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List of Abbreviations

AASHTO	American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
ACS	American Community Survey
AHSC	Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities
ATP	Active Transportation Plan
ATP	Active Transportation Program
BTA	Bicycle Transportation Account
BTP	Bicycle Transportation Plan
Caltrans	California Department of Transportation
CAP	
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant
CHA	
CHIP	
CIP	
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality
CPA	community planning area
CPG	
CPPW	
CTC	
CTMP	Community Trails Master Plan
CTP	
DG	Decomposed Granite
DLATP	District Level Active Transportation Plan
FAST	Fixing America's Surface Transportation
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration (US Department of Transportation)
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
GHG	greenhouse gas
HHSA	Health and Human Services Agency (County of San Diego)
HSIP	Highway Safety Improvement Program
HUTA	Highway Users Tax Account
	Local Public Health System Assessment

List of Abbreviations a

LTS	level of traffic stress
MAPP	Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships
MPO	metropolitan planning organization
MUTCD	Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices
NACTO	National Association of City Transportation Officials
NHPP	National Highway Performance Program
OTS	Office of Traffic Safety
	Pedestrian Gap Analysis
	Regional Comprehensive Plan
RTIP	Regional Transportation Improvement Program
RTP	Regional Transportation Plan
RTP	Recreational Trails Program
SANDAG	San Diego Association of Governments
	San Diego Geographic Information Source
	Sustainable Communities Strategy
SG	Sponsor Group
SRTS	Safe Routes to School
STBG	Surface Transportation Block Grant
TA	Transportation Alternatives
	Transportation Alternative Programs
	Travel Demand Management
	Transportation Impact Fee
TIGER	Fransportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery
TSM	Transportation System Management

b List of Abbreviations

Executive Summary

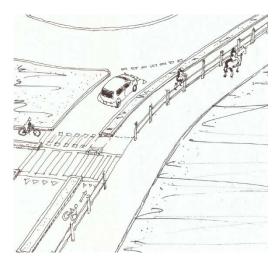
Communities throughout California are developing active transportation plans that address the needs of people walking, on bicycles, and other active modes of travel.

The County of San Diego's Active Transportation Plan (ATP) is a multi-objective plan that balances environmental, economic, and community interests; implements the County's General Plan; and aligns with multiple County initiatives. The ATP identifies goals, objectives, and actions related to improving safety to reduce auto collisions with cyclists and pedestrians, increasing accessibility and connectivity with an active transportation network, and improving public health by encouraging walking and biking.

County Context

Unincorporated San Diego county encompasses approximately 2.3 million acres, or 3,570 square miles, with a 2013 population of 492,491. The ATP considers the unincorporated county's unique communities whose character ranges from suburban adjacent to neighboring incorporated cities, to compact historic rural village centers with a mix of uses, to low-density rural communities surrounded by hillsides, deserts, and agricultural lands. The more densely developed communities are located closer to the coastal cities and have access to water, sewer, roads, schools, and other public facilities.

As in many areas outside of cities, the unincorporated county road network has limited walking and biking facilities. Of the roads in the unincorporated county, about a quarter are County-maintained (roughly 2,000 miles of 8,000 total miles). Of these publicly maintained roads, less than half include sidewalks and less than 1 percent include a bicycle route or lane. The lack of safe and convenient pedestrian and bicycle facilities discourages non-vehicular trips and



results in impacts to roadway operations, the environment, and citizen health.

Background

State Initiatives

The State's Toward an Active California, Bicycle + Pedestrian Plan has a goal of doubling the amount of walking and tripling the amount of bicycling in the California by 2020. The State has dedicated annual funding through the Active Transportation Program that ranges from \$100 million to \$400 million per cycle. The State also relies on local jurisdictions to improve conditions for walking and biking and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

San Diego County General Plan – A Plan for Growth, Conservation, and Sustainability

The County's General Plan, updated in 2011, celebrates the region's natural setting and balances goals for growth, conservation, and sustainability. The updated General Plan shifted growth capacity from the eastern backcountry areas to the western communities. The General Plan is based on guiding principles designed to support a reasonable share of projected regional population growth, protect the county's natural resources, and maintain the character of its communities.

The General Plan has several policies that promote safe, efficient, and attractive active transportation options and recreational opportunities for county residents.

County Initiatives and Programs

The Live Well San Diego vision—Building Better Health, Living Safely, and Thriving—addresses health, the built environment, and safety in the unincorporated county. The ATP aligns with this program and includes action steps focusing on active transportation. Active transportation enhances public health and reduces impacts to the environment. The planned pedestrian and bicycle facilities will increase safety and mobility for all road users, but especially for people walking or biking.

The key components of the ATP are briefly summarized below.



Chapter 1 Active Transportation Plan Process and Overview

Chapter 1 introduces the ATP and provides background information including the plan's goals, objectives, and actions.

These goals include:

- Increasing biking and walking trips;
- Increasing safety and mobility for non-motorized users;
- Advancing the efforts of regional agencies to achieve greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals; and
- Enhancing public health, including the reduction of childhood obesity.

Chapter 2 Existing Policy Framework

This chapter summarizes the existing policy framework used to develop the ATP. The policy framework of the County's General Plan Mobility Element and Public Road Standards are documented and discussed for relevance to the ATP.

Chapter 2 also includes an analysis of the county's 18 incorporated cities' active transportation plans and of the San Diego Association of Governments' (SANDAG) regional plan to identify connections between jurisdictions and develop an active transportation network countywide. This includes the cities of San Diego, Chula Vista, Escondido, San Marcos, and Vista.

Chapter 3 Existing Physical Conditions

Existing land uses, road types, sidewalks, and bicycle facilities are evaluated and documented in this chapter.

Existing conditions for the pedestrian network were collected and analyzed through a Pedestrian Gap Analysis (PGA), including a comprehensive inventory of over 700 miles of public road segments. The PGA documents the condition of sidewalks/pathways and the distance from local attractors (schools, parks, libraries, and commercial centers) and integrates local socioeconomic, safety, and health data into ranked segments within each community. The assessment revealed that approximately 53 percent of surveyed public County-maintained roads currently lack a sidewalk or pathway.

Existing conditions for the bicycle network were also collected and analyzed and were supplemented with information gathered during the PGA. The County ATP follows the California Highway Design Manual, which describes bicycle facilities as "classes." A Class I bike path is a facility fully separated from roads. Class II bike lanes are striped areas on a road for bicycle travel. Class III bike routes are shared road areas, with bicycles sharing lane with motor vehicles. Class IV separated bikeways (also called cycle tracks) are located in the road but incorporate a physical barrier, such as flex posts, curbs, or parked vehicles to separate bike traffic from vehicle traffic.

Chapter 4 Plan Analysis and Approved Network

The ATP network was developed through an analytical process that reflected the unique context of each community.

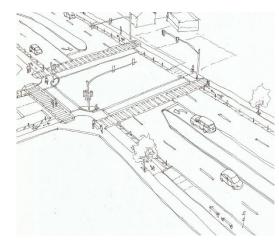
Where gaps were identified in the PGA, the ATP recommends sidewalk or pathways be constructed, whichever best complements the community character.

The bicycle network was informed by a review of best practices to connect people to their destinations along safe and connected bicycle facilities.

The ATP bicycle network includes the following amount of bicycle facilities at full buildout as compared to the 2003 Bicycle Transportation Plan (BTP):



The totals do not add exactly the same between the BTP and ATP because the Mobility Element changed in 2011 with the General Plan Update. The totals also only represent the County responsible mileage, and not Caltrans mileage totals. The ATP bicycle network includes bicycle facility designations for nearly 100 percent of Mobility Element roads, whereas the BTP included designations for 86 percent of Mobility Element roads. In villages, Class IV separated bikeways provide additional cyclist separation. The plan reclassifies existing Mobility Element Class III bike route designations as either Class II or Class IV. For





reference, the BTP did not include the Class IV separated bikeway designation because the State of California did not officially adopt that designation until 2014.

The majority, about 80 percent at build out, of ATP bike facility recommendations are Class II bike lanes and connect rural communities, serving long distance or recreation cycling. The Class IV separated bikeways are concentrated in designated villages to better connect destinations (schools, parks, libraries, and commercial services), and represent about 20 percent of the build out network. The Class I bike path network builds on existing facilities, often located along river park corridors.

With the ATP recommended improvements, preliminary estimates indicate that active transportation trips will increase anywhere from 1 percent to 14 percent above a future "unimproved" scenario, depending on the community planning area.

Chapter 5 Implementation and Funding

County-initiated active transportation projects can be constructed as stand-alone projects or integrated within larger capital improvements for potential cost savings. Implementation will occur as funding is available. Private development in the county will also implement the facilities identified in the ATP as part of their frontage or off-site improvements as conditions of development.

Funding of the ATP will occur through the County Capital Improvement Program (CIP) that includes restriping during resurfacing or through complete streets projects as a part of road reconstruction efforts. The County also pursues funding for pedestrian and bicycle improvements through the State Active Transportation Program and SANDAG grant programs to fund ATP improvements. Adoption of this ATP further enhances the County's competitiveness in ATP grant applications.

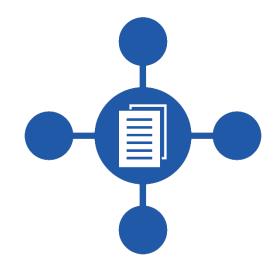
ATP Appendices

The technical analysis and other supplemental information are included as appendices to the ATP. The appendices provide supporting information for analysis, network recommendations, and conclusions for the ATP. The supporting materials include:

- Appendix A: Level of Traffic Stress (LTS) of Mobility Element – Build Out Conditions Maps and Build Out Conditions with Draft Final Bikeway Classifications Maps
- Appendix B: Active Transportation Facility Toolbox
- Appendix C: Bicycling and Walking Demand Support Materials
- Appendix D: Pedestrian Gap Analysis (PGA) Report and Appendices
- Appendix E: Level of Traffic Stress (LTS) Analysis Metadata
- Appendix F: Sample Projects and Scored Mobility Element Road Segments for County Community Planning Areas
- Appendix G: Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Toolbox

The ATP was developed with grant funding from the State of California Active Transportation Program and using *TransNet* dollars from the San Diego regional sales tax administered by SANDAG.

1 Active Transportation Plan Process and Overview

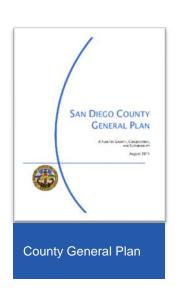


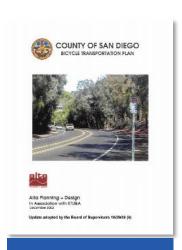
1.1 Introduction

Connected facilities that are safe, attractive, and continuous support and encourage people to walk and bike for everyday trips. The County of San Diego recognizes the need to enhance unincorporated communities and improve public health, safety, and well-being by providing walking and bicycling facilities that make it easier for people to be active.

The Active Transportation Plan (ATP) serves as a master plan and policy document for the County of San Diego to implement active transportation projects and pursue funding opportunities for new or improved facilities. The ATP, a Mobility Element amendment for the County's General Plan, includes recommendations to promote active transportation.

The term "active transportation" represents any non-motorized mode of travel—typically including but not limited to biking or walking, skateboard, scooter, and horseback riding. Active transportation can be for leisure or exercise or to get to school, shopping, dining, public transportation, or any other destination. Users of all ages, demographics, and backgrounds use active transportation as a means of moving about their community. Active modes of travel are increasingly recognized as an important way of improving public health, incorporating sustainable practices, and increasing quality of life in communities.





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The ATP was developed to identify facilities that would best promote active modes of transportation throughout the unincorporated county with increased safety for pedestrians and bicyclists, enhanced public health benefits, and reduced impacts to the environment. The ATP will help achieve the vision of a multimodal transportation network that allows residents to walk and bicycle for everyday trips.

The County of San Diego ATP updates and integrates several existing plans and documents into one comprehensive package. These documents include the Bicycle Transportation Plan (2003), Community Trails Master Plan (2005), Pedestrian Area Plans (2010), and the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trail Facilities subsection of the General Mobility Element (2011). The ATP serves as an update to the planned active transportation facilities in the General Plan Mobility Element, the Bicycle Transportation Plan, and the Pedestrian Area Plans. Although the ATP will not update the Community Trails Master Plan (CTMP), the network of on-street pathways designated by the CTMP informed the recommendations made throughout this ATP. The ATP also serves as a policy document for the County's Safe Routes to School Program.

County Context

San Diego County is one of the largest counties in the country with an area of 4,526 square miles. The county has a diverse set of natural and built environments, from mountains and rolling foothills to bays and lagoons. These varied environments serve as a setting for a range of housing types and for a transportation network that accesses diverse settings, from dense suburbs to rural agricultural lands. The unincorporated county consists of 33 community planning and sponsor groups and had a population of 492,491 in 2013. The population is expected to grow to approximately 647,233, and 47,665 new jobs are anticipated by 2050.

The expected population growth, paired with resulting increases in automobile use, will increase greenhouse gas (GHGO emissions and impact public health. Improved and additional active transportation facilities can help reduce automobile trips by encouraging people to walk and bicycle.

 ¹ San Diego County, "San Diego County Fact Sheet," January 2014, http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/economicroundtable/docs/ertfact2014.pdf.
 ² SANDAG 2050 Series 13 Regional Growth Forecast (data extracted November 2016).

Improved active transportation facilities will help increase the number of people who walk and bicycle in the county. Based on San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) commuter data taken from American Community Survey (ACS) estimates, approximately 0.1 percent of the residents in the unincorporated county classify themselves as bike users, 2.4 percent as walking commuters, and 0.6 percent as public transportation commuters. The majority, 96.9 percent, of residents in the unincorporated county are vehicle or "other means" commuters.³

Studies have shown that an increase of just 1 percent in biking and walking trips can produce significant benefits for community members with chronic health conditions by integrating active transportation into daily routines. The ATP supports existing County programs and policies—such as those championed by the County's Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) and the *Live Well San Diego* program—that encourage active transportation as a means to combat chronic disease. Active transportation in the county will help improve public health and reduce GHG emissions to meet the County's targets in the Climate Action Plan (CAP).



Whether people are traveling by bike or walking, active transportation has several benefits:

- Health Benefits Increases opportunities to be physically active on a regular basis that may lead to reduced cardiovascular, respiratory, and obesityrelated diseases.
- Environmental Benefits Reduces reliance on automobiles, thereby reducing GHG emissions and improving air quality.
- Transportation Benefits Reduces road congestion, repair, and maintenance.
- Economic Benefits Benefits the individual through savings associated with automobile maintenance, fuel, and parking. Active transportation can also



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³ Commute data for the unincorporated county based on SANDAG-recoded ACS data. More information about the methodology used to determine these figures is available in Chapter 3, Existing Conditions for Active Transportation Facilities. "Other means" commuters are those who self-identified as not using the commute methods listed in the ACS.

⁴ Joanna Kruk, "Physical activity and health," *Asian Pacific Journal of Cancer Prevention* 10, no. 5 (2009): 721–728.

increase patronage at local businesses accessible by foot or bike.

- Social Benefits Increases opportunities for social interactions.
- Recreational Benefits Offers opportunities to spend time outdoors and in nature.

Barriers to active transportation include both physical and socially perceived constraints. Physical barriers for those engaging in active transportation include a lack of continuous sidewalks, or bike facilities, the inability to cross a road safely, and the lack of end-of-trip infrastructure like bicycle parking. In the unincorporated county, the challenge of biking and walking may also limit users as distances between destinations may be too great, the need to carry baggage, and/or the desire to transport children may make active transportation difficult. Socially perceived constraints include the perception that biking and walking are not safe and/or represent lower socioeconomic status.

Combating the physical constraints to incorporate active transportation programs and infrastructure is the first step in promoting more active trip choices and decreasing the misconceptions associated with non-motorized travel.

1.2 Goals, Objectives, and Actions

In addition to the objectives and requirements of the State's Active Transportation Program, the County developed its own ATP to create a comprehensive plan that:

- Provides a comprehensive inventory of all the county's bicycle and high use pedestrian facilities;
- Evaluates how well the County is serving bike and pedestrian trips;
- Identifies network improvements on a system-wide basis; and
- Guides capital investments and assists in the pursuit of additional funding options.

Below are the goals, objectives, and actions for ATP implementation. The goals establish the purpose, while the objectives define the course of action to achieve those goals. Actions are specific ways forward for implementation.

The goals of the ATP are categorized as safety, accessibility, connectivity, and public health. These goals



are the foundation for the County's long-term vision for developing a multimodal network that is safe and accessible for all users. They will guide future users of the document and County processes that implement the recommendations of the report.

TABLE 1-1 GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND ACTIONS

Goal 1. Improve Salety			
Objective 1: Achieve a reduction in collision rates by 2050 while achieving an increase in mode share for people biking and walking.	Action A: Evaluate pedestrian- and bicycle-involved collision data, identify trends, and prepare an annual report that summarizes collision trends and locations, evaluations, and recommendations. Action B: Update and inform infrastructure project lists to prioritize or incorporate improvements to areas with a substantial number of pedestrian- or bicycle-involved collisions.		
	Action C: Incorporate separated bicycle and pedestrian facilities within the public right-of-way for all new development or improvement		
Magaziros of Effectiveness	projects.		

Measures of Effectiveness

Goal 1: Improve Safety

Reductions in collisions involving people biking and walking; an increase in mode share.

Goal 2: Accessibility and Connectivity

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Objective 2.1 Plan for a comprehensive network of facilities that are accessible to all users, including people walking, biking, and those utilizing assistance devices such as wheelchairs.	Action A: Adopt a Complete Streets policy that addresses all public and private roadway and infrastructure improvements.		
Objective 2.2 Fill gaps in the existing pedestrian and bicycle networks to create a continuous accessible network.	Action A: Complete sidewalks and bicycle facilities that have existing gaps. Action B: Upgrade facilities that do not meet current classifications or standards.		
Objective 2.3 Keep bicycle and pedestrian access open during construction projects.	Action A: Require construction traffic management plans to address access for people biking and walking.		
Measures of Effectiveness			

Periodic reviews, as established by County staff, of pedestrian and bicycle networks illustrating greater levels of network completeness.

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Goal 3: Public Health

Objective 3.1

Increase the frequency and types of biking and walking trips in San Diego County to improve public health, decrease the number of vehicle trips, and reduce impacts to the environment.

Action A: Implement the pedestrian and bike network improvements as identified in the ATP.

Action B: Promote biking and walking trips by developing continuous, convenient, maintained, and safe routes for work and non-work or recreational trips.

Action C: Continuously work with HHSA staff to identify opportunities to combine or overlap public health initiatives, programs, and projects where feasible.

Measures of Effectiveness

Increase biking and walking mode share and/or use tools for measuring progress such as pre- and post-intervention audits or public health indicators (e.g., BMI calculators).

1.3 Program Guidelines and Requirements

State Active Transportation Program Requirements

The County ATP meets the objectives and requirements of the State of California's Active Transportation Program. This allows the County to compete for funding to implement active transportation facilities. The active transportation initiative began at the state level when the California Active Transportation Program was created by Senate Bill 99 (Chapter 359, Statutes of 2013) and Assembly Bill 101 (Chapter 354, Statutes of 2013) to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation. The California Active Transportation Program consolidated various transportation programs—the federal Transportation Alternatives Program, state Bicycle Transportation Account, and federal and state Safe Routes to School programs—into a single program with a goal of making California a national leader in active transportation.

The goals of the California Active Transportation Program are:

- Increase the proportion of biking and walking trips;
- Increase safety and mobility for non-motorized users;
- Advance the efforts of regional agencies to achieve GHG reduction goals;
- Enhance public health, including the reduction of childhood obesity through the use of projects eligible for Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) Program funding;
- Ensure disadvantaged communities fully share in program benefits (25 percent of program); and
- Provide a broad spectrum of projects to benefit many types of active transportation users.

