

PUBLIC NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING AND AVAILABILITY OF TRAFFIC AND SAFETY IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE UNIVERSITY BIKEWAY PROJECT

This public notice officially notifies the general public, public agencies, and interested individuals and organizations that the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), will hold a public hearing to hear comments on the University Bikeway (proposed project). This also serves as an official notice that SANDAG has posted the proposed project's Traffic and Safety Impact Assessment at: KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/UniversityBikeway.

Holding a public hearing and preparing the Traffic and Safety Impact Assessment are required before the SANDAG Board of Directors can determine whether the proposed project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.20.5. The public hearing will be held on May 16, 2018 from 6:45 – 8 p.m. at the Joan Kroc Center (Community Room), located at 6845 University Avenue, San Diego, CA 92115. The public hearing will be preceded by an open house from 6 – 6:45 p.m. showcasing project features and updates. The open house will include the conclusions of the Traffic and Safety Impact Assessment. The SANDAG Transportation Committee is anticipated to consider whether the proposed project is exempt from CEQA at its June 15, 2018 meeting. Comments collected at the public hearing and open house and written responses to those comments will be provided to the Transportation Committee for its consideration before their June 15, 2018 meeting.

The proposed project would provide bikeways on existing urban roadways in the Mid-City (City Heights and Eastern) communities of the City of San Diego. It would also connect to the North Park | Mid-City network to the west and the City of La Mesa to the east. The purpose of the proposed project is to make it more convenient, attractive, and safe for people to ride bikes. The proposed project also would benefit people who walk, take transit, and drive by making roadways safer for all users.

The proposed project is part of the SANDAG Regional Bike Plan Early Action Program (EAP), a 10-year effort to expand the regional bike network and complete high-priority bikeway projects approved in Riding to 2050: The San Diego Regional Bike Plan (Bike Plan). The Bike Plan and EAP are part of the region's efforts to make riding a bike a viable, attractive choice for everyday trips.