

*Revised Draft language for Bike Safety Resolution by Councilmember Zapf*

Prioritizing Bicycle Infrastructure Improvements to Enhance Public Safety

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego commits to being a City where bicycling is a safe and viable travel choice, ideally providing citizens the ability to reach their destination points in a contiguous and reliable path using bikes as a sustainable method of transportation, AND

WHEREAS, in order to offer a comprehensive local and regional bikeway network, the City will prioritize and encourage the planning and development of bicycle-friendly projects, streets, and neighborhoods for both commuter and recreational riders, with key connectivity to transit stations, employment centers, schools, shopping centers and recreational areas, AND

WHEREAS, San Diego's temperate climate and diverse natural settings make our City an ideal location for residents and visitors to travel outdoors on a bicycle, both recreationally and as a commuter; with proven overall health benefits, financial savings from reduced vehicle and fuel costs, and with much less impact on the environment, AND

WHEREAS, in 2011 the City released an update to the 2002 Bicycle Master Plan, which was created based on the priorities of the 2008 General Plan. Expanding the existing bikeway network, connecting the gaps, improving intersection flow, and providing bicycle parking facilities are all worthy goals found in the Bicycle Master Plan that provide the City with a strong framework for supporting bicycling through 2030 and beyond, AND

WHEREAS, to help reduce bicycle-related collisions in the public right-of-way, the City should continue to explore all methods for increased safety, such as shared lane markings known as “sharrows” on narrow roadways without bike lanes, use of “cycle tracks” as protected bicycle facilities alongside the existing roadway as part of the road network, innovative pavement markings such as bright color bike lanes for better visibility by motorists, and proper maintenance of pavement surfaces, AND

WHEREAS, City of San Diego departments shall collaboratively seek out potential grant opportunities to secure funding for infrastructure improvements. Additionally, the City shall support and maintain staffing positions to implement bicycle projects, to work with input from community groups and the public, and prioritize areas to minimize the public safety risk to bicyclists and drivers, AND

WHEREAS, our City’s future population growth is planned to be accommodated mostly through infill development. Creating a functional system of mobility options including transit, walking, and biking will be essential to the quality of life of all San Diegans, AND

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of San Diego, that the City of San Diego supports prioritizing citywide bicycle infrastructure improvements which enhance rider safety, provide transportation options, and benefit the greater public as our region steps forward and progresses.