The Active Transportation Program requirements established by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) are further summarized in this section. The complete list of requirements is available on the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) website (http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/atp/).

The ATP will improve the County's eligibility to compete for infrastructure improvement funding under the California Active Transportation Program.

In addition to the requirements of the State's Active Transportation Program, the County ATP adheres to the following guidelines and requirements.

Regional ATP Program Guidelines

The County ATP must adhere to the Regional ATP Program Guidelines as outlined in SANDAG's 2017 Active Transportation Program Guidelines – San Diego Regional Competition ATP Cycle 4 (see: http://www.sandag.org/index.asp?classid=12&projectid=491 &fuseaction=projects.detail).

Federal Requirements

Unless programmed for state-only funding, grant recipients must comply with the provisions of Title 23 of the Code of Federal Regulations and with the processes and procedures contained in the Caltrans Local Assistance Procedures Manual and the Master Agreement with Caltrans.

Design Standards

California Streets and Highways Code Section 891 requires city, county, regional, and other local agencies responsible for the development or operation of bikeways or roadways where bicycle travel is permitted to utilize all minimum safety design criteria established by Caltrans. The County Public Road Standards follow the CA Highway Design Manual.

1.4 Plan Development

In 2014, the County of San Diego's, Planning & Development Services (PDS), Department of Public Works (DPW), Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), Planning & Development Services, and Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) applied for grant funding through the California Active Transportation Program for a countywide ATP. The County was selected during the regional round administered by SANDAG to receive funds for development of this ATP.

1.5 Public Outreach

Public involvement was important to the development of the plan. Understanding the needs and desires of residents to prepare a plan that is functional, feasible, and addresses needs at both a regional and a local community level. County Community Planning Groups (CPG) and Sponsor Groups (SG) were contacted at the on-set of the ATP development to identify issues early in the process. A project website was developed to share project-related information, news, and materials or presentations with the public:

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/pds/advance/ActiveTransp ortationPlan.html.

The draft ATP was presented to the public and interested stakeholder through a variety of communication methods; including posting on project website.

The County sent out email notices engaging the public and interested stakeholders of public review. Three regional workshops held in the summer of 2018.

Public comments were recorded on comment cards and map boards during each public workshop. The CPG/SGs were offered individual briefings and/or meeting attendance upon request. Five communities requested CPG/SG attendance.

At these CPG/SG meeting and throughout the summer of 2018 staff took comments and heard public input on the plan and the recommended bicycle network classifications.

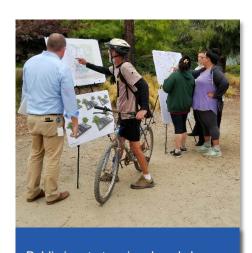
Comments received as part of the outreach process were generally related to one of three topics/teams; compatibility of bicycle facilities and roadways in terms of width, slope, and visibility; roadway geometry and allocations of space to bicycle facilities vs. on-street parking and travel lanes; and funding of pedestrian and bicycle improvements in addition to general travel lanes and other competing community priorities.

Many participants expressed a desire for safer facilities where bicycle and vehicle traffic were physically separated. The plan had to balance the desire for extensive networks of separate facilities with fiscal constraints and project feasibility.

Publicly proposed changes were evaluated and reviewed by staff for potential and where appropriate recommended as modifications to the draft bicycle classifications.



Planning & Sponsor Group Chairs



Public input at regional workshop

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2 Existing Policy Framework

This chapter summarizes existing plans and policies that address how future infrastructure improvements affect active transportation in the unincorporated county. Existing plans and policies discussed include those of the County of San Diego, SANDAG, and the State of California, as well as federal or other related initiatives, as summarized in **Table 2-1**. Active transportation programs and plans in neighboring cities and jurisdictions are summarized in **Table 2-2**.



The ATP and recommended improvements update, complement, and/or are consistent with these policies, plans, and standards.

TABLE 2-1 SUMMARY OF EXISTING PLANS AND POLICIES

County of San Diego	Regional Plans	State Plans	Federal Initiatives	Other Initiatives
 General Plan Mobility Element Bicycle Transportation Plan Community Trails Program and Community Trails Master Plan Live Well San Diego Climate Action Plan Public Road Standards Green Streets Standards 	 San Diego Forward: The 2050 Regional Plan Riding to 2050, the San Diego Regional Bike Plan Regional Complete Streets Policy Designing for Smart Growth, Creating Great Places in the San Diego Region 	 California Transportation Plan Toward an Active California, State Bicycle + Pedestrian Plan Caltrans Non- motorized Transportation Facilities Guidelines Caltrans District 11 Active Transportation Plan 	 Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act Safe Routes to School Policies Recreational Trails Program FHWA Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Bikeway Design Guides 	- Smart Growth America - Vision Zero

TABLE 2-2 NEIGHBORING CITIES AND JURISDICTIONS

Neighboring Cities and Jurisdictions			
 City of Carlsbad 	 City of Oceanside 		
 City of Chula Vista 	 City of Poway 		
 City of Coronado 	- City of San Diego		
 City of Del Mar 	 City of San Marcos 		
 City of El Cajon 	 City of Santee 		
 City of Encinitas 	 City of Solana Beach 		
 City of Escondido 	- City of Vista		
 City of Imperial Beach 	- City of Temecula		
 City of La Mesa 	 Imperial County 		
 City of Lemon Grove 	 City of Tijuana 		
 City of National City 	 City of Tecate 		

2.1 County of San Diego Plans and Policies

General Plan

Adopted in August 2011, the most recent San Diego County General Plan includes guiding principles designed to accommodate future growth while protecting unique and diverse natural resources and maintaining the character of the county's rural and semirural communities. The General Plan reflects a sustainable approach to planning that balances the need for infrastructure, housing, and economic vitality, while protecting unique community character, agricultural areas, and open spaces.

The General Plan provides a countywide vision on how the County accommodates and plans for growth. Sections in the General Plan include individual plans and policies for each of the unincorporated communities that focus discussion on future infrastructure and land use opportunities. As mandated by state law, each element in the General Plan must be consistent with all other elements to ensure a cohesive and unified vision. This includes Community Plans, the Mobility Element, the Land Use Element, the Housing Element, the Noise Element, the Conservation and Open Space Element, and the Safety Element.

General Plan Mobility Element Goals and Policies

The Mobility Element addresses the operations, maintenance, and management of the county's transportation network. The element describes a balanced system that incorporates multiple modes of travel including motor vehicles, public transportation, bicycles, pedestrians, and, where applicable, rail and air transportation. While the automobile dominates travel in the unincorporated county, opportunities for increased active transportation are also addressed in the Mobility Element. The element identifies roads that are multimodal and can safely accommodate vehicular, transit, bicycle, equestrian, and pedestrian modes of travel. The ATP does not amend any vehicle travel lane classifications, only the bicycle network designations. The County of San Diego Public Road Standards and supplemental manuals provide guidance for road design.

The Mobility Element's goals and policies are based on a number of Guiding Principles as described in the General Plan. A central theme is support for a multimodal transportation network that enhances connectivity and supports existing development patterns while retaining community character. The Guiding Principles focus on environmental sustainability by striving to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled. Summarized below are the topic subcategories in the Mobility Element's goals and policies, including the road network, public transit, transportation system and travel demand management, parking, and bicycle, pedestrian, and trail facilities.

Road Network

The County is responsible for maintaining Mobility Element and local public roadways in the unincorporated areas, including bicycle and pedestrian facilities. County roadways can be characterized as one of the following three types:

- Mobility Element roads are County-maintained roads adopted in the General Plan. They provide for the movement of people and goods between and within communities in the county.
- Non-Mobility Element public roads are Countymaintained roads that feed traffic onto Mobility Element roads. These roads are not adopted in the General Plan.
- Private roads are not maintained by the County.



Mobility Element Map



Bike Lane and Pathway

The road network identified in the Mobility Element is shown on community maps and includes the road classification series and general routes. The element's network maps available here:

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/pds/gpupdate/docs/GP/MobilityNetworkAppx.pdf

illustrate existing and planned future roadways. Buildout of the recommended network will be constructed by new development as a condition of project approval and/or mitigation for project traffic-related impacts, by the County Capital Improvement Program (CIP) funded by *TransNet* and the Transportation Impact Fee (TIF) Program or other local funding, and by state or federal funds when available.

The primary objectives, goals and polices of the Mobility Element network include:

- Accommodate all users of the road right-of-way –
 The Mobility Element supports the concept of
 complete streets that are designed and operated to
 enable safe access for all users and for all modes of
 travel, including nonmotorized users and transit
 riders. This includes users of all ages and abilities
 such as the elderly, children, and people with
 disabilities.
- Right-of-way for road alignments reserved by development – New development generally causes the need for road improvements. Proposed development within or adjacent to a road on the Mobility Element maps will require coordination with the County to determine the extent of responsibility for construction of the roadway and right-of-way improvements for nonmotorized uses.
- Road design, operation, and maintenance that reflects community character and the Community Plan – Transportation and land use are components of every community that help establish its character and function. Proper road design should accommodate both motorized and nonmotorized users of the road and respond to both travel demands and the character of the place (neighborhood, village, open space, etc.) that the road traverses.
- Construct complete streets that balance vehicular needs with pedestrian, bicycle, and transit facilities to meet the needs of all users – The County of San Diego will scope, plan, design, fund,



construct, operate, and maintain all public road rightof-way to provide a comprehensive and integrated network of facilities that are safe and convenient for people of all ages and abilities traveling by foot, bicycle, equine, automobile, public transportation, and commercial vehicle.

Mobility Element road network goals and policies are directly applicable to the ATP, including:

- Create a balanced road network by prioritizing travel between and within community planning areas and providing an interconnected road network.
- Develop equitable transportation facilities by requiring development to accommodate all users and to provide fair-share contributions toward financing transportation facilities.
- Create safe and compatible roads designed to be safe for all users, including multimodal facilities in county villages and compact residential areas, compatible with their respective contexts.

Public Transit

As the Regional Transportation Planning Authority, SANDAG is responsible for planning and allocating local, state, and federal funds for the region's transportation network. A long-range plan, the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), addresses countywide growth through the year 2050. The plan defines the level of service for transit in suburban and rural areas as follows:

- Suburban Direct service along commute corridors
 with critical mass featuring rapid, frequent service
 during peaks with seamless coordinated transfers,
 and local service focused on smart growth areas and
 lifeline needs.
- Rural Transportation services that run only a few times a day on select days of the week (lifeline services).

The availability of public transit can reduce dependency on motor vehicles and help to shape future growth patterns. Because of existing and planned development patterns, there are currently limited plans for expansion of transit service into unincorporated communities. Although transit currently comprises a small percentage of total trips in the unincorporated county, corridors near urban cities have higher transit ridership. In addition, transit-supportive land



Transit Bus with Bike Rack

uses can encourage increased transit use and transit is an important public service for residents without access to a vehicle, senior citizens, and/or those with special needs. The Mobility Element includes a public transit goal and policies that relate directly to the ATP, summarized as follows:

 Develop a public transit system that reduces automobile dependence and serves all segments of the population by maximizing transit service opportunities; providing transit service to key community facilities and services; placing transit stops in locations that facilitate ridership; incorporating amenities for pedestrians and bicyclists at all transit stops; improving existing transit facilities; addressing opportunities for park-and-ride facilities; and coordinating inter-regional travel modes and shuttles to large employment centers.

Transportation System Management, Travel Demand Management, and Parking

Transportation System Management (TSM) seeks to optimize the transportation network, while Travel Demand Management (TDM) focuses on reducing the use of the road network. TSM strategies focus on increasing the efficiency, safety, and capacity of existing transportation systems through strategies that relieve, lessen, or control congestion with minimal roadway widening. TDM addresses traffic congestion by reducing travel demand rather than increasing transportation capacity. Summarized below are the Mobility Element TSM and TDM goal and policies that relate directly to the ATP.

 Encourage effective use of the existing transportation network by prioritizing alternative travel modes and operational improvements over road widening; ensuring operational improvements do not adversely impact transit, bicyclists, and pedestrians; requiring large commercial and office developments to implement TDM programs; and requiring developers of large projects to provide or contribute to park-and-ride facilities.

Parking is an essential component of an efficient transportation system that includes accommodation for automobiles, motorcycles, and bicycles. The provision of bicycle parking that is both secure and convenient may contribute to increased bicycle usage. The Mobility Element

parking goal and policies that relate directly to the ATP are summarized as follows:

- Establish parking regulations that serve
 community needs by providing sufficient parking
 capacity for all modes, including bicycles, and
 staging areas for regional and community trails;
 designing and placing parking that does not restrict
 pedestrian activity; and minimizing on-street parking
 outside county villages.
- Provide park-and-ride facilities by requiring developers of large projects to provide, or to contribute to, park-and-ride facilities near freeway interchanges and other appropriate locations that offer convenient access to congested regional arterials; and requiring that park-and-ride facilities are accessible to pedestrians and bicyclists and include bicycle lockers and transit stops.

Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trail Facilities

A well-planned multimodal road network, complete with nonmotorized travel options, offers an important alternative to motor vehicle use. Bicycle and pedestrian facilities, hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking trails, and pathways can help reduce traffic congestion, dependency on motorized vehicles, roadway noise, and air pollution, while promoting improved public health.

Community Trails Program and Community Trails Master Plan

The County Community Trails Program identifies a system of interconnected regional and community trails and pathways to address the public need for recreation and transportation. The program involves both trail development and management on public, semi-public, and private lands. The Community Trails Master Plan (CTMP) was adopted in 2005 to implement the trails program and contains adopted individual community trails and pathway plans. The CTMP outlines objectives, framework, goals and policies, design considerations, construction guidelines, operations and program management, and implementation processes.

The ATP supplements the Community Trails Program and Master Plan. The ATP links the CTMP soft-surface trails with other on- and off-road active transportation facilities. The ATP does not make any changes to the CTMP.

The options and recommendations in the CTMP help the County by prioritizing implementation issues, defining



starting points, and guiding implementation of the Community Trails Program.

The County has two types of regional trail facilities: trails and pathways. Trails, typically located away from vehicular roads, are primarily recreational in nature but can also serve as an alternative mode of transportation. They are softsurface facilities for multiple users including pedestrians, equestrians, and bicyclists. Trail characteristics vary depending on location and topography. Pathways are facilities located within a parkway or road right-of-way. A riding and hiking trail in the road right-of-way is considered a pathway. They are soft-surfaced facilities intended to serve both circulation and recreation purposes. Pathways help make critical connections and are an integral part of a functional trail system.

A regional trails map, included in the Mobility Element (see Mobility Element Figure M-2, Regional Trails Plan), identifies general alignment corridors for regional trails in the San Diego region. Regional trails are shown on the community-level maps in Figures M-A-1 through M-A-23 of the Mobility Element Network Appendix.

Bicycle Transportation Plan

The County of San Diego's Bicycle Transportation Plan (BTP) was adopted in 2003, and re-adopted without changes in 2008. to guide the development and maintenance of a bicycle network, support facilities, and other programs for the unincorporated communities. The ATP and its recommended network update the Mobility Element, and thus, replace the Bicycle Transportation Plan.

Live Well San Diego

The County of San Diego HHSA strives to create a healthy, safe, and thriving community for residents. HHSA developed Live Well San Diego, which began as a health strategy and has evolved into a greater vision to improve the health, safety, and well-being of all county residents based on three components:

- Building Better Health calls for improving the health of all residents and supporting healthy choices.
- Living Safely calls for ensuring residents are protected from crime and abuse, neighborhoods are safe, and communities are resilient to disasters and emergencies,



 Thriving calls for opportunities for all people and communities to grow, connect, and enjoy the highest quality of life.

Live Well San Diego includes a framework of indicators spanning five areas of influence that track progress for the region. With this framework, the County tracks whether collective efforts are making a difference, as reflected in changes in one or more indicators. The two indicators relevant to the County ATP include physical environment/air quality and built environment/distance to parks.

Physical environment/air quality is measured as the ratio of days that air quality is rated unhealthy. Air pollution affects more people than any other pollutant. Lower levels of air pollution in a region correlate with better respiratory and cardiovascular health of the population. In San Diego County, air quality is rated poorly 1.5 out of 31 days.

Built environment/distance to parks is measured as the percentage of the population living within a half mile of a park. In San Diego County, one in two people live within a half mile of a park. This is substantially better than the national average of 37 percent, but not as high as the state's average of 58 percent. Access to parks and recreation services has been shown to have positive health impacts, including the physical, social, and mental aspects of health. Live Well San Diego tracks this percentage and the percentage of poor air quality days to determine progress toward the program's goals.

Several programs throughout the county contribute to the overall goals and objectives of Live Well San Diego and community health improvement at the regional level. Some of the most influential programs and important assets to the community resulted from the work initiated with funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) grant, known in San Diego as Healthy Works. The community assets, programs, and resources relevant to this ATP are summarized here and include:

 Regional Safe Routes to School Strategic Plan (March 2012): HHSA partnered with SANDAG to implement the regional Safe Routes to School Regional Plan. This plan facilitates students and parents across the county increasing their physical activity as bicycling or walking to school are incorporated as part of their daily routines.

- Safe Routes to School Coalition (May 2012): The San Diego Safe Routes to School Coalition comprises educators, advocates, parents, engineers, planners, and others who are working to make biking and walking to school a safer and more accessible option for children and their families.
- Local Public Health System Assessment (LPHSA)
 (2012): The LPHSA is a CDC tool to evaluate how well the local public health system meets national standards and serves as a blueprint for strategic and community health planning efforts.
- Community Health Assessment (CHA) (June 2014): The subsequent Live Well San Diego CHA analyzed regions within the county and used this data to aid in determining priority areas for their respective communities.
- Healthy Communities Atlas (2012): The Healthy
 Communities Atlas is a tool developed with SANDAG
 and HHSA for the Healthy Works program. The atlas
 reflects the program's focus on obesity prevention
 through physical activity and access to healthy foods.
 GIS mapping tools were used to display
 environmental factors related to health outcomes
 based on public health research and are available on
 the SANDAG website.
 https://www.sandag.org/index.asp?classid=12&projec
 tid=482&fuseaction=projects.detail
- Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP Assessments) illustrate that while assets and resources exist, better coordination between the two can enhance community health. According to the County Health Rankings report, San Diego County is 17th out of 57 ranked California counties on overall health outcomes (combined morbidity and mortality). For overall health factors, the county ranks 19th out of the 57 ranked counties. Health factors include health behaviors, clinical care rates, social and economic factors, and the physical environment. San Diego was one of 26 counties that experienced a decrease in the number of obese and overweight individuals and one of 15 counties that experienced a decrease of at least 3 percent between 2005 and 2010.

 Community Health Improvement Plans (CHIP) are information collected from the CHA assessment and other community health needs assessments.

The Live Well San Diego priorities that apply to the ATP cover multiple focus areas, which can be summarized as:

- Reducing the burden of chronic disease by increasing the percentage of working people who are physically active:
- Increasing the number of safe routes to safe places and neighborhoods by engaging schools in the Safe Routes to School Program; and
- Increasing physical activity by increasing pedestrian safety and the ability to walk in neighborhoods.

Objectives, performance measures, rationale, background, and evidence base are provided for each goal in the <u>Live Well San Diego Community Health Improvement Plan</u>: http://www.livewellsd.org/content/dam/livewell/community-action/CHIP Final-10-22-14.pdf

Climate Action Plan (CAP)

In February 2018, the County of San Diego adopted a CAP which outlines the specific measures the County will undertake to reduce GHG emissions in the county's unincorporated communities to achieve state-mandated GHG reduction targets. The CAP includes an active transportation measure that results in mode shifts from vehicular to walking and biking trips. The goals and implementation of the ATP support the efforts of the County CAP. Specifically, CAP Measure T-2.1 calls for improvements to streets for multimodal benefit through the County's resurfacing and capital constructionprogram.

