

SR 15 COMMUTER BIKEWAY FACT SHEET



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Overview

The State Route 15 (SR 15) Commuter Bikeway provides a safe and direct bike route connecting the communities in the Mid-City area of the City of San Diego with the major retail, commercial, education, and entertainment destinations in the city's Mission Valley area. The bikeway is separated from vehicle traffic, and extends north from Adams Avenue along a one mile segment of northbound SR 15 to Camino Del Rio South.

The facility is 12-foot wide, paved, and striped to provide two-way travel. It is separated from the freeway shoulder by a concrete barrier. There are locations where wider sections are provided to accommodate resting or passing bike riders. Lighting aligns the bikeway for added visibility and safety.

Goals

- » Increase the safety and mobility of non-motorized commuters
- » Increase transportation choices and support a balanced regional transportation system
- » Promote an active and more sustain-able lifestyle

The Need

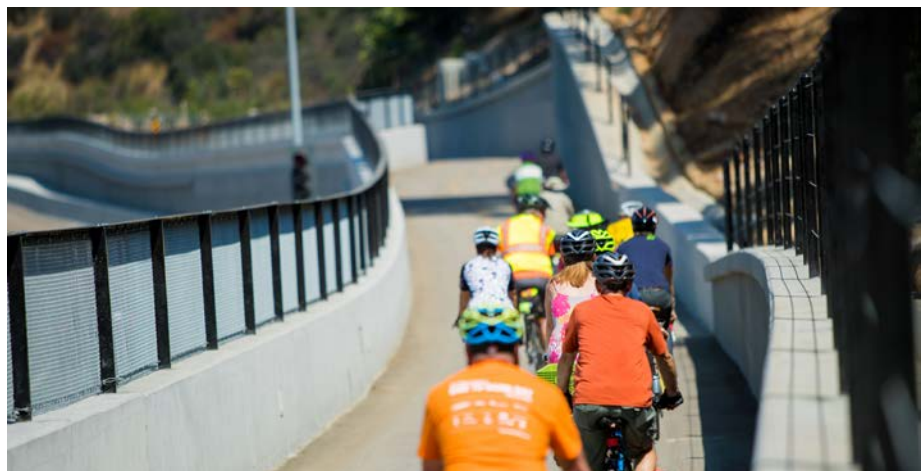
Prior to the completion of SR 15 Commuter Bikeway the only bike routes between Mid-City and Mission Valley were Fairmount Avenue, which has high-speed traffic conflicts, and Texas Street, which has high-speed traffic conflicts and a very steep, sustained grade. Neither route provides a convenient link for bicycle commuters between Mid-City and Mission Valley, and both routes result in several miles of additional travel.

The SR 15 Commuter Bikeway is part of the \$200 million Regional Bike Plan Early Action Program approved by the SANDAG Board of Directors in September 2013. It is ranked a high priority project in the regional bike network established with the adoption of Riding to 2050, the San Diego Regional Bike Plan. It is incorporated in San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan, which was adopted by the SANDAG Board of Directors in October 2015, and its Sustainable Communities Strategy (2050 RTP/SCS). The project is also included in the City of San Diego Bicycle Master Plan and the Mid-City Communities Plan.

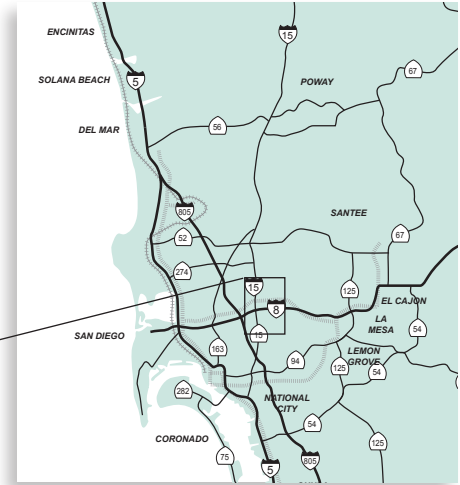
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Project Map



Project Status

The bikeway opened to the public in August 2017. The project received environmental clearance in June 2012. The design was finalized in early 2015, and began construction in March 2016.

Project Funding

The total cost of the project is approximately \$15.6 million. The environmental and design phases were funded by the regional *TransNet* half-cent sales tax for transportation administered by SANDAG. Construction was funded by the state and federal Active Transportation Program, as well as *TransNet*.

For More Information

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