

PUBLIC NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING AND AVAILABILITY OF TRAFFIC AND SAFETY IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE IMPERIAL AVENUE 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 Imperial Avenue Bikeway Project (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/ImperialAvenueBikeway.

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 April 11, 2018, from 6:45 – 8 p.m. at Kimbrough Elementary School in the Auditorium, located at 321 Hoitt Street, San Diego, CA 92102. The public hearing will be preceded by an open house from 6 – 6:45 p.m. showcasing project features and updates. The SANDAG Transportation Committee is anticipated to consider whether the proposed project is exempt from CEQA at its May 18, 2018, meeting. Comments collected at the public hearing and open house, and responses to those comments will be provided to the Transportation Committee for consideration before the May 18, 2018, meeting.

The proposed project would provide bikeways on existing urban roadways and right of way along Imperial Avenue in the Southeast San Diego communities of the City of San Diego, and connect adjacent communities. 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 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.