Green Streets Standards

The County of San Diego adopted the Green Streets Design Criteria in 2016 to regulate and guide improvements using green infrastructure strategies for County-maintained roads. Green Streets projects use a natural systems approach to reduce stormwater flow, improve water quality, reduce urban heating, enhance pedestrian safety, reduce carbon footprints, and beautify neighborhoods. The Green Streets Design Criteria include regulations and policies on street design, including public right-of-way improvements, road improvements, design principles, and exceptions. The ATP has reviewed the Green Streets Standards and finds the plans complimentary and compatible.

2.2 SANDAG Plans and Policies

This section provides an overview of SANDAG planning documents, policies, and other efforts related to the ATP. As the regional metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the county, SANDAG's area of coordination directly overlaps all jurisdictions. With several parallel efforts to improve mobility options, it is important to understand and synchronize with SANDAG to ensure regional coordination.

Review and comparison of SANDAG documents, plans, and policies included San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan; Riding to 2050, the San Diego Regional Bike Plan; the Regional Complete Streets Policy; Designing for Smart Growth, Creating Great Places in the San Diego Region; and the Healthy Communities Campaign. Each plan or policy is described below.

San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan

San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan outlines the vision for how the region will grow over the next 35 years with goals to improve the economy, protect the environment, provide greater mobility choices, and create healthier communities. The plan is updated every four years and was most recently adopted by the SANDAG Board of Directors on October 9, 2015. The plan integrates the RTP, its Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), and the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) into one document to chart future growth and transportation investments. The plan outlines goals for active transportation facilities which are further discussed in Riding to 2050, the San Diego Regional Bike Plan.

Riding to 2050, the San Diego Regional Bike Plan

SANDAG prepared the San Diego Regional Bike Plan in 2010 to "provide a regional strategy to make riding a bike a useful form of transportation for everyday travel. The Regional Bike Plan supports the implementation of San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan, which calls for more transportation choices and a balanced regional transportation system that supports smart growth and a more sustainable region. The bike plan provides a critical component of that balanced system, as well as the programs that are necessary to support it.

"Additionally, implementation of the bike plan will help the San Diego region meet its goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve mobility. It provides benefits to public health by encouraging more people to adopt a physically active mode of transportation for at least some of their trips. The bike plan provides detailed information about the structure of the Regional Bike Network, the supporting policies and programs, and the benefits of implementing it."

The regional bikeway network proposed as a part of the Regional Bike Plan consists of Class I bike paths, Class II bike lanes, and Class III bike routes and innovative treatments for Class IV separated bikeways or cycle tracks and bicycle boulevards. The plan also recommends programs which include a Complete Streets education program, a Safe Routes to School program, a Pilot Smart Trips Program, expanded Bike to Work Month activities, a route identification and wayfinding signage program, and an annual bicycle evaluation program.

The plan proposes 40 bikeways, some of which border or extend into the unincorporated county, as described below.

- The **San Luis Rey River Trail** extends north of the eastern border of Oceanside.
- The Vista Way Connector runs through Vista and connects with the Inland Rail Trail and the San Luis Rey Trail.
- The Inland Rail Trail connects the cities of Escondido, San Marcos, Vista, and Oceanside with the Coastal Rail Trail.
- The Escondido Creek Bikeway runs through Escondido, terminates at the northeastern edge of the city, and connects with the Inland Rail Trail, the I-15 Bikeway, and the Mid-County Bikeway.
- The I-15 Bikeway runs along the Interstate 15 corridor to the northern edge of San Diego County.
- The Mid-County Bikeway runs through the unincorporated county community of San Dieguito and connects Solana Beach and Del Mar with Escondido.
- The I-8 Corridor Bikeway begins in the City of Santee and runs along the Interstate 8 corridor to the eastern border of San Diego County.

Inland Rail Trail

¹ SANDAG, *Riding to 2050, the San Diego Regional Bike Plan*, http://www.sandag.org/index.asp?projectid=353&fuseaction=projects.detail.

- The East County Northern and Southern Loops connect the El Cajon and La Mesa with unincorporated county communities and ultimately with Chula Vista using the SR-125 Corridor Bikeway.
- The SR-125 Corridor Bikeway connects Chula Vista with La Mesa, El Cajon, and Santee.
- The SR-905 Corridor Bikeway connects the city of San Diego, the Border to the Bayshore Bikeway, and the community of Otay Mesa.

These bikeways will be constructed in a partnership between SANDAG and the County when funding becomes available.

Regional Complete Streets Policy

The SANDAG Complete Streets policy was developed to address all modes of travel throughout the county. The Complete Streets policy was adopted by the Board of Directors on December 19, 2014, and serves as a tool and technical support for local agencies. The Complete Streets policy "includes implementation action items to provide the tools, training and procedures necessary to ensure all projects implemented by SANDAG consider local complete streets initiatives and accommodate the needs of all travel modes. [The] policy is a commitment to a process that ensures the needs of people using all modes of travel are considered and appropriately accommodated on every street or every network of streets."²

SANDAG prepared a supporting Regional Complete Streets Project Development Checklist, which is used at project initiation or when amending the scope of a project to determine that all modes of travel are accommodated in each project.

Designing for Smart Growth, Creating Great Places in the San Diego Region

This document represents SANDAG's Smart Growth Design Guidelines to assist in maintaining, improving, and/or enhancing community character as growth occurs. The guidelines, titled Designing for Smart Growth, Creating Great Places in the San Diego Region, were accepted by the Board of Directors on June 26, 2009, as "a valuable resource for policymakers, local agency planning and

² SANDAG, Complete Streets, from http://www.sandag.org/index.asp?classid=12&projectid=521&fuseaction=projects .detail.

engineering staff, developers, and interested citizens that shows how good design can contribute to the quality of life in the San Diego region".

"The guidelines address the importance of design in maintaining and enhancing community character and in creating great public places... Among the subjects covered are such community defining topics as site design, and street design and parking to support mixed use development and a variety of transportation options."3

Smart growth and the creation of complete or multimodal streets are important to create robust, low-stress roads and facilities for people biking and walking. The document is used as a reference to ensure that placemaking is included in the permitting process for new developments.

2.3 State Plans

Statewide transportation planning involves efforts to facilitate the efficient movement of people and goods. State plans impact the future improvements of transportation systems by providing comprehensive policy plans, detailed studies, and plans to increase use of nonmotorized transportation.

California Transportation Plan

The California Transportation Plan (CTP) provides a longrange policy framework to meet the state's future mobility needs and reduce GHG emissions. The plan envisions a sustainable system that improves mobility and enhances quality of life.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

The State of California set a target to triple bicycling and double walking by 2020. The Caltrans plan titled Toward an Active California, State Bicycle + Pedestrian Plan: http://www.dot.ca.gov/activecalifornia/theplan.html

Adopted in 2017, the Plan supports active modes of transportation including safe access to bicycle routes and pedestrian walkways. Caltrans' active transportation efforts invest in safe facilities and programs that inspire biking and walking. The plan promotes connections to rail and other public transportation while supporting local governments'

³ SANDAG, Smart Growth Design Guidelines, from http://www.sandaq.org/index.asp?classid=12&projectid=344&fuseaction=projects .detail

efforts to develop safe active transportation networks. The Caltrans plan is focused on the state highway right-of-way.

Caltrans Non-Motorized Transportation Guidelines

The Non-motorized Transportation Facilities Guidelines are found in Chapter 31 of the Caltrans Project Development Procedures Manual. The guidelines set forth a project development strategy that includes planning policies, statutory requirements, and the implementation of procedures regarding non-motorized transportation facilities. It focuses on new nonmotorized projects along or within a state highway right-of-way. These projects allow bicyclist and pedestrian access on state highways and offer strategies to successfully design on-highway pathways.

California's Streets and Highways Code shapes the design standards on the state highway system for nonmotorized transportation facilities. Caltrans provides planning guidelines for prohibited and permitted nonmotorized travel while maintaining facilities. The design guidelines incorporate California statutes concentrating on minimum safety design criteria, using safety design criteria, and improving on the state highway system for bicycle and pedestrian accessibility.

Caltrans submits an annual report, the Non-Motorized Transportation Facilities Report, to the California State Legislature that includes an overview of Caltrans' progress on active transportation projects, funding, and design guidance.

Caltrans District 11 Active Transportation Plan

Caltrans District 11 will prepare a District Level Active Transportation Plan (DLATP). The plan will serve to identify active transportation asset needs on, across, or parallel to the state highway system (SHS) that will create multimodal networks, which in almost all cases, will link SHS segments with segments of the local street system. The plan is programmed to be completed in the year 2022. Through this effort, Caltrans District 11 will work closely with local agencies, partners, and stakeholders to ensure active transportation needs are identified across San Diego and Imperial Counties.

2.4 Federal Initiatives

Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST):

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/fastact/

The FAST Act replaced the former Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) with a set-aside of funds under the <u>Surface Transportation Block Grant Program</u> (STBG). https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/specialfunding/stp/160307.cfm

For administrative purposes, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will refer to these funds as the Transportation Alternative (TA) Set-Aside. The TA Set-Aside authorizes funding for programs and projects defined as transportation alternatives, including on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility, community improvement activities such as historic preservation and vegetation management, and environmental mitigation related to stormwater and habitat connectivity; recreational trail projects; safe routes to school projects; and projects for planning, designing, or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former divided highways.

Federal Safe Routes to Schools Policies

Federal Safe Routes to Schools policies and programs are discussed in Appendix G.

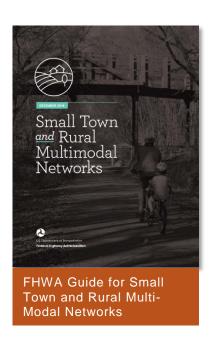
Recreational Trails Program

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) provides funds to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both nonmotorized and motorized recreational trail uses. These uses include hiking, bicycling, in-line skating, equestrian use, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, off-road motorcycling, all-terrain vehicle riding, four-wheel driving, or using other off-road motorized vehicles. The RTP is an assistance program of the Department of Transportation's FHWA.

The FAST Act reauthorized the RTP for federal fiscal years 2016 through 2020 as a set-aside of funds from the TA with a set-aside under the STBG. The FAST Act maintains focus on safety, keeps intact the established structure of the various highway-related programs, continues efforts to streamline project delivery, and provides a dedicated source of federal dollars for freight projects.

Federal Highway Administration Bicycle and Pedestrian Program

The Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Bicycle and Pedestrian Program promotes safe, comfortable, and convenient biking and walking for people of all ages and



abilities. The FHWA supports pedestrian and bicycle transportation through funding, policy guidance, program management, and resource development. The FHWA provides local jurisdictions a variety of resources, issues new research, and highlights existing tools for a range of transportation professionals. The ATP Toolbox (Appendix B) includes a variety of these tools and performance measurements.

In 2015, less than 2 percent of Federal-aid funds was for pedestrian and bicycle programs and projects, including all Safe Routes to School and Nonmotorized Transportation Pilot Program funds. The FHWA has a responsibility to provide state and local agencies with guidance on safe roadway design standards. In August 2013, the FHWA released a Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Design Flexibility: https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/guidance/design_flexibility.cfm guidance memo that expresses the agency's support for taking a flexible approach to bicycle and pedestrian facility design. In December 2016, the FHWA adopted a Small Town and Rural Multimodal Networks report:

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/publications/small_towns/fhwahep17024_lg.pdf that provides guidance for creating multimodal networks in small towns or rural areas. This report also describes details of innovative facilities that strive to meet the unique active transportation needs of rural communities. FHWA grant funding, primarily in the form of formula grants to state departments of transportation and MPOs, can be used to build and improve bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. The FHWA and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) maintain a table indicating potential eligibility for bicycle and pedestrian projects under current funding opportunities.⁴

The FTA offers financial and technical assistance to local public transit systems. It oversees grants to state and local transit providers; multiple FTA grant programs are available to help cities and towns invest in pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, which improves mobility and helps people access public transportation. The FTA maintains a list of grant programs with funding eligibility for bicycle projects.

⁴ FHWA, Pedestrian and Bicycle Funding Opportunities, https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/funding/funding_opportunities.cfm.

Bikeway Design Guides

The following design guides are established references for bikeway design guidelines and principles:

- National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO), Urban Bikeway Design Guide, 2013
- American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), Guide for Development of Bicycle Facilities (2017)
- Federal Highway Administration, Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) (2012)

These bikeway design guides are referenced in the Active Transportation Facility Toolbox in Appendix B.

2.5 Other Initiatives

Smart Growth America

The National Complete Streets Coalition published the <u>Safer Streets</u>, <u>Stronger Economies</u>:

https://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/app/legacy/documents/ safer-streets-stronger-economies.pdf study findings based on data collected by local transportation and economic development agencies as reported to Smart Growth America's National Complete Streets Coalition. The coalition surveyed Complete Streets projects across the country and found 37 with transportation and/or economic data available from both before and after the project. Smart Growth America found that Complete Streets projects tended to improve safety for everyone, increased biking and walking, and showed a mix of increases and decreases in automobile traffic, depending in part on the project goal. Compared to conventional transportation projects, these projects were remarkably affordable and were an inexpensive way to achieve transportation goals. In terms of economic returns, the limited data available suggests Complete Streets projects were related to broader economic gains like increased employment and higher property values.

Study Findings

Streets Are Safer after Complete Streets Improvements.

The study analysis found that the safer conditions created by Complete Streets projects avoided a total of \$18.1 million in collision and injury costs in one year. The financial impact of automobile collisions and injuries nationwide is in the billions of dollars annually. Targeting the country's more dangerous roads, a Complete Streets approach over time has the potential to save money in personal costs.

Complete Streets Encourage More Multimodal Travel.

Along with the safer conditions mentioned above, this support for active transportation options adds to the health benefits, as trips by foot, bicycle, and transit almost always increased after the Complete Streets projects.

Complete Streets Projects Are Cost Effective.

The cost is lower than for conventional transportation projects, yet can still deliver transportation benefits like better safety performance and more people using the facility.

Complete Streets Projects Provide Economic Incentives.

Communities reported increased net new businesses after Complete Streets improvements, suggesting that Complete Streets projects made the street more desirable for businesses. In eight of the ten communities with available data, property values increased after the Complete Streets improvements, and eight communities reported their Complete Streets projects at least partly responsible for increased investment from the private sector.

Vision Zero

Vision Zero is a strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, and equitable mobility for all. This strategy was first implemented in Sweden in the 1990s and is beginning to be implemented in cities across the United States.⁵

⁵ Vision Zero Network, What is Vision Zero? http://visionzeronetwork.org/about/what-is-vision-zero/.

2.6 Neighboring City Plans

There are 18 incorporated cities in San Diego County, several of which are directly adjacent to the unincorporated county areas. To improve regional connectivity, the active transportation facilities recommended in the ATP have been reviewed for opportunities to provide or improve connections to neighboring jurisdictions. This section references neighboring cities' active transportation plans; mobility, circulation, and trails elements; and describes potential opportunities connected to the County of San Diego ATP. **Table 2-3** summarizes the jurisdictions and plans included for review.

TABLE 2-3 SUMMARY OF EXISTING CITY PLANS AND POLICIES

Jurisdiction	Plan(s)			
Cities within San Diego County				
Carlsbad	Bikeway Master Plan (2007) Pedestrian Master Plan (2008)			
Chula Vista	Bikeway Master Plan (2011) Pedestrian Master Plan (2010)			
Coronado	Bicycle Master Plan (2011)			
Del Mar	Transportation Element (2002)			
El Cajon	Bicycle Master Plan (2011)			
Encinitas	Bikeway Master Plan (2006) Pedestrian Plan and Safe Routes to School (2014) Circulation Element (n.d.) Trails Master Plan (2003)			
Escondido	Bicycle Master Plan (2012) Escondido Creek Trail Master Plan (2010) Master Plan for Parks, Trails, and Open Space (1999)			
Imperial Beach	Bicycle Transportation Plan (2008)			
La Mesa	Bicycle Facilities and Alternative Transportation Plan (2006)			
Lemon Grove	Bikeway Master Plan Update (2006)			
National City	Bicycle Master Plan (2010) Circulation Element and Open Space and Agriculture Element (2011)			
Oceanside	Bicycle Master Plan (2008) Pedestrian Master Plan (2009)			
Poway	Transportation Master Element (2010)			

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Jurisdiction	Plan(s)		
San Diego	Bicycle Master Plan (2013) Pedestrian Master Plan (2006)		
San Marcos	Mobility Element (2012)		
Santee	Bicycle Master Plan (2009) Circulation Element and Trails Element (2003)		
Solana Beach	Circulation Element (2014) Comprehensive Active Transportation Strategy (2015)		
Vista	Bicycle Master Plan (2014) Circulation Element (2011)		
Jurisdictions outside of, and adjacent to, San Diego County			
City of Temecula	Trails and Bikeway Master Plan (n.d.)		
Imperial County	Bicycle Master Plan (2011) California/Baja California Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Access Study Safe Routes to School Regional Master Plan (2016)		
City of Tijuana	N/A		
City of Tecate	N/A		



City of Carlsbad

Carlsbad is located along the Pacific coastline in northern San Diego County, south of Oceanside, north of Encinitas, and west of San Marcos. County land exists between the western boundary of Carlsbad and San Marcos. The City has prepared the following documents which outline plans to enhance and expand the existing bikeway and sidewalk network:

- City of Carlsbad Bikeway Master Plan (2007)⁶
- City of Carlsbad Pedestrian Master Plan (2008)⁷

County Coordination Opportunities

The Carlsbad Bikeway Master Plan recommends a Class II Bike Lane on Rancho Santa Fe Road to connect with an existing Class I and Class II facility. Segments of Rancho Santa Fe Road run through the Carlsbad, San Marcos, and unincorporated North County Metro near the intersection of Melrose Drive. Connection of the planned facility through

⁶ City of Carlsbad and Alta Planning + Design, Carlsbad Bikeway Master Plan, 2007.

⁷ City of Carlsbad and Alta Planning + Design, *Pedestrian Master Plan*, 2008.

the county neighborhoods would improve regional bike connectivity through the area.

City of Chula Vista

Chula Vista is located east of San Diego Bay in southern San Diego County. It is north of Imperial Beach and the community of Otay Mesa, south of National City and the county community of Sweetwater, and east of the county communities of Otay and Jamul-Dulzura. The City has prepared the following documents which outline planned infrastructure improvements and existing bicycle demand:

- City of Chula Vista Bikeway Master Plan (2011)⁸
- City of Chula Vista Pedestrian Master Plan (2010)⁹

County Coordination Opportunities

On the east side of Chula Vista is an existing network of bike lanes that primarily runs along Proctor Valley Road, Mt. Miguel Road, Otay Lakes Road, and Olympic Parkway. County facilities in the communities that border Chula Vista may be planned to connect with the existing network. Another possible bicycle connection is to the Class I Bike Path that runs along Wueste Road to Lake Crest Drive.

City of Coronado

Coronado is located along San Diego Bay, west of the San Diego downtown district and north of Imperial Beach. The City has developed the following document, which describes plans for the implementation of bicycle facilities and lists bicycle routes:

City of Coronado Bicycle Master Plan (2011)¹⁰

County Coordination Opportunities

Coronado does not directly border San Diego County; however, there are regional bikeways that connect Coronado to the county through other jurisdictions. The connections include the Bayshore Bikeway, which connects Coronado to Imperial Beach, Chula Vista, National City, and San Diego and to the unincorporated county through National City on the Sweetwater River bicycle path.



