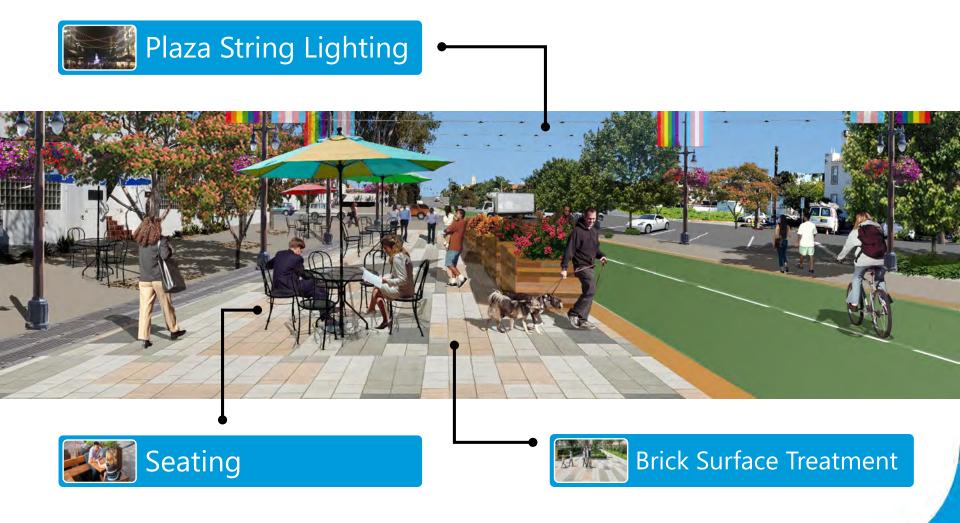


Brick Surface Treatment



Seating

# What We Heard – Design Features



# What We Heard – Parking

### Draft 1



## **Current Concept**



# What We Heard – Expand Pride Plaza

Draft 2



**Current Concept** 



# What We Heard – Activate the Space





### What We Heard – Additional Features









### Programming

#### **Maintenance Assessment District (MAD)**

- Hillcrest Business Association is currently working with the City of San Diego to expand the existing MAD, including:
  - Private security
  - Enhanced community services

#### **Programming**

- Hillcrest Business Association is spearheading an effort to bring our community groups together to start a new organization that will manage programming for the space to ensure that there are regular events and fun activities.
- Space available for free for events under 50 people; \$150 permit for events of more than 50 people.

#### **Placemaking**

- Low cost permit to allow for creative projects in public spaces
- Ex: creative lighting installations, parklet seating and staging, art installations, art murals, and other projects and uses

# Next Steps

March 5

Meeting 3

Summer 2019

Finalize Design

Summer 2019 – Summer 2020

City Review

Summer 2020

Out to Bid

Fall 2020 – Summer 2022

Construction

Summer 2022

Open to Public

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