⁸ City of Chula Vista, City of Chula Vista Bikeway Master Plan, 2011.

⁹ City of Chula Vista and Alta Planning + Design, *City of Chula Vista Pedestrian Master Plan*, 2010.

¹⁰ City of Coronado, City of Coronado Bicycle Master Plan, 2011.

City of El Cajon

El Cajon is located east of San Diego, south of Santee, and northeast of La Mesa in eastern San Diego County. El Cajon borders the county communities of Valle de Oro, Crest-Dehesa, Lakeside, and Pepper Drive-Bostonia. The City has prepared the following documents, which discuss plans to use bicycle travel to maximize connections between transit, employment, and residential and activity areas and to improve residents' comfort biking, walking, and using transit:

- City of El Cajon Bicycle Master Plan (2011)¹¹
- City of El Cajon Be Safe El Cajon Campaign¹²

County Coordination Opportunities

Connections to the county communities that border El Cajon are existing or have been proposed in the City of El Cajon Bicycle Master Plan.

City of Del Mar

Del Mar is a small municipality (encompassing 1.8 square miles) located along the western coast of San Diego County. It is bordered by San Diego to the south and east and by Solana Beach to the north. Del Mar does not share a boundary with the unincorporated county. The City's general plan (locally referred to as its "community plan") includes a transportation element, and the City adopted a complete streets policy in October 2017.

• City of Del Mar Transportation Element (2002)

County Coordination Opportunities

Del Mar does not directly border an unincorporated community in San Diego County. Regional connectivity to Del Mar is provided via Camino Del Mar/U.S. Highway 101.

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City of El Cajon, KTU+A Planning and Landscape Architecture, and Fehr & Peers Transportation Consultants, *City of El Cajon Bicycle Master Plan*, 2011.
 City of El Cajon, Be Safe El Cajon Campaign, 2016. http://www.ci.el-cajon.ca.us/your-government/departments/community-development/planning/be-safe-el-cajon-campaign.

City of Encinitas

Encinitas is located along the Pacific coastline in northern San Diego County. It is north of Solana Beach and south of Carlsbad. Encinitas borders the county community of San Dieguito. The City has prepared the following documents which identify cycling constraints and proposed Safe Routes to School Programs, and outline a trail system:

- City of Encinitas Bikeway Master Plan (2006)¹³
- City of Encinitas Pedestrian Plan and Safe Routes to School (2014)¹⁴
- City of Encinitas General Plan Circulation Element (n.d.)¹⁵
- City of Encinitas Trails Master Plan (2003)¹⁶

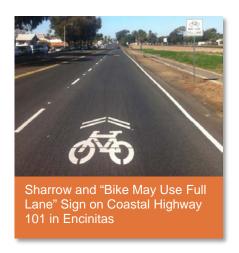
County Coordination Opportunities

The City's Bicycle Master Plan indicates that there are opportunities to link the county into Encinitas' proposed bicycle network on Encinitas Boulevard and El Camino del Norte.

City of Escondido

Escondido is located north of Poway and the City of San Diego; and east of San Marcos in the North County Inland area of San Diego County. Escondido borders the unincorporated county communities of North County Metro, Valley Center, and Ramona. The City prepared the following documents which develop an interconnected network of bicycle facilities, create a plan for the Escondido Creek Trail, and propose a citywide network of trails:

- City of Escondido Bicycle Master Plan (2012)¹⁷
- Escondido Creek Trail Master Plan (2010)¹⁸
- City of Escondido Master Plan for Parks, Trails, and Open Space (1999)¹⁹



¹³ City of Encinitas and KTU+A, City of Encinitas Bikeway Master Plan, 2006.

¹⁴ City of Encinitas, Let's Move, Encinitas: City-wide Pedestrian Travel and Safe Routes to School Plan, 2014.

¹⁵ City of Encinitas, *City of Encinitas General Plan* 2035 – Public Review Draft, n.d.

¹⁶ City of Encinitas and PELA Landscape Architecture – Planning, *Encinitas Trails Master Plan*, 2003.

¹⁷ City of Escondido, City of Escondido Bicycle Master Plan, 2012.

¹⁸ City of Escondido and Schmidt Design Group, Inc., *Escondido Creek Trail Master Plan Report*. 2010.

¹⁹ City of Escondido, *Master Plan for Parks, Trails, and Open Space*, 1994, updated 1999.

County Coordination Opportunities

The City recommends the addition of bicycle facilities within the unincorporated county and in San Marcos. These facilities function primarily to connect existing facilities that are within Escondido. The facilities follow various corridors, including the following locations for Class II and Class III facilities:

- Proposed Class II Bike Lanes:
 - Via Rancho Parkway from Del Dios Highway to Bear Valley
 - o Felicita from Citracado to Via Rancho
 - Citracado Drive from Kauna Loa Drive to Felicita (in county intermittently)
 - o Rock Springs from Seven Oaks to Bennett
 - o San Pasqual Valley from Birch eastward
 - o 17th from Juniper to San Pasqual Valley
 - o Bear Valley from Boyle to San Pasqual Valley
 - El Dorado from Juniper to Bear Valley
 - Cloverdale and San Pasqual between Escondido city limits
- Proposed Class III Bike Routes:
 - Lake Drive from Valley to existing Lake Hodges Unpaved Multi-use Trail
 - Kauna Loa from Harmony Grove to Country Club Drive
 - Country Club Drive from Larvat to Auto Parkway
 - Montiel from Nordahl to Seven Oaks
 - Nordahl from Center City to Montiel
 - Broadway from North northward to northeast Daley Ranch Park boundary
 - Citrus from Reed to San Pasqual Valley
 - o Idaho from Juniper to Citrus
 - o Birch from San Pasqual Valley to Bear Valley
 - Mary Lane
 - o Summit Drive

Connections to the Escondido Creek Trail, Daley Ranch, Lake Wohlford, San Dieguito River Park, San Pasqual Valley, Lake Hodges to the San Pasqual Valley Wildlife Corridor, and Lake Dixon and the North Community Wildlife Corridor are recommended.

City of Imperial Beach

Imperial Beach is located south of San Diego Bay and Coronado in southern San Diego County. It does not border county land. The City prepared the following document which recommends bicycle paths, lanes, and routes and identifies biking constraints:

• City of Imperial Beach Bicycle Transportation Plan (2008)²⁰

County Coordination Opportunities

The City does not directly border an unincorporated community in San Diego County. Connections to the county currently exist via the Bayshore Bikeway and Sweetwater River Bicycle Path.

City of La Mesa

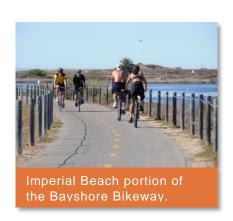
La Mesa is located east of San Diego, north of Lemon Grove, and southwest of El Cajon in eastern San Diego County. La Mesa borders the county communities of Valle de Oro and Spring Valley. The City has prepared the following document which develops a plan to connect existing and proposed alternative transportation facilities:

• City of La Mesa Bicycle Facilities and Alternative Transportation Plan (2006)²¹

County Coordination Opportunities

A limited network of Class II Bike Lanes and Class III Bike Routes currently connects La Mesa to its neighboring county communities. Future connections could be made at Bancroft Drive and Mariposa Street or farther north on Bancroft Drive. A possible connection exists between Lemon Grove, Spring Valley, and La Mesa at Spring Street and Campo Road/Broadway.

Sidewalks in the eastern area of La Mesa, closest to the unincorporated county communities of Spring Valley and Valle de Oro, are limited. It would be beneficial to locate proposed County sidewalk/pedestrian improvements to



 ²⁰ City of Imperial Beach, KTU+A Planning and Landscape Architecture, and KOA Corporation, *City of Imperial Beach Bicycle Transportation Plan*, 2008.
 ²¹ City of La Mesa, KTU+A Planning and Landscape Architecture, and IBI Group. *City of La Mesa Bicycle Facilities and Alternative Transportation Plan*, 2012.



connect with the proposed sidewalks in La Mesa along Bancroft Drive, Panorama Drive, and Spring Street.

City of Lemon Grove

Lemon Grove is located east of San Diego and south of La Mesa in southeastern San Diego County. Lemon Grove borders the county community of Spring Valley. The City has prepared the following document which makes recommendations on how to expand the current bicycle network within Lemon Grove:

• Lemon Grove Bikeway Master Plan Update (2006)²²

County Coordination Opportunities

Bikeways proposed in the community of Spring Valley should connect to existing or planned bikeways along Troy Street or Broadway in Lemon Grove.

National City

National City is located east of San Diego Bay, south of San Diego, and north of Chula Vista in southern San Diego County. The City borders the county community of Sweetwater and one of the County Islands. National City has prepared the following documents which emphasize the creation of an interconnected bicycle corridor network and recognize the recreational facilities within or near the city (the California Coastal Trail, the California Riding and Hiking Trail, and Sweetwater Regional Park):

- National City Bicycle Master Plan (2010)²³
- National City Circulation Element and Open Space and Agriculture Element (2011)²⁴

County Coordination Opportunities

A Regional Class I Bike Path runs along the southern boundary of the city and roughly follows the Sweetwater River. This facility connects with a preexisting County facility in Sweetwater Regional Park. Any upgrades to the County facility would be coordinated with National City. A potential National City Bikeway (Class II and III) is proposed to run through the county along Euclid Avenue from E. 24th Street to Sweetwater Road under Interstate 805.



Gordy Shields Bridge in National

²² City of Lemon Grove and Alta Planning + Design, *Lemon Grove Bikeway Master Plan Update*, 2006.

²³ City of National City, National City Bicycle Master Plan, 2010.

²⁴ City of National City, *National City General Plan*, 2011.

City of Oceanside

Oceanside is located along the Pacific coastline, south of Camp Pendleton, and north of Carlsbad and Vista in northern San Diego County. Oceanside borders the county communities of Pendleton-De Luz and Bonsall. The City has prepared the following documents which identify bicycling constraints and opportunities, and address pedestrian safety, walkability, and connectivity:

- City of Oceanside Bicycle Master Plan (2008)²⁵
- City of Oceanside Pedestrian Master Plan (2009)²⁶

County Coordination Opportunities

Possible connections between the county and Oceanside exist on Mission Avenue, North River Road, and Sleeping Indian Road. These bicycle connections could then be used to connect people biking to Vista and Carlsbad using the Oceanside bicycle network.

The pedestrian improvements discussed in the City's Pedestrian Master Plan are focused on the urban core of the city near the coast, predominantly west of Interstate 5. Pedestrian connections from San Diego County should attempt to connect to the most robust pedestrian facilities available at the border of the city and the county through trails or multi-use paths.

City of Poway

Poway is located east of San Diego and south of Escondido in northern inland San Diego County. Poway borders the county community of Ramona. The City has prepared the following document which discusses public transit and pedestrian and bicycle facilities and possible sources of funding for improved facilities:

 City of Poway Transportation Master Element (2010)²⁷

County Coordination Opportunities

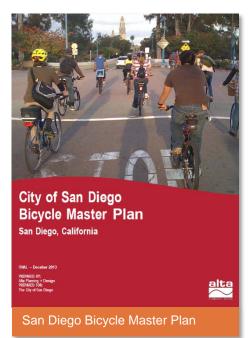
There are opportunities for Class IV separated bikeway connections to Poway along Scripps Poway Parkway and Sycamore Canyon Road, and for a Class I Bike Path along State Route 67.

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²⁵ City of Oceanside, KTU+A Planning and Landscape Architecture, and IBI Group, *City of Oceanside Bicycle Master Plan*, 2008.

²⁶ City of Oceanside, IBI Group, and KTU+A Planning and Landscape Architecture, *Pedestrian Master Plan*, 2009.

²⁷ City of Poway, *Transportation Master Element*, 2010.





There are also possible trail connections along much of the eastern edge of the city.

City of San Diego

San Diego is located along the Pacific coastline in southern, central, and northern San Diego County. San Diego borders the county communities of Otay, San Dieguito, and North County Metro and contains County islands. The City has prepared the following documents which analyze existing infrastructure citywide, identify methods to improve the city's bicycle network, and outline seven pedestrian route types within the city:

- City of San Diego Bicycle Master Plan (2013)²⁸
- City of San Diego Pedestrian Master Plan (2006)²⁹

County Coordination Opportunities

The opportunities for connection to the city of San Diego are numerous, several of which have been incorporated into the recommended ATP network. See the network maps in Appendix A for potential city to county connections.

City of San Marcos

San Marcos is located northeast of Encinitas, west of Escondido, and east of Carlsbad in northern San Diego County. San Marcos borders the county communities of San Dieguito and North County Metro. The City's General Plan includes Complete Streets, Multi-modal Level of Service (MMLOS), Transit Service and Transit Facilities, Bikeways, Pedestrian and Trails Facilities, and Traffic Calming:

• City of San Marcos Mobility Element (2012)³⁰

County Coordination Opportunities

Possible bicycling connections between San Marcos and the county could occur at Elfin Forest Drive, East Barham Drive, the Class I Bike Path along San Marcos Creek (Inland Rail Trail), and the proposed Class I Bike Path along Rancho Santa Fe Road. A robust trail network weaves through the city. In the City's General Plan Mobility Element, trail continuation points are identified and include the continuation of soft-surface trails at:

• Elfin Forest Road

Cresthaven Road

²⁸ City of San Diego and Alta Planning + Design, *City of San Diego Bicycle Master Plan Update*, 2013.

²⁹ City of San Diego, City of San Diego Pedestrian Master Plan, 2006.

³⁰ City of San Marcos, City of San Marcos Mobility Element, 2012.

- Way Up Trail
- Rancho Santa Fe Road
- Buena Creek Road
- Las Posas Road
- West Borden Road
- Cassou Road

City of Santee

Santee is located east San Diego and north of El Cajon in eastern San Diego County. Santee borders the county communities of Lakeside and Pepper Drive-Bostonia. The City has prepared the following documents which emphasize a "destination-oriented" system of complete streets and improved bicycle facilities and potential trail connections at Mission Trails Regional Park, Goodan Ranch, and the Sycamore Canyon Open Space Preserve:

- City of Santee Bicycle Master Plan (2009)³¹
- City of Santee Circulation Element and Trails Element (2003)32

County Coordination Opportunities

Possible bicycling connections exist along Woodside Avenue, to the south of State Route 67, Prospect Avenue, a connection between the existing facilities on Mast Boulevard, a connection on El Nopal, and a connection at the northern terminus of Magnolia Avenue.

Trail connections exist near Mission Trails Regional Park, Goodan Ranch, and the Sycamore Canyon Open Space Preserve or to the network of trails that connect to these recreational facilities.

City of Solana Beach

Solana Beach is located along the Pacific coastline, north of Del Mar and south of Encinitas in northern San Diego County. Solana Beach borders the county community of San Dieguito. The City has prepared the following documents which address the state of walkability in the city and propose the addition of cycle tracks, buffered bike lanes, commercial bicycle boulevards, and residential bicycle boulevards to the city's bike network:

City of Solana Beach Circulation Element (2014)³³

³¹ City of Santee, KTU+A Planning and Landscape Architecture, and KOA Corporation, City of Santee Bicycle Master Plan, 2009.

³² City of Santee, General Plan 2020, 2003.

³³ City of Solana Beach, City of Solana Beach General Plan: Circulation Element, 2014.

 City of Solana Beach Comprehensive Active Transportation Strategy (2015)

County Coordination Opportunities

Possible bicycle connections to the planned network in Solana Beach include a multi-use path and bicycle route at Highland Drive and a multi-use path and cycle track at Lomas Santa Fe. Pedestrian connections could be made at Lomas Santa Fe or Highland Drive.

City of Vista

Vista is located southeast of Oceanside, northeast of Carlsbad, and northwest of San Marcos in northern San Diego County. Vista borders the county communities of North County Metro and Bonsall. The City has prepared the following documents which guide the development of bicycle infrastructure and focus on improving the safety and efficiency of existing transportation facilities:

- City of Vista Bicycle Master Plan (2014)³⁴
- City of Vista Circulation Element (2011)³⁵

County Coordination Opportunities

Possible bicycle connections exist in multiple locations:

- To the one-way cycle track or buffered bike lanes on Melrose Drive, N. Santa Fe Avenue, E. Vista Way, and Sycamore Avenue
- To the bike lane on Emerald Drive, San Marcos Boulevard, Business Park Drive, Thibodo Drive, and S. Santa Fe Avenue
- To the bicycle boulevards or bike routes on Foothill Drive, Warmlands Avenue, Cypress Drive, and Sunset Drive
- To the soft-surface multi-use trail on Monte Vista
 Drive and at La Mirada Drive and Poinsettia Avenue
- The Inland Rail Trail

The City's General Plan Circulation Element identifies a network of pedestrian facilities, many of which terminate at the boundary between the city and the county. Connections could be made to these facilities at North Santa Fe Avenue, Goodwin Drive, Taylor Street at Warmlands Avenue, Foothill

³⁴ City of Vista and Chen Ryan Associates, Inc., *City of Vista 2014 Bicycle Master Plan*, 2014.

³⁵ City of Vista, City of Vista General Plan 2030: Circulation Element, 2011.

Drive, Monte Vista Drive, Santa Fe Avenue, Buena Creek Drive/Sycamore Avenue, and Oleander Avenue at Poinsettia Avenue.

Connections to trails for people biking and walking could be made at North Santa Fe Avenue, on Osbourne Street near the border between Vista and the county, Foothill Drive, Monte Vista Drive, and the trailhead at the intersection of La Mirada Drive and Poinsettia Avenue.

2.7 Neighboring Jurisdictions Outside of the County of San Diego

City of Temecula

Temecula is located in Riverside County north of San Diego County and the county communities of Rainbow and Pala-Pauma. The City has prepared the following document which guides trail and bicycle facility planning throughout Temecula:

Trails and Bikeway Master Plan

County Coordination Opportunities

Although Temecula does not border San Diego County directly, possible connections between the county community of Rainbow and the city could be made along the I-15 corridor. The City's Trails and Bikeway Master Plan proposes a soft-surface hiking and equestrian trail on the west side of I-15, as well as combination hard/soft multi-use trails and hard-surface cycling and walking trails proposed east of the I-15 corridor along Rainbow Valley Road (which becomes Old Highway 395) at the southern border of Temecula that could be possible points of connection for County facilities. The proposed Class II Bike Lane that runs south along Pala Road could serve as a community connector between Pala and Temecula.

Imperial County

Imperial County is located east of San Diego County and north of the Mexican border. Imperial County has prepared the following documents which guide the development of an integrated network of bicycle facilities and support programs and analyze the need and opportunities for pedestrian and bicycle improvements at or near Ports of Entry, as well as discuss ongoing and proposed Safe Routes to School programs:

- Imperial County Bicycle Master Plan (2011)
- California/Baja California Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Access Study
- Imperial County Safe Routes to School Regional Master Plan (2016)

County Coordination Opportunities

The Imperial County Bicycle Master Plan proposes a Class III Bike Route along SR-78 which connects to the San Diego County community of Borrego. It also proposes a Class II Bike Lane along the San Diego-Arizona Railroad/Evan Hewes Highway, which ultimately runs alongside Interstate 8. The San Diego County network could connect to these facilities.

City of Tijuana/Ciudad Tijuana

Tijuana is located in the Mexican state of Baja California directly south of San Diego and along the Pacific Coastline.

Tijuana is a partner city of the Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP) and is currently rated 13th out of 36 Mexican cities for most bicycle-friendly city. Information about existing bicycle facilities in Tijuana can be found on the Ciclo Ciudades website: http://ciclociudades.mx/

County Coordination Opportunities

County pedestrian and bicycle facilities in this region should attempt to connect or facilitate connections to the facilities that are a part of PedWest, the BRT system, the Border to Bayshore Bikeway, and the Cross Border Xpress, and the existing or planned bike routes in the San Diego Master Plan Update, the San Ysidro Community Plan, the Otay Mesa Community Plan, and the IMPLAN documents "Movilidad Integral" and "Ciclovia Benitez."

More information on the BRT system and overall transportation network in Tijuana will be available on the Sistema Integral de Transporte Tijuana website: http://www.sitt.org.mx/inicio/.

City of Tecate/Ciudad Tecate

Tecate is located in Mexico south of the San Diego County community known as Tecate in the Mountain Empire.

The Tecate Point of Entry at State Route 188 and State Route 94 currently provides pedestrian access.

On the U.S. side of the border, the Kumeyaay Crossing at the Tecate International Border Crossing is planned to widen its sidewalk and create a bike lane on the west side of State Route 188. This Caltrans project would also provide pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements at SR-188 in order to improve access to the port.³⁶

The Mexican city of Tecate has a separated bicycle path that runs along the river from Boulevard Universidad to Encinos. This bikeway connects the Universidad Autonoma De Baja California to Parque Los Encinos.

County Coordination Opportunities

The main roads that lead to the border crossing in Tecate are State Routes 94 and 188. Enhanced bicycle facilities, such as a separate bikeway, would greatly improve access to the Port of Entry.

³⁶ Imperial County Transportation Commission, *Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Access Study for the California/Baja California Land Ports of Entry*, 2015.

http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist11/departments/planning/pdfs/border/2015_Bicycle_Pedestrian_Border_Study.pdf.

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3 Existing Physical Conditions

The ATP includes a comprehensive inventory of existing pedestrian and bicycle facilities in unincorporated San Diego County. The pedestrian inventory assessed facilities within one-quarter mile along public roadways from community attractors such as schools, parks, libraries, and commercial centers. The bicycle facility inventory included all Mobility Element roads, but excluded non-Mobility Element and privately maintained roads.

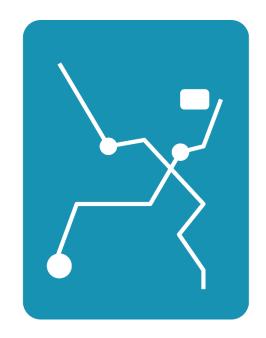
The inventory assessment revealed that approximately 53 percent of surveyed roadways lack a pedestrian facility and 87 percent lack a bicycle facility.

3.1 Existing Land Use

The unincorporated county encompasses approximately 2.3 million acres. Over 90 percent is either open space or undeveloped, and approximately 35 percent is privately owned. The pattern of development varies in land use and density. The General Plan Land Use Element provides a framework for future development.

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/pds/generalplan.html

The Land Use Element contains maps, goals, and policies for land use patterns and was referenced as the ATP was prepared.



3.2 Existing Road Types and Facilities

Existing Road Types

The county contains a mix of roadway types that vary in right-of-way, number of travel lanes, median type, design speed, and bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. The Mobility Element in the General Plan identifies all major roadways that provide connections within and between communities. Mobility Element roads are maintained by the County and make up approximately 58 percent of the entire road network in the unincorporated county.

The Mobility Element roadway classifications by mileage percentages are:

- Expressway/Prime Arterial (Six-Lane) = 3%
- Major Road (Four-Lane) = 11%
- Boulevard (Four-Lane) = 3%
- Community Collector (Two-Lane) = 24%
- Light Collector (Two-Lane) = 50%
- Minor Collector (Two-Lane) = 6%
- Local Public Roads = 3%

Other types of County-maintained roads not identified as Mobility Element roads include:

- Residential
- Cul-de-sac and Loop
- Rural Residential
- Industrial/Commercial
- Frontage Road
- Alley
- Hillside Residential

For the purposes of the ATP, Mobility Element roadways have been evaluated and select roadways that qualified for bicycle or pedestrian facilities included.

Existing Multimodal Facilities

Multimodal facilities primarily consist of sidewalks, trails, and bike facilities. Multimodal facilities support people walking and biking and all other non-motorized modes of travel.

Pedestrian Facilities

Pedestrian facilities include sidewalks, pathways, and trails. The existing pedestrian network evaluated as part of the ATP Pedestrian Gap Analysis (PGA) is included in Appendix D. The PGA evaluated all pedestrian facilities for availability, sidewalk or path type, compliance with the



Harbison Canyon (Mobility Element Road)



Canfield Road in Palomar Mountain (non-Mobility Element road)

Sidewalk Type	Miles
Asphalt	15.86
Brick Pavers	0.22
Concrete	284.46
DG Pathway	30.00
Native	4.74
Native-Goat Path	25.37
No Sidewalk	401.61
Total	762.25

PGA Sidewalk Inventory

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and slopes. The results of the PGA and evaluation of the existing facilities revealed that approximately 53 percent, or 401 miles, of the assessment roadways have no sidewalk or pedestrian facility, indicating a lack of pedestrian access that could restrict and/or discourage people from walking.

The County Trails Program and CTMP incorporate and implement County trails and pathways in conjunction with the ATP.

Bicycle Facilities

The ATP includes four types of bikeways:

- Class I Bike Path: A completely separated right-ofway for the exclusive use of bicycles and pedestrians with crossflow by motorists minimized.
- Class II Bike Lane: A striped lane for one-way bike travel on a street or highway.
- Class III Bike Route: Provides for shared use with vehicular traffic within the travel lane.
- Class IV Cycle Track or Separated Bikeway: A
 physically separated bikeway for the exclusive use of
 bicycles. The separation may include, but is not
 limited to, grade separation, flexible posts, inflexible
 posts, inflexible barriers, or on-street parking.¹

The County has developed guidelines for the design of Class IV bikeways in coordination with the Public Road Standards and Green Streets Standards. These guidelines are available in the ATP Toolbox in Appendix B.

The 158 miles of existing bikeways in the county include:

- Class I Bike Path: 1 mile
- Class II Bike Lane: 145 miles
- Class III Bike Route: 9 miles
- Class IV Separated Bikeway/Cycle Track: 0 miles



Class I Bike Path



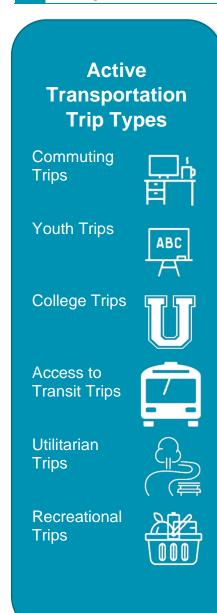




Class IV Separated Bikeway/ Cycle Track

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¹ See Caltrans Design Information Bulletin (DIB) 89-01 for guidance.



3.3 Active Transportation Trip Types and User Demand

Trips made by active transportation can vary greatly for commuting, recreation, and utilitarian purposes. Some trips include a combination of active and non-active modes, such as a person walking or biking to a bus stop to ride transit.

The routes taken by people walking and bicycling vary based on the person's destination and comfort levels within the built environment. Studies have shown that certain barriers, such as uncontrolled intersections, difficult crossing locations, and steep elevations, influence a person's route—often toward a lengthier detour perceived as easier or more comfortable to navigate.² The ATP evaluated existing facilities and user demand including a needs assessment supported by route and trip estimates. Recommendations are detailed in Chapter 4.

User Demand Needs Assessment

The ATP estimates the number of existing bicycle commuters in the plan area. Estimates were prepared of existing active transportation user demand for each of the County community planning areas (CPA). The data, sourced from the 2010–2014 American Community Survey (ACS) and provided by SANDAG, was used in the ATP GIS analysis.

The baseline ACS data included pedestrian and bicycle commuting activity, but underreported (or did not report) non-commuter bicycling and walking trips. An industry standard estimation process provided a more complete picture of activity and demand. This process incorporates commute trips and trips among youth and college students, transit access trips, and general utilitarian trips undertaken by those who work from home or do not otherwise commute. Using ACS data as the primary source serves as an approximation for creating a baseline of activity for existing and future active transportation demand estimates.

Appendix C-1, Demand Source Data Table Key, presents detailed information on each of the attributes used in analyzing the existing active transportation environment. The table provides guidance for the full dataset (Appendix

² Joseph Broach, et al. "Where do cyclists ride? A route choice model developed with revealed preference GPS data," *Transportation Research Part A: Policy and Practice*, Vol 46, Issue 10, December 2012.

C-2, Current Demand Source Data Table) used to formulate the existing demands for the ATP.

Table 3-1 summarizes the estimated number of estimated existing bicycling and walking trips in each CPA.

TABLE 3-1 EXISTING ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION USER
DEMAND

Community Plan Area (CPA)	2010 CPA Population	2010 Total Daily Bicycle and Walking Trips (weekday)
Alpine	17,734	2,149
Bonsall	16,249	1,425
Central Mountain	4,858	347
County Islands	2,178	347
Crest-Dehesa	10,048	976
Desert	5,251	567
Fallbrook	43,148	4,981
Jamul-Dulzura	10,943	959
Julian	3,194	561
Lakeside	78,057	7,345
Mountain Empire	7,530	999
North County Metro	49,660	4,141
North Mountain	3,270	309
Otay	7,448	141
Pala-Pauma	6,676	976
Pendleton-De Luz*	36,739	18,900
Rainbow	2,230	186
Ramona and Barona	40,807	4,207
San Dieguito	23,210	3,829
Spring Valley	62,958	6,626
Sweetwater	13,979	939
Valle De Oro	43,851	3,836
Valley Center	20,757	2,201

^{*} The number of bicycle and walking trips in Pendleton-De Luz is especially high due to large numbers of walking and bicycling trips to the Camp Pendleton military base from military housing.

As shown, the number of active transportation trips were highest in the communities of Pendleton, Lakeside, Spring Valley, and Fallbrook.



Existing road without pedestrian or bicycle facilities.

3.4 Issue Identification

Existing condition analyses for both walking and bicycling facilities helped identify issues and areas for improvement in the existing network. Separate analyses assessed each mode. The Pedestrian facilities evaluation used the tailored PGA while the bicycle facilities evaluation is based on the level of traffic stress (LTS) methodology.

Pedestrian Gap Analysis (PGA)

Over 700 miles of public maintained roadway were included in the PGA field condition study. Each public road segment was within a quarter mile of an attractor: schools, parks, libraries, and commercial centers. Each sidewalk segment, typically defined as the segment between intersections, was considered a study segment. Altogether, 9,241 segments were analyzed within the County community planning areas. In most cases, intersections were also evaluated.

Methodology

A point system was created to rank individual sidewalk segments. The system assigned points to create a rank for comparison and project prioritization. Each criterion was assigned a percentage of the overall points. As developed for this exercise, 100 percent of the pie equates to 4,000 points. The point system allocated criteria weights to each identified segment based on the impact to County maintenance, ATP goals, health, economic diversity, and an overall benefit to users, particularly schoolchildren. Full details and descriptions regarding the PGA methodology and associated data are included in Appendix D.

The PGA criteria used to rank segments included:

- The condition of sidewalk/pathway and associated characteristics such as obstructions, slope, grade, and curb ramp configuration;
- Distance from pedestrian generators;
- Health data (supplied by County HHSA);
- Socioeconomic data (supplied by County HHSA);
- County Public Works Project Planning/Capital Improvement project list; and
- Proximity to schools.

The following sections describe how the criteria are applied to the study segments.



Condition of Sidewalk

The condition of the sidewalk accounts for 25 percent, or up to 1,000 points, of the overall ranking. Field crews collected existing condition data and recorded these conditions with geographic reference points.

A point system was allocated for various sidewalk conditions that were collected. The point total for each condition was then added to the street segments, resulting in each street segment having a total number of points.

Distance to Attractors

The distance from pedestrian attractors accounts for 25 percent, or 1,000 points, of the overall ranking criteria. Buffers were generated at three intervals (1/16 mile, 1/8 mile, and 1/4 mile) from each attractor based on the reasonable walking distance, and a weight was applied to study segments depending on the distance interval:

- 330 feet = 1,000 points
- 660 feet = 500 points
- 1,320 feet = 0 points

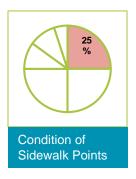
Health (Diabetes and Collision)

Overall health data accounts for 25 percent, or 1,000 points, of the PGA ranking criteria. While there are an infinite number of variables that could be selected to represent health in resident populations, the health portion for the PGA consisted of diabetes data and pedestrian collision information as representative of general health. The prevalence of diabetes represents a range of personal and environmental factors, and collision data represents an immediate health threat in the environment. Of the 25 percent for health data, diabetes data accounts for 40 percent and pedestrian collision data accounts for 60 percent.

The Condition of Sidewalk, Distance to Attractors, and Health account for 75 percent, or up to 3,000 total points.

Socioeconomic

Socioeconomic data factors account for 10 percent, or 400 points, of the overall ranking criteria.



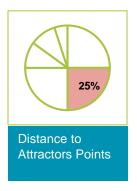


TABLE 3-2 POINTS ASSOCIATED WITH EACH SOCIOECONOMIC CATEGORY

Socioeconomic Category	Points
Lowest Income	400
Low Income	300
Moderately Low Income	200
Moderately High Income	0
High Income	0
Highest Income	0



Project Priority List

The County Department of Public Works maintains a list of priority projects vetted through community input and analyzed by engineering staff. The County's existing CIP list accounts for 10 percent, or 400 points, of the overall ranking criteria.

The projects on the list are associated with road corridors and geographically matched with the PGA study segments. Each segment that was also on the County's project priority list received 400 points.



Schools Points

Schools

The PGA methodology placed a priority on children walking to school. Thus, it allocated additional points to study segments near schools to enhance their priority in the final PGA rankings. The final criteria—distance from schools—accounts for 5 percent, or 200 points, of the overall ranking criteria. All segments within a quarter mile of a school receive 200 points.

Results

Table 3-3 summarizes the total PGA inventory results.

TABLE 3-3 EXISTING PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES

Sidewalk Type	Miles
Asphalt	15.86
Brick Pavers	0.22
Concrete	284.46
DG Pathway	30.00
Native	4.74
Native-Goat Path	25.37
No Sidewalk	401.61
Total	762.25

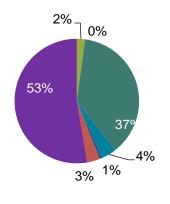
The adjacent chart illustrates the types of sidewalk mileage as a percentage of the total PGA network. As shown, 53 percent of assessed roadways currently have no pedestrian facility. The rankings (scores) of the evaluated sidewalk and pathway segments are included in Appendix D and include maps and key ranking criteria factors, along with the resulting score.

Conclusion

The methodology used in the PGA assigned points to individual street segments to assign a ranking for the comparison and prioritization of pedestrian improvements. Points assigned based on the six ranking criteria factors result in a list of projects that should be prioritized for maintenance and improvement based on the ranking factors.

The points for each street segment are identified by colors corresponding to the range of points allocated and applied on scoring maps (Appendix D). A portion of the map for Fallbrook is shown in **Figure 3-1** below as an example to illustrate the results. The colors range from green to red, with green reflecting fewer points based on field data and the methodology data ranking factors, and red-colored segments reflecting the higher total points of field and methodology data and identifying areas of potential priority. The scoring system is one factor in identifying priority improvement projects found in the ongoing ADA Transition Plan and programmed capital improvements by the Department of Public Works.

PGA Percentage of Sidewalk Type



- Asphalt
- Brick Pavers
- Concrete
- DG Pathway
- Native
- Native-Goat Path
- No Sidewalk

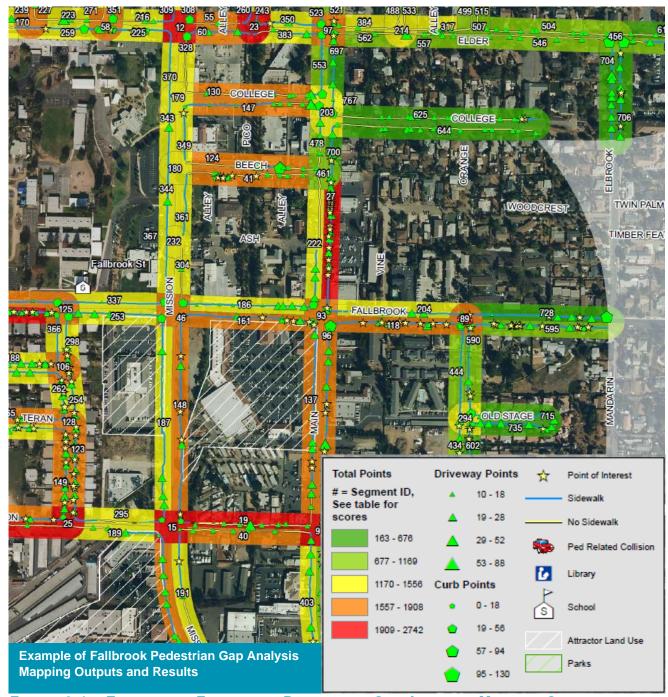


FIGURE 3-1 EXAMPLE OF FALLBROOK PEDESTRIAN GAP ANALYSIS MAPPING OUTPUTS AND RESULTS

Bicycle Facilities Level of Traffic Stress Analysis

Level of Stress Defined

An in-depth analysis of the existing and planned roadway buildout was conducted to assess bicycle conditions. The analysis and categorization on the LTS identifies what a person biking will experience on each roadway. LTS is a qualitative measure that assesses the level of discomfort or stress experienced by bicyclists based on the quality of the environment and provided facilities. LTS ranges from LTS 1 (most comfortable, least stressful) to LTS 4 (least comfortable, most stressful) and accounts for bike lanes, bike paths, bike routes, and any provided separation from vehicles. In general, roads with dedicated space and separation for people biking are less stressful. Below is additional discussion of each category.

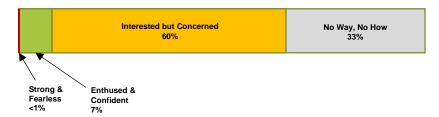
- LTS 1 Represents the most comfortable and least stressful bicycling environment. LTS 1 is the level that is comfortable for most people, including children.
- LTS 2 Represents a fairly comfortable and lowstress bicycling environment. LTS 2 is the level that is comfortable by the mainstream adult population.
- LTS 3 Represents a fairly uncomfortable and highstress bicycling environment. LTS 3 is the level that is comfortable for those who are confident in their bicycling abilities but prefer to have dedicated space while riding.
- LTS 4 Represents the least comfortable and most stressful bicycling environment. LTS 4 is tolerated only by the most seasoned and confident cyclists but is generally avoided by all other people who want to bike.

The levels of LTS analysis are consistent with the Four Types of Transportation Cyclists in Portland population segmentation scheme developed from research and surveys conducted by the Portland (Oregon) Office of Transportation.³

Typical Users of Varying LTS Facility Levels LTS 1 Typical Users LTS 2 Typical Users LTS 3 Typical Users LTS 4 Typical User

³ https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/article/264746.

Four Types of Transportation Cyclists in Portland By Proportion of Population



The four types of cyclists range from "No Way No How" representing individuals who are not interested in biking-to "Strong and Fearless," which represents the most active and confident cyclists. People in the "Interested but Concerned" category, which represents approximately 60 percent of all bicycling activity, typically prefer to ride along facilities classified as LTS 1 or LTS 2. These facilities, physically separated from vehicular traffic, dedicate lanes for bicycling and have minimal conflict points. People in the "Enthused and Confident" category, representing 7 percent of all bicycling activity, feel comfortable bicycling along a facility with an LTS 3 or better. People in the "Strong and Fearless" category represent less than 1 percent of bicycling activity who may tolerate bicycling within an LTS 4 facility, as they are the most experienced and confident. These bicyclists are generally seasoned bicycle commuters or recreational cyclists. Those in the "No Way No How" category will not ride a bicycle.

Level of Stress Analysis Data Factors

LTS analysis forecasts the level of stress of future or proposed facilities. The data used in the ATP level of stress analysis include the PGA existing conditions inventory and San Diego Geographic Information Source (SanGIS). The data includes the number of lanes in each direction, presence and type of bicycle facility, presence and type of median, speed, and functional class of the roadway. Data factors are described below.

- Number of lanes in one direction was determined using street segments mapped as part of the PGA, the County of San Diego Mobility Element GIS road layer, and Eagle Aerial imagery.
- 2. Presence and type of bike facility including:
 - Multi-Use Path
 - Bike Lane
 - Bike Route

- Other Suggested Routes
- Freeway Shoulder Bike Access

For ATP analysis purposes, the bike facility types reflect the Caltrans bicycle facility classes as follows:

- Multi-Use Path = Class I (separate bike path)
- Bike Lane = Class II (striped bike lane)
- Bike Route = Class III (bike route)
- Other Suggested Routes = Class III (bike route)
- Freeway Shoulder Bike Access = any roadways with this designation were considered LTS 4
- Presence and type of median was determined as part of the PGA inventory assessment. For roads analyzed outside of the PGA study area, no median was assumed.
- 4. Average roadway speed includes the roadway speed defined as the maximum speed at which an emergency vehicle can travel on the roadway and was used as a proxy for the average speed of vehicle travel. This proxy may not accurately reflect prevailing speeds.



- 1: Freeway to freeway ramp
- 2: Light (two-lane) collector street
- 3: Rural collector road
- 4: Major road/four-lane major road
- 5: Rural light collector/local road
- 6: Prime (primary) arterial
- 7: Private street
- 8: Recreational parkway
- 9: Rural mountain road
- A: Alley
- B: Class I bicycle path
- C: Collector/four-lane collector street
- D: Two-lane major street
- E: Expressway
- F: Freeway
- L: Local street/cul-de-sac
- M: Military street within base
- P: Paper street
- Q: Undocumented
- R: Freeway/expressway on/off-ramp
- S: Six-lane major street
- T: Transitway
- U: Unpaved road
- W: Pedestrianway/bikeway



Roadway with one lane per direction and no median

In the analysis, rural light collector/local road (5) and local street (L) were considered residential roadways.

Appendix E includes the data for all data layers used in the LTS assessment.

The thresholds used for the LTS analysis were adapted from those developed in the paper "Low-Stress Bicycling and Network Connectivity" prepared by the Mineta Transportation Institute. In the paper, the thresholds were analyzed for the road network in urban San Jose. The ATP thresholds were modified to account for the data available and unique regional aspects of the unincorporated county.

Level of Stress on Mobility Element Roadways

LTS scores for all Mobility Element roadways were determined for existing conditions, Mobility Element buildout conditions, and buildout conditions with ATP improvements. Because of varying roadway configurations, separate criteria were used for roads with and without bicycle facilities.

For roads with Class I (bike path) or Class II (bike lane) facilities, street width, facility type, and speed were reviewed as individual criteria. **Table 3-4** summarizes the criteria for roads with a Class I or Class II bike facility. The scored criterion with the highest LTS was applied for each roadway. For example, if a segment has both LTS 2 and LTS 4, then the higher criteria score (LTS 4) would be applied to the road segment.

TABLE 3-4 CRITERIA FOR ROADWAYS WITH BICYCLE FACILITIES

	LTS ≥ 1	LTS ≥ 2	LTS ≥ 3	LTS ≥ 4		
Street Width (through lanes per direction)	1	2, if directions are separated by a raised median	More than 2, or 2 without a separating median	(no effect)		
Bike Facility Type	Class I	Class II	(no effect)	(no effect)		
Speed	30 mph or less	(no effect)	35 mph	40 mph or more		

Note: (no effect) = factor does not trigger an increase to this level of traffic stress.

⁴ Maaza C. Mekuira, et al., *Low-Stress Bicycling and Network Connectivity*, 2012. http://transweb.sjsu.edu/PDFs/research/1005-low-stress-bicycling-network-connectivity.pdf.

Level of Stress for Mixed Traffic

Table 3-5 summarizes the LTS criteria for roadways with mixed traffic or for roadways with a Class III bike route or no bike facility. As shown, a roadway with a speed of 20 miles per hour (mph), street width of two lanes, and a residential functional class was assigned a value of LTS 1. A roadway with speed greater than 35 mph is categorized as LTS 4.

TABLE 3-5 CRITERIA FOR ROADWAYS WITH MIXED TRAFFIC (ROADWAY WITH NO BICYCLE FACILITY OR A CLASS III FACILITY)

Width of Street (travel lanes in one direction)						
Speed Limit	1 lane	2–3 lanes	4+ lanes			
Up to 25 mph	LTS 1 ^a or 2 ^a	LTS 3	LTS 4			
30 mph	LTS 2ª or 3ª	LTS 4	LTS 4			
35+ mph	LTS 4	LTS 4	LTS 4			

Note: a Use lower value for streets classified as residential with fewer than three lanes; use higher value otherwise.

Level of Stress for Intersections

A secondary LTS analysis was also completed to analyze user stress associated with maneuvering through an intersection. The criteria for intersection crossing stress were considered based on street widths, travel lanes, and speed. The criteria for the LTS of crossing each roadway are shown in **Table 3-6** and **Table 3-7**, respectively.

TABLE 3-6 CRITERIA FOR CROSSINGS WITHOUT A MEDIAN REFUGE

Speed Limit of Street Being	Width of Street Being Crossed (travel lanes in one direction)				
Crossed	1 lane	2-3 lanes	4+ lanes		
Up to 25 mph	LTS 1	LTS 2	LTS 4		
30 mph	LTS 1	LTS 2	LTS 4		
35 mph	LTS 2	LTS 3	LTS 4		
40+	LTS 3	LTS 4	LTS 4		

TABLE 3-7 CRITERIA FOR CROSSINGS WITH A MEDIAN REFUGE (STRIPED OR RAISED)

Speed Limit of Street Being	Width of Street Being Crossed (travel lanes in both directions)				
Crossed	Up to 2 lanes	7+ lanes			
Up to 25 mph	LTS 1	LTS 1	LTS 2		
30 mph	LTS 1	LTS 2	LTS 3		
35 mph	LTS 2	LTS 3	LTS 4		
40+ mph	LTS 3	LTS 4	LTS 4		

Level of Stress on Mobility Element Roads

The LTS scores for all Mobility Element roads are shown on maps for each community planning area using the inventory data available. Because of the size of the unincorporated county, Fallbrook serves as a sample community to demonstrate how the analysis translates onto a map. The LTS for the Fallbrook Community Planning Area is shown in Figure 3-2. The scores are categorized, with green representing a low LTS score and red a high, or more stressful, score. The first map shows the entire Fallbrook community, while Figure 3-3, the second map, shows an inset detail in a more dense area.

The existing roadway network, attractors, and collision data are also shown on the maps. The collision data was provided by the Transportation Injury Mapping System (TIMS) for 2008–2013 and was focused on accidents involving people biking.

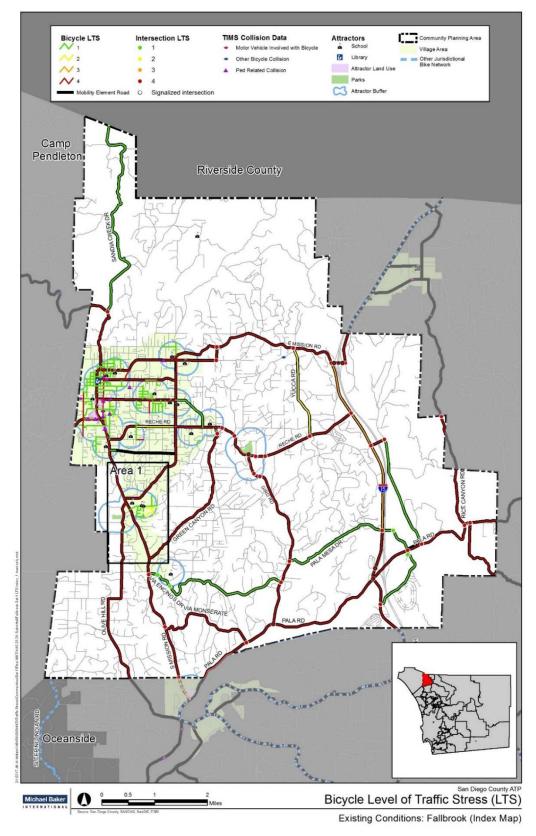


FIGURE 3-2 BICYCLE LEVEL OF TRAFFIC STRESS (LTS) – EXISTING CONDITIONS: FALLBROOK (INDEX MAP)

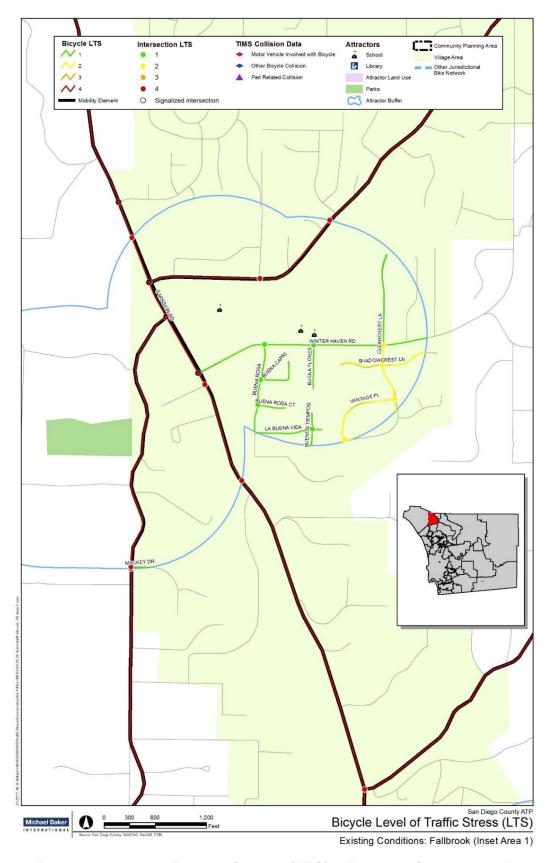


FIGURE 3-3 BICYCLE LEVEL OF TRAFFIC STRESS (LTS) – EXISTING CONDITIONS FALLBROOK (INSET AREA 1)

Level of Stress at Full Buildout

LTS was also evaluated for the planned buildout of the Mobility Element to determine the forecast LTS for the County's long-range plans for active transportation improvements.

LTS factors included the Mobility Element classifications and the County Public Road Standards that relate to each roadway for the number of lanes and presence of medians, as categorized in **Table 3-8**.

TABLE 3-8 MOBILITY ELEMENT ROAD CLASSIFICATIONS AND ROAD STANDARDS

County Road Standard Featur				
Mobility Element Road Segment Classification	Number of Lanes (both directions)	Speed	Presence of Median	
6.1 – Expressway	6	65	Median	
6.2 – Prime Arterial	O	05	Median	
4.1A – Major Road with Raised Median	4	55	Median	
4.1B – Major Road with Intermittent Turn Lanes	4	33		
4.2A – Boulevard with Raised Median	4	40	Median	
4.2B – Boulevard with Intermittent Turn Lane	4 40			
2.1A – Community Collector with Raised Median	2	45	Median	
2.1B/C/D/E – Community Collectors				
2.2A – Light Collector with Raised Median	2	40	Median	
2.2B/C/D/E/F – Light Collectors	2	40		
2.3A – Minor Collector with Raised Median	2	35	Median	
2.3B/C – Minor Collectors	2	ან		

The LTS analysis for the segments was evaluated using a similar process to that discussed previously for forecast conditions. However, two-way left turn lanes were not considered travel lanes to maintain consistency with the Mobility Element roadway classifications and the road standards. Additional inputs consisted of Mobility Element planned bicycle facilities, number of travel lanes, speed, and presence of a median.

The maps in **Figure 3-4** and **Figure 3-5** illustrate the results of the LTS analysis for Fallbrook with buildout of the Mobility Element. As shown, all Mobility Element roadways are forecast to operate at LTS 4 at planned buildout.

The LTS 4 results at planned buildout of the Mobility Element network suggest that upgraded or additional bicycle improvements will offer increased and improved traveling conditions to attract new and concerned riders.

The next chapter will take this existing conditions LTS analysis and apply a facility selection methodology to provide bicycle facility recommendations that reduce traffic stress experienced by people riding bicycles.

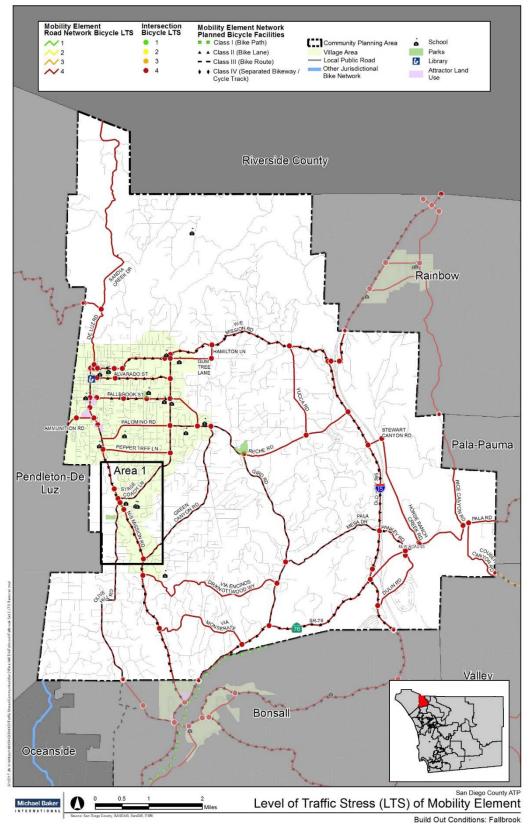


FIGURE 3-4 LEVEL OF TRAFFIC STRESS (LTS) OF MOBILITY ELEMENT - BUILD OUT CONDITIONS: FALLBROOK

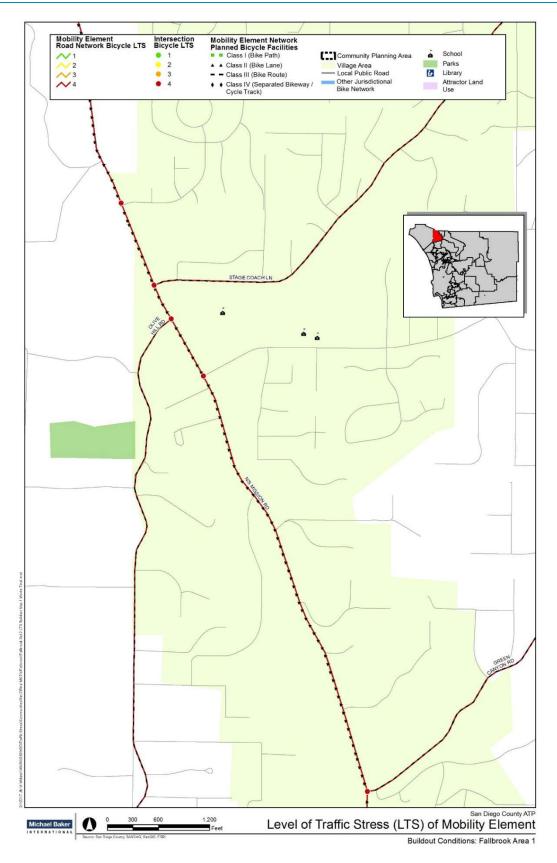


FIGURE 3-5 LEVEL OF TRAFFIC STRESS (LTS) OF MOBILITY ELEMENT
- BUILDOUT CONDITIONS: FALLBROOK AREA 1

4 Plan Analysis and Recommended Network

This chapter details the active transportation network improvements for the unincorporated communities in San Diego County. The recommendations were developed through an assessment of existing facilities, identification of pedestrian and bicyclist needs, public input, review of the Mobility Element buildout, and the goals and objectives of the ATP.



4.1 Recommendations for Existing County Plans and Policies

This section presents recommendations for existing plans and policies to improve active transportation in the unincorporated county. These recommendations are aimed at increasing coordination among plans and encouraging biking and walking trips.

Coordination between Live Well San Diego and Local Groups

Live Well San Diego could partner with local bicycle and pedestrian organizations, such as the San Diego Bicycle Coalition, Bike San Diego, and Circulate San Diego, to pursue projects that promote the Live Well goals of Building Better Health, Living Safely, and Thriving.

Designation as a Live Well San Diego Recognized Partner organization has numerous benefits, including:

- Opportunities to showcase best practice examples and success stories through the web, media, and events;
- Support in tracking data, measuring outcomes, and reporting results; and
- Collaboration with a growing network of Live Well San Diego champions and partners for the greatest collective impact.

Coordinate County of San Diego ATP and CAP

The efforts and goals of the ATP align with the CAP to reduce GHG emissions in the unincorporated county. Active transportation improvements that improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities have a direct impact on reducing GHG emissions by promoting mode shifts from vehicular to pedestrian or bicycle trips. As part of coordinating the CAP and the ATP, funding should be sought for active transportation and GHG reduction projects wherever feasible. Specific CAP measures for ATP are discussed in Chapter 5.

Coordination with the Community Trails Program and Parks and Recreation Projects

The ATP supplements the Community Trails Program and the CTMP by linking the CTMP soft-surface trails with other on- and off-road facilities. It is recommended that efforts combining trails, parks, recreational, and active transportation facilities be collaboratively pursued, wherever feasible.

4.2 Pedestrian Network

The PGA included existing conditions to identify a range of pedestrian improvements within the unincorporated communities. The results of the PGA found that over half (approximately 400 miles) of the assessed roadways lack a pedestrian facility, indicating a deficiency of pedestrian access in the unincorporated communities. The sidewalk network is the default network on public roads where the CTMP has not identified a designated pathway.

County DPW, through its CIP, will be responsible for overseeing pedestrian improvements as they pertain to the ATP pedestrian network. Sidewalk and pathway gap



improvement projects will be completed through the CIP or by private development projects as frontage improvements or off-site mitigation requirements.

4.3 Bicycle Network Methodology

The bicycle network was developed through an analytical process reviewing the existing bike network and associated levels of traffic stress, future forecast levels of traffic stress at buildout of the Mobility Element, a review of collision data, and an overall evaluation of what improvements and facilities would achieve an integrated, connected, and comfortable bicycle network. As seen in **Figure 4-1**, a second level of traffic stress (LTS) analysis was conducted to evaluate each roadway at buildout conditions of the Mobility Element. Overall, the buildout LTS analysis identified a need for improved bicycling facilities throughout the county, with a majority of segments scoring LTS 4 (least comfortable, most stressful) at Mobility Element buildout.

FIGURE 4-1 BICYCLE NETWORK METHODOLOGY FLOW CHART



After identifying where deficiencies or segments with poor LTS are likely to occur in the buildout condition, the network was reviewed to determine what types of facility modifications or additions would improve levels of traffic stress to achieve LTS 1. This was referenced as the "unconstrained network." Achieving LTS 1 along a roadway, including on a two-lane roadway with a Class II bike lane and vehicle speeds of less than 35 mph, or on any roadway with a Class I bike path or Class IV cycle track, requires that facilities physically separate bicyclists from vehicular traffic and substantially improve levels of comfort.

Table 4-1 summarizes the parameters for determining LTS 1 bicycle facilities.

TABLE 4-1 LTS 1 BICYCLE FACILITIES

LTS 1	Two-lane roadway and Class II bike lane and speeds < 35 mph
Bicycle Facilities	Any roadway with Class I bike path or Class IV cycle track

A comparison of the Mobility Element network and the roadway characteristics specified in Table 4-1 above shows that roadway segments with a Class II bike lane in the current Mobility Element have design speeds greater than 35 mph. No roadway segments met the requirements for a Class II, LTS 1 facility in the element's buildout condition.

Therefore, to attain LTS 1 on all roadways would require Class IV bicycle facility recommendations across the entire network to achieve an unconstrained condition. The cost to improve a Class IV separated bikeway is eight times that of a Class II bike lane and represents and unrealistic scenario to propose to achieve what would be limited use in many cases of low residential density and great distances and topographical differences between communities.

The next step involved refining the unconstrained LTS 1 network to better align with fiscal constraints and realistic rider demand for a more achievable plan focused on facilities that would serve the greatest number of users.

To create a more economically feasible and implementable network, the user demand for each roadway was reviewed to determine which segments show low demand (not connecting to Village areas), large distances between communities, and mountainous terrain conditions with significant elevational changes. The recommended facilities

along such roadways were downsized from the unconstrained LTS 1, Class IV facility to a Class II facility.

Table 4-2 summarizes recommended facility improvements based on roadway classification. As shown, where vehicle speeds and volumes (number of lanes) are high, separated facilities are recommended as facility improvements. Additional context is provided to guide where the bikeway is within the framework of the regional network and expected user demand.

TABLE 4-2 RECOMMENDED FACILITY IMPROVEMENT BASED ON ROADWAY CLASSIFICATION

Mobility Element F	Mobility Element Road Classification Role in Bikeway Network					
Road						
Classification (number of travel	Design Speed	Capacity				
lanes) ¹	(mph)	(LOS D)	Basic	Priority Bikeway	Regional Bikeway	
Expressway (6.1)	65	86,000	Adjacent Class I bike paths			
Prime Arterial (6.2)	65	50,000	Class IV cycle track		ke path (preferred) or rack (acceptable)	
Major Road						
with raised median (4.1A)	55	33,400	Class IV cycle	Adjacent Class I bi	ke path (preferred) or	
with intermittent turn lane 4.2B)	55	30,800	track	Class IV cycle t	rack (acceptable)	
Boulevard						
with raised median (4.2A)	40	27,000	Class IV cycle track (preferred),	Class IV cycle track (preferred), or adjacent Class I bike path, or buffere Class II bike lane (acceptable)		
with turn lanes (4.2B)	40	25,000	or buffered Class II bike lane (acceptable)			
Community Collector	•					
with raised median (2.1A)	45	15,000	Class IV cycle track (preferred),	Adjacent Class I bike path (preferred) Class IV cycle track (acceptable)		
with turn lanes or no median (2.1B, C, D, E)	45	13,500	or buffered Class II bike lane (acceptable)			
Light Collector			. ,			
with raised median (2.2A)	40	13,500	Class IV cycle track (preferred),	Class IV cycle tr	ack (preferred), or	
with turn lanes or no median (2.2B, C, D, E)	40	13,500	or buffered Class II bike lane (acceptable)	adjacent Class I bike path, or buffere Class II bike lane (acceptable)		
Minor Collector						
with raised median (2.3A)	35	8,000	or buffered Class adjacent Class I bike path, o			
with turn lanes or no median (2.2B, C)	35	8,000				
Residential Collector/ Road	30	4,500	Yield street/bike bo	oulevard with traffic co motor vehicle traffic	ontrol devices to slow	

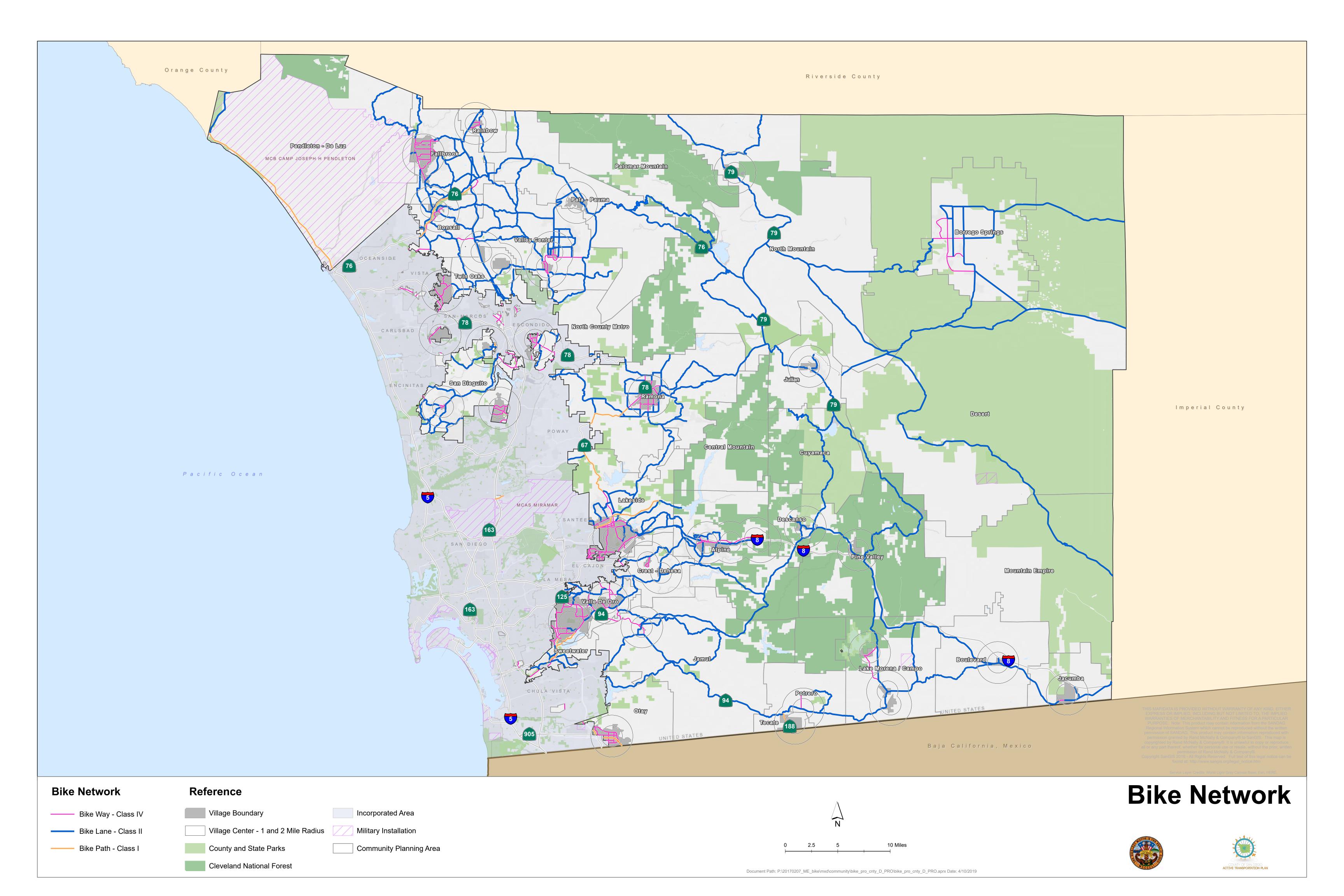
¹ Road classification is defined by lanes and then type as defined in the Mobility Element.

4.4 Bicycle Network

The ATP bicycle network of Class I, Class II, and Class IV facilities for each Mobility Element segment is shown on **Figure 4-2**, and maps for each community are included in Appendix A. **Table 4-3** summarizes the improvements by bicycle facility class for each CPA.

TABLE 4-3 DISTANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS BY BICYCLE FACILITY TYPE

	Class I	Facilities	Class II Fa	cilities	Class IV F	acilities	Total
CDA	(m	iles)	(mile	s)	(mile	es)	Total
СРА	County	Caltrans	County	Caltrans	County	Caltrans	Improvements (miles)
	Facility	Facility	Facility	Facility	Facility	Facility	(IIIIIes)
Alpine	0	0	43.24	0	8.4	0	51.64
Bonsall	6.45	0	24.53	3.98	7.79	0	42.75
Central Mountain	0	0	48.93	18.8	0	0	67.73
County Islands	0.9	0	0	0	0.61	0	1.51
Crest-Dehesa	0	0	19.93	0	2.51	0	22.44
Desert	0	0	92.88	25.24	15.23	0	133.35
Fallbrook	1.16	0	47.5	6.44	19.25	0	74.35
Jamul-Dulzura	0	0	44.2	15.5	0.82	4.2	64.72
Julian	0	0	0	12.52	0	0	12.52
Lakeside-Pepper	7.2	4.96	37.8	0	26.69	4.88	81.53
Drive							
Mountain Empire	0	1.85	59.75	27.47	6.41	0	95.48
North County Metro	0.34	0	38.64	0	24.33	1.09	64.40
North Mountain	0	0	57.24	48.75	0	0	105.99
Otay	0	5.67	3.72	0	10.31	0	19.70
Pala-Pauma	0	0	21.43	24.12	0	0	45.55
Pendleton-De Luz	0	17.92	15.48	0	0	0	33.40
Rainbow	0	0	7.33	0	2.2	0	9.53
Ramona and Barona	0	4.67	50.54	13.75	8.45	5.67	83.08
San Dieguito	0	0	30.83	0	7.82	0	38.65
Spring Valley	2.98	0	2.07	0	17.12	0	22.17
Sweetwater	3.43	0	6.59	0	2.6	0	12.62
Valley Center	0	0	68.31	0	9.47	0	77.78
Valle de Oro	0	0	17.34	0	13.38	2.56	33.28
TOTAL DISTANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS	22.46	35.07	738.28	196.57	183.39	18.40	1,194.17



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The ATP bicycle network represents a system of continuous and connected bicycle facilities that allows travel between communities within a dedicated on-road space in the form of a Class II bike lane, complemented with Class IV separated bikeways within villages, where access to destinations is shorter and traffic volumes are higher.

Almost all ME roadways have a change in the associated bicycle classification designation. When the 2003 BTP was developed, 86% of ME roadways were assigned a bicycle facility designation -- the ATP increases this percentage to almost 100% of the current network. Table 4-4 below provides a comparison of the BTP network mileage and the ATP network mileage.

TABLE 4-4 BTP AND ATP COMPARISON

Bike Facility Classification	2003 Bicycle Transportation Plan (miles)	2018 Active Transportation Plan (miles)
Class I – Bike Path	27	22
Class II – Bike Lane	200	738
Class III – Bike Route	708	0
Class IV – Separated	N/A	183
Bikeway	(Designation had not been	
	established)	
TOTAL	935	944

NOTE: Totals do not match because 2018 bicycle network was expanded and some ME roadways/bicycle facility designations were eliminated as a part of the 2011 General Plan Update.

The network covers all Mobility Element roads in the county, except for several roads in the Julian planning area. About 80 percent of the network is Class II bike lanes, while approximately 20 percent is for Class IV separated bikeways.

The majority, 58 percent, of Class IV separated bikeways are within CPA village boundaries. This allows residents to access goods, services, and destinations via a facility that causes less stress than a striped Class II bike lane that is merely striped. As seen on the Bicycle Network map shown in **Figure 4-2**, the villages typically have a radius of 1 to 2 miles. Most people are comfortable riding these distances.

For those people willing to ride longer distances or without separation, the bicycle network connects villages and communities along Mobility Element roads with Class II bike lanes. Ninety-six percent of the Class II bike lanes are outside of the village boundaries.

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4.5 Future Demand

Future demand for walking and bicycling trips (commute and utility trips) has been developed for horizon year 2020, 2030, 2040, and 2050 populations for each community planning area. The number of forecast trips was calculated according to the anticipated increase in population and with the assumption that no pedestrian or bicycle facility improvements were completed. The estimated number of walking and bicycling trips for 2020, 2030, 2040, and 2050 are shown in **Table 4-5**. The full data table is included in Appendix C-3.

TABLE 4-5 FUTURE UNIMPROVED ESTIMATED BICYCLE AND WALKING DEMAND

	2020	2030	Δ	2040	2050	Δ
			Estimated	Estimated		Estimated
			Percentage	Total		Percentage
	Estimated	Estimated	Increase in	Daily	Estimated	Increase in
	Total Daily	Total Daily	Daily Bicycle	Bicycle	Total Daily	Daily Bicycle
	Bicycle and	Bicycle and	and Walking	and	Bicycle and	and Walking
Community	Walking	Walking	Trips	Walking	Walking	Trips
Planning Area	Trips	Trips	(2020–2030)	Trips	Trips	(2030–2050)
Alpine	2,098	2,377	11.7%	2,528	2,651	4.6%
Bonsall	1,391	1,576	11.7%	1,677	1,759	4.7%
Central Mountain	339	384	11.7%	408	428	4.7%
County Islands	338	383	11.7%	408	427	4.4%
Crest-Dehesa	952	1,079	11.8%	1,148	1,204	4.7%
Desert	554	627	11.6%	667	700	4.7%
Fallbrook	4,861	5,508	11.7%	5,859	6,144	4.6%
Jamul-Dulzura	937	1,061	11.7%	1,129	1,184	4.6%
Julian	548	620	11.6%	660	692	4.6%
Lakeside	7,169	8,123	11.7%	8,640	9,061	4.6%
Mountain Empire	976	1,105	11.7%	1,175	1,233	4.7%
North County Metro	4,042	4,578	11.7%	4,870	5,108	4.7%
North Mountain	301	342	12.0%	363	381	4.7%
Otay	138	156	11.5%	165	173	4.6%
Pala-Pauma	952	1,080	11.9%	1,147	1,204	4.7%
Pendleton-De Luz	18,446	20,899	11.7%	22,230	23,315	4.7%
Rainbow	181	205	11.7%	219	229	4.4%
Ramona and Barona	4,158	4,711	11.7%	5,010	5,256	4.7%
San Dieguito	3,737	4,234	11.7%	4,504	4,724	4.7%
Spring Valley	6,467	7,327	11.7%	7,793	8,174	4.7%
Sweet-water	917	1,039	11.7%	1,105	1,179	6.3%
Valle De Oro	3,743	4,242	11.8%	4,512	4,732	4.6%
Valley Center	2,148	2,435	11.8%	2,590	2,715	4.6%

The future demand estimates are based on projected increases in population. In more urbanized communities, the

increase in walking and bicycling and trips correlates to greater expected population growth. The projected demand for each community was adjusted based on improvements recommended throughout the ATP bicycle network. Using factors applied to each type of improvement, and recognizing that improved facilities attract more users, community-wide demand was increased accordingly. **Table 4-6** summarizes the future adjusted estimated bicycle and walking demand volumes with ATP improvements.

TABLE 4-6 FUTURE ADJUSTED ESTIMATED BICYCLE AND WALKING DEMAND

	2020	2030	Δ	2040	2050	Δ
Community Planning	Estimated Total Daily Bicycle and Walking	Estimated Total Daily Bicycle and Walking	Estimated Percentage Increase in Total Daily Bicycle and Walking Trips	Estimated Total Daily Bicycle and	Estimated Total Daily Bicycle and Walking	Estimated Percentage Increase in Total Daily Bicycle and Walking Trips
Area	Trips	Trips	(2020–2030)	Walking Trips	Trips	(2030–2050)
Alpine	2,098 1,391	2,384 1,589	13.6% 14.2%	2,590 1,715	2,655 1,761	11.4% 10.8%
Bonsall Central Mountain	339	388	14.5%	418	429	10.6%
County Islands	339	410	20.9%	412	428	4.4%
Crest- Dehesa	953	1,102	15.6%	1,172	1,206	9.4%
Desert	553	630	13.9%	683	700	11.1%
Fallbrook	4,861	5,531	13.8%	6,000	6,152	11.2%
Jamul- Dulzura	936	1,067	14.0%	1,156	1,185	11.1%
Julian	548	633	15.5%	673	693	9.5%
Lakeside	7,169	8,131	13.4%	8,854	9,073	11.6%
Mountain Empire	975	1,116	14.5%	1,203	1,235	10.7%
North County Metro	4,041	4,603	13.9%	4,987	5,114	11.1%
North Mountain	301	344	14.3%	372	381	10.8%
Otay	137	159	16.1%	169	174	9.4%
Pala-Pauma	953	1,088	14.2%	1,175	1,206	10.8%
Pendleton- De Luz	18,446	23,212	25.8%	22,747	23,345	0.6%
Rainbow	181	213	17.7%	222	230	8.0%
Ramona and Barona	4,157	4,736	13.9%	5,160	5,262	11.1%
San Dieguito	3,737	4,255	13.9%	4,612	4,730	11.2%
Spring Valley	6,467	7,419	14.7%	7,968	8,184	10.3%
Sweet-water	917	1,053	14.8%	1,129	1,160	10.2%
Valle De Oro	2,149	2,454	14.2%	2,650	2,719	10.8%
Valley Center	3,744	4,264	13.9%	4,620	4,738	11.1%

The demand values by year listed in **Table 4-6** assumed:

• In 2020, no improvements would be complete;

- In 2030, all sample projects (Appendix F) would be complete;
- In 2040, half of the remaining projects in the network would be complete; and
- In 2050, the entire network would be complete.

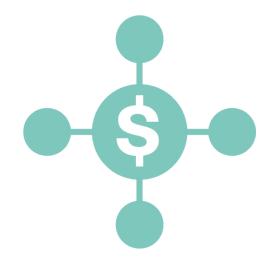
TABLE 4-7 FUTURE ADJUSTED ESTIMATED BICYCLE AND WALKING DEMAND RESULTS FROM NETWORK IMPROVEMENTS

	Δ	Δ
Community Planning Area	Estimated Percentage Increase in Total Daily Bicycle and Walking Trips from Unimproved to Built Network Improvements (2020–2030)	Estimated Percentage Increase in Total Daily Bicycle and Walking Trips from Unimproved to Built Network Improvements (2030–2050)
Alpine	1.90%	6.80%
Bonsall	2.50%	6.10%
Central Mountain	2.80%	5.90%
County Islands	9.20%	0.00%
Crest-Dehesa	3.80%	4.70%
Desert	2.30%	6.40%
Fallbrook	2.10%	6.60%
Jamul-Dulzura	2.30%	6.50%
Julian	3.90%	4.90%
Lakeside	1.70%	7.00%
Mountain Empire	2.80%	6.00%
North County Metro	2.20%	6.40%
North Mountain	2.30%	6.10%
Otay	4.60%	4.80%
Pala-Pauma	2.30%	6.10%
Pendleton-De Luz	14.10%	4.10%
Rainbow	6.00%	3.60%
Ramona and Barona	2.20%	6.40%
San Dieguito	2.20%	6.50%
Spring Valley	3.00%	5.60%
Sweet-water	3.10%	3.90%
Valle De Oro	2.40%	6.20%
Valley Center	2.10%	6.50%

As seen in **Table 4-7**, the expected increase in active transportation trips with network improvements ranges from 1.7 to 14.1 percent from 2020 to 2030, and up to an additional 7 percent increase with continued network improvements through 2050. These figures represent estimates based on the methodology used in this document. Estimated participation increases are good for residents' health and align with County goals.

Actual participation is dependent on trends and circumstances of the individuals living in these communities. The county has a wide variety of built and natural environments. As community composition changes, active transportation options are expected to become desirable and the network is intended to support those trips on a safe, connected, and integrated network.

5 Implementation and Funding



This chapter includes implementation strategies and funding resources for the active transportation network recommended in this ATP. Implementation comes from both public and private development. Funding for public development and maintenance of pedestrian and bicycle facilities comes from a variety of federal, state, regional, and local revenue sources. Preparing and applying for various revenue streams is a key strategy to plan, build, and maintain projects in the near and long term.

5.1 Implementation

A focused strategy aimed at providing a connected network and receiving the highest return on investment is an important factor to implement improvements over time. To be considered eligible for local, state, and federal funding, the County is required to have an adopted plan. The County currently utilizes a "Top 10" list developed by each community planning group to rank community infrastructure needs and priorities. This approach will not change with the ATP. However, ATP network recommendations will be available for ranking and prioritization.

Complete the Network

The ATP recommends the following implementation approach to complete the network:

1. Emphasize safe connections where none currently exist.

The ATP provides a connected network for biking and walking between neighborhoods and schools and to major regional destinations and activity centers. As discussed in Chapter 2, the PGA identified all pedestrian facility gaps along County-maintained roadways in each unincorporated community, totaling approximately 400



miles without any form of sidewalk or path. Maps illustrating the gaps in the pedestrian network for each community are included in the PGA. The County Department of Public Works will maintain the PGA database that serves as the resource for updated information as projects are completed over time.

To identify current gaps in the bicycle network, the ATP existing bike network maps show County data based on bike lane striping and signage. This information is shared with SANDAG, which then publishes and maintains a map showing existing bicycle facilities in the region. The map is available online on the iCommute website (www.icommutesd.com/bike/bikemap.aspx).

2. Fill existing gaps in areas with higher demand for biking and walking.

The demand for bicycle or pedestrian facilities is high in some areas and low in others. The ATP includes existing and future user demand estimates for biking and walking in each community so that gaps can be filled where the need and demand justify the investment.

3. Focus investments on improving and upgrading deficient facilities so they are safe and comfortable for people of all ages and abilities.

Unimproved facilities in areas with high demand when upgraded will provide comfortable, accessible facilities. Improvements like ADA compliance and quality or capacity upgrades in areas surrounding community attractors such as schools and parks will help to increase utilization of these facilities.

Implementing Specific Projects

The following action steps are recommended to implement projects:

1. Finalize commitments and partnerships with Caltrans or other agencies.

Commitments and partnerships with Caltrans, neighboring jurisdictions, utility companies, and any other coordinating agency should be finalized early in the process.

2. Secure funding.

Funding for each project should be secured as necessary, which may include an assortment of funding sources. There are two ways to position projects for local funding:

- a. Adding the project to the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) project list, which ensures the project is eligible for state and federal funding and TransNet dollars.¹
- b. Adding the project to the County's CIP list or overlapping with other efforts for a project already on the CIP list. The projects on the CIP list are considered the highest priority and are much more likely to be funded within an established time frame.

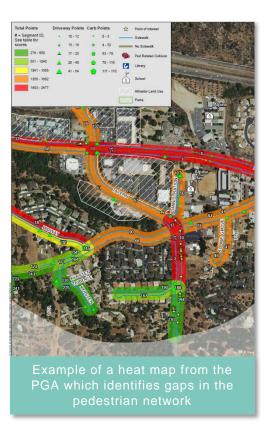
Funding strategies and funding sources at the local, state, and federal levels are summarized later in this chapter.

3. Outreach to community members.

Once a green light to move forward is determined, County staff representatives should present the project to the local community at the Community Planning Group or Sponsor Group to share the intent, cost, and schedule of the project as well as address community questions and concerns.

4. Finalize design.

The project will be taken from a conceptual recommended improvement to a final engineering design, factoring in all existing physical and operational constraints that need to be addressed.



¹ TransNet is a local ½ cent sales tax, approved in 2004 and made effective in 2008. It provides over \$500 million for projects in the unincorporated county and will end in 2048. More details about TransNet are available in Section 5.3.

The ATP Toolbox should be used as a reference during the design phase to ensure improvements are context-sensitive and appropriately applied to the existing built environments and to incorporate additional features or improvements, where applicable.

5. Outreach to community members.

Continuous updates should be provided to the community throughout the course of implementation to keep community members informed of progress and any issues that may arise, such as road closures.

6. Secure County approval(s).

County Board of Supervisors approvals should be scheduled and sought as required prior to construction of the project.

7. Project construction.

Once approval is granted by the appropriate bodies and once funding and permits, where applicable, have been received, the project may be constructed.

These action steps will help the County to efficiently and effectively implement active transportation projects. In addition, projects under discretionary project review will reference this ATP and the County of San Diego's Complete Streets policy and will employ the best practices, as applicable.

5.2 Monitor Progress

Implementation and maintenance of a method of active transportation network monitoring provides the County with the data needed to measure and track changes in biking and walking trends over time. The data can be a useful resource for grant applications by providing real-time statistics to help estimate benefits for future active transportation projects and other cost-benefit analyses. The County will monitor and track ATP improvements annually; including the CAP measure for ATP improvements.

5.3 Local and Regional Funding Sources

Funding for infrastructure improvements relies on a variety of sources. Recent expenditures for bicycle and pedestrian facilities and programs include the following capital improvement projects and are indicative of recent ATP investments:

• In January 2017, the Bear Valley Parkway North Widening Project was completed to widen the road from two to four lanes from San Pasqual Valley Road (SR-78) to just north of Boyle Avenue to connect to the existing four-lane road in Escondido. The project installed bike lanes, sidewalks, landscaped medians and parkways, drainage improvements, water line upgrades, and new traffic signals with crosswalks at realigned intersections. In addition, overhead utilities were undergrounded. The new roadway conforms to the County's General Plan Mobility Element classification as a Major Road with Bike Lanes.

Funding sources included *TransNet*, Proposition 1B bonds, and a contribution from the City of Escondido for work within its jurisdiction.

• In 2016, the San Vicente Road Improvement Project was completed along the 2.25-mile windy stretch of San Vicente Road in the community of Ramona. Improvements included realigning the existing roadway to reduce curves and hills and to improve visibility of road users, undergrounding of utilities, bicycle lanes on both sides of the road; 10-foot stabilized disintegrated granite (DG) multi-use pathway on the west and south sides of the road, and a 10-foot graded parkway on the north and east sides of the road. The multi-use pathway included wooden post and rope rail fencing to separate non-motorists from vehicular travel lanes.

Funding sources included *TransNet*, San Diego Gas & Electric programs, the Ramona Municipal Water District, and AT&T and Cox Communications.

Regional and local funding sources are a starting point for gathering adequate project funds. In the San Diego region, many different programs can be used to fund small to large active transportation-related projects.

Local Funding

Funded and non-funded projects in the unincorporated county are listed in the Department of Public Works Five Year Capital Improvement Plan (2018–2023). In a typical fiscal year, approximately 25 projects are under construction, with about 70 other projects in various stages

of development. The budget for fiscal years 2018/19 to 2020/21 is \$62 million.

Transportation Impact Fee

The Transportation Impact Fee (TIF) program provides funding for the construction of transportation facilities needed to support traffic generated by new development and to meet state law requirements. The County collects TIF as part of the building permit process.

Private Development

Private developers often build frontage improvements or offsite roads as part of their development's subdivision requirements and impact mitigation. Completion of Mobility Element improvements will assist in implementing ATP networks.

Regional Funding

SANDAG Smart Growth Incentive and Active Transportation Grant Program

SANDAG's Active Transportation Grant Program encourages local jurisdictions to plan and build facilities that promote multiple travel choices and connectivity to transit, schools, retail centers, parks, work, and other community destinations. Programs and projects funded through this grant include bicycle parking, education, encouragement, and awareness programs that support pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure.

More information is available on SANDAG's website (www.sandag.org/index.asp?classid=12&projectid=491&fuse action=projects.detail).

TransNet

TransNet is a local 1/2 cent sales tax approved by San Diego County voters in 2004 and made effective in 2008. It provides over \$500 million for projects in the unincorporated county over 40 years and will end in 2048. The County receives about \$15 million annually from *TransNet* revenue administered by SANDAG.

5.4 State Funding Sources

State funds assist in filling local funding gaps for a variety of active transportation—related projects. The available State-funded grants applicable to active transportation funding are summarized in **Table 5-1** and discussed below.

California Active Transportation Program

The California Active Transportation Program, administered by Caltrans' Division of Local Assistance, Office of Active Transportation and Special Programs, consolidates existing federal and state transportation programs—including the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA), and State Safe Routes to School (SR2S)—into a single program. The program, which funded the creation of this ATP, aims to assist local, regional, or state agencies, Caltrans, transit agencies, natural resources or public land agencies, public schools and districts, tribal governments, and private nonprofits in funding and completing infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects and plans.

The goals of the California Active Transportation Program are to increase the trips taken using active transportation, increase safety, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, enhance public health, and share the benefits of the program with disadvantaged communities.

More information about the program can be found on the Caltrans website (www.dot.ca.gov/hg/LocalPrograms/atp/).

Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program

The Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program was created to support Caltrans' current mission. This program consists of two grants: Strategic Partnerships and Sustainable Communities. Each grant focuses on a different scale of multimodal studies. Metropolitan planning organizations/regional transportation planning agencies (MPOs/RTPAs) or transit agencies, cities and counties, and Native American tribal governments are eligible for these grants as primary applicants. MPOs/RTPAs, transit agencies, universities and community colleges, Native American tribal governments, cities and counties, community-based organizations, nonprofit organizations, and other public entities are eligible to apply as sub-applicants.

The Caltrans website includes additional information (http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html_and http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/ocp/cbtp.html).

TABLE 5-1 STATE-FUNDED GRANTS

Program Name		Eligible Applicants		Eligible Projects	Local Match	Minimum Project	Maximum Project	Funding
		Primary Applicant	Sub-Applicant		IVIACCII	Request	Request	
California Active Transportation Program		Agencies, Public Schools or Districts, Tribal		Infrastructure and Non-Infrastructure projects or Plans	not required	\$250,000		Varies Annually
	Strategic Partnerships	Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (MPOs/RTPAs)	MPOs/RTPAs, Transit Agencies, Universities and Community Colleges, Native	Transportation planning studies of interregional and statewide significance, in partnership with Caltrans	20% minimum	\$100,000	MPOs \$1,000,000 Others \$500,000	\$1,500,000
Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant	Sustainable Communities	Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (MPOs/RTPAs) and Transit Agencies, Cities and Counties, Native American Tribal Governments	American Tribal Governments, Cities and Counties, Community-Based Organizations, Non-	Studies of multimodal transportation issues having statewide interregional, regional, or local significance to assist in achieving the Caltrans Mission and overarching objectives	11.47% minimum	\$50,000	MPOs \$1,000,000 Others \$500,000	\$7,800,000
Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program (AHSC)		successor agency, transit agency or transit operator, Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA), local Transportation Commissions, Congestion Management Agencies, Joint Powers Authority (JTS), school district, facilities district,		Affordable Housing Developments Housing-Related Infrastructure Sustainable Transportation Infrastructure			A Single Developer may receive no more than \$40 million per NOFA funding cycle	\$20,000,000
California Office of Traffic Safety (OTA) Grants		Local, Regional, or State Agencies		Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety related projects, and Roadway Safety				ongoing

Statewide Highway Users Tax Account

The "gas tax" is the primary source of funds for the overall County road maintenance and safety improvement program. The State of California collects 30 cents for every gallon of gasoline sold. Senate Bill 1 (SB1) also adds an inflation adjustment factor to the gas tax. The State distributes money back to California counties based on the number of registered vehicles and the miles of roads maintained. This money becomes a special revenue fund called the Road Fund, which must be used for road and transportation purposes.

Data on monthly gas tax collections can be found on the California State Controller's Office's website (www.sco.ca.gov/ard_payments_highway.html).

California Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program

The Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program, administered by the Strategic Growth Council and implemented by the Department of Housing and Community Development, funds land-use, housing, transportation, and land preservation projects to support infill developments that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Projects that receiving funding through this program increase the accessibility of affordable housing, employment centers, and destinations by supporting the use of transit, bicycling, or walking.

More information is available on the Department of Housing and Community Development website (www.hcd.ca.gov/financial-assistance/affordable-housing-and-sustainable-communities/).

Office of Traffic Safety Grant Program

The Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grant Program funds projects that increase roadway safety for all users, including, but not limited to, safety improvements to existing bicycle transportation facilities, safety promotions including bicycle helmet giveaways, and studies to improve traffic safety. The grant cycle typically begins with a Request for Proposals in November/December, and proposals are due the following January. In 2015, OTS awarded \$102 million to over 200 agencies.

See the Office of Traffic Safety's website for more information (www.ots.ca.gov/Grants/).

Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program

Specific portions of an active transportation project can be funded through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program, which can fund the stormwater management components of a bicycle infrastructure project, pedestrian infrastructure project, or green street.

The California Environmental Protection Agency's website has more information (www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_lo ans/srf/srf_basics.shtml).

5.5 Federal Funding Sources

Partnerships with state and federal stakeholders help identify funds that support opportunities during routine maintenance, including of ATP facilities. The funding sources listed below are able to address strategic gaps with targeted investment, facilities, and traffic calming which are intended to generate substantial benefits to the local economy.

Table 5-2 summarizes federally funded grants available for pursuits to design, construct, and maintain ATP facilities.

Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant Program

The highly competitive TIGER grant program, administered by the US Department of Transportation, supports innovative projects, including multimodal and multijurisdictional projects, which are difficult to fund through traditional federal programs. Awards focus on capital projects that generate economic development and improve access to reliable, safe, and affordable transportation for urban and rural communities. Eligible applicants include states, US territories, tribal communities, cities, and towns.

More information is available on the US Department of Transportation's website (www.transportation.gov/tiger).

Federal Transit Act

The Federal Transit Administration administers the Federal Transit Act program. This program contains a series of grants with varying requirements and different eligible applicants. Funding is available for bicycle projects that support using a bicycle for trips to transit.

The Federal Transit Administration's website includes more information in the program (www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/environmental-programs/livable-sustainable-communities/fta-program-bicycle).

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program

Administered by FHWA, this program is used to fund projects and programs that help meet the requirements of the Clean Air Act. The program is expected to provide over \$15 billion in funding over the next five years. Eligible applicants are state departments of transportation, metropolitan planning organizations, and other sponsors.

More information can be found on the Federal Highway Administration's website (www.fhwa.dot.gov/fastact/factsheets/cmaqfs.cfm).

Highway Safety Improvement Program

Administered by the Federal Highway Administration, the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds projects or programs that achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on public roads, including non-state-owned public roads and roads on tribal lands. The program is expected to provide over \$9 billion in funding over the next 5 years. Eligible applicants include state departments of transportation and MPOs.

Information on the program is available on the Federal Highway Administration's website (www.fhwa.dot.gov/fastact/factsheets/hsipfs.cfm).

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TABLE 5-2 FEDERALLY FUNDED GRANTS

Program Name		Eligible Applicants Primary Applicant Sub-Applicant		Eligible Projects	Local	Minimum Project	Maximum	Funding	
					Match	Request	Project Request		
Transportation Investment Generating		States, Tribal comm	nunities, Cities, and	Any Transportation		\$5,000,000	\$100,000,000	\$500,000,000	
Economic R	Metropolitan & Statewide and Nonmetropolitan Transportation Planning	Towns States with allocation of funding to MPOs		Planning for bicycle facilities in a state of metropolitan tranportation network	20% (non- federal)	(2016)			
Federal Transit Administration	Urbanized Area Formula Program	State and local governmental authorities including public transportation providers (receive funds from designated recipients)		Bicycle routes to transit, bike racks, shelters and equipment for public transportation vehices	1%				
	Fixed Guideway Capital Investment Grants	State and local government agencies, including transit agencies		Bicycle racks, shelters and equipment	10%				
	Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Grants	Designated recipient and states that operate of aallocate funding to fixed-route bus operators		Bicycle routes to transit, bike racks, shelters and equipment for public transportation vehices	10%				
	Enhanced Mobility of Senior and Individuals with Disabilities	DOTs for private not public agencies that service transportation government author	ted recipients, State n-profit agencies and at coordinate human ation States or local prities, private non- ns, or operators of	Bicycle improvements that provide access to an eligible public transportation fa cility and meet the needs of the elderly and individual with disabilities					
	Formula Grants for Rural Areas	State, Indian tribes, State DOTs for local rural transit providers, including private non-profits	State or local government authorities, nonprofit organizations, operators of public transportation	Bicycle routes to transit, bike racks, shelters and equipment for public transportation vehices	10%				
	TOD Planning Pilot Grants	State and local government agencies		Projects that facilitate multimodal connectivity and accessibility or Increase access to transit hubs for pedestrian and bicycle traffic	10%				
Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program		State DOTs, MPOs,	and other sponsors	Transportation project or program that is likely to contribute to the attainment or maintenance of a national ambient air quality standard and is included in the MPO's current transportation plan		not sp	pecified	\$2.360 Billion (2017)	
Highway Safety Improvement Program		State DOTs, MPOs,	and other sponsors	Examples include: Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons, Roadway improvements that provide separation between pedestrian and motor vehicles, including medians and pedestrian crossing islands	10%	not sp	ecified	\$2.275 Billion (2017)	
National Highway Performance Program		State DOTs, MPOs,	and other sponsors	Improvements to the National Highway System		not sp	ecified	\$22.828 Billion (2017)	
Section 402 State and Community Highway Safety Grant Program		State DOTs, MPOs,	and other sponsors	projects that improve pedestrian and bicycle safety		not sp	pecified	\$25,462,417 (C/ 2016)	
Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)		Cities, Counties, States		Projects that improve community development and economic development activities such as sidewalks	not specified				

Community Development Block Grant Program

Administered by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program supports projects that improve community development and economic development activities such as sidewalks. Eligible applicants include cities, counties, and states.

Other Federal Programs

The following federal programs that provide funding for larger projects including highway improvements, parts of which could benefit people biking and walking, or offer large block grants to address all transportation needs.

- The National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) (www.fhwa.dot.gov/fastact/factsheets/nhppfs.cfm)
- The Railway-Highway Crossings Program (<u>www.fhwa.dot.gov/fastact/factsheets/railwayhwycros</u> <u>singsfst.cfm</u>)
- Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (www.fhwa.dot.gov/fastact/factsheets/stbgfs.cfm)

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ATP Appendices

Given the size of the unincorporated county, a significant portion of technical analysis and supplemental information are included in the appendices. The following appendices provide supporting information for analysis, network recommendations, and conclusions made within the ATP document.

- Appendix A: Level of Traffic Stress (LTS) of Mobility Element Build Out
 Conditions Maps and Build Out Conditions with Draft Final Bikeway
 Classifications Maps presents analysis used in the development of the Draft
 Final ATP bicycle network. The analysis is presented in two maps for each
 planning area: the first map illustrates LTS ratings for buildout of the bicycle
 network as planned in the County's General Plan Mobility Element (2011) and
 the second map illustrates LTS ratings for buildout of the Draft Final ATP bicycle
 network.
- Appendix B: Active Transportation Facility Toolbox is a comprehensive document of active transportation facility information and supplemental measures that serve as a reference when planning, designing, and constructing roadway projects with multimodal facilities in suburban and rural contexts.
- Appendix C: Bicycling and Walking Demand Support Materials provides community-specific data and further explanation of the methods used to determine existing and future user demand as discussed in Chapter 3 and Chapter 4. The demand data is divided into source, current, future, and future demand adjusted tables as sub-appendices C-1 through C-4.
- Appendix D: Pedestrian Gap Analysis (PGA) includes the complete PGA document and supporting appendices. Supported by Planning & Development Services and managed by the Department of Public Works, the PGA identifies gaps for pedestrian improvements.
- Appendix E: Level of Traffic Stress (LTS) Analysis Metadata examines the
 data that was utilized for the level of traffic stress analysis of planned and
 recommended bicycle facilities, discussed in Chapter 3.
- Appendix F: Sample Projects and Scored Mobility Element Road Segments
 for all County Community Planning Areas summarizes the scores for each
 assessed roadway segment. This appendix is a useful reference as sample
 projects are constructed, additional projects are added to the CIP list, or
 additional road improvements are approved.
- Appendix G: Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Toolbox can be used as a standalone reference document for those implementing a SRTS program at their school.

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