



Dear City of San Diego Mobility Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback and recommendations on the City's draft Complete Streets Policy. In addition to the Mobility Board meeting on August 2nd, we had the opportunity to discuss our recommendations with the Sustainability & Mobility department on Friday, August 18th. We have not received an update on the draft policy, nor did we have access to one at the time this letter was written as of the evening of September 5th, the evening prior to the Mobility Board meeting.

Rather than attempt to evaluate an update from City staff during the meeting and provide a public comment on the spot, we have devised a framework for questioning which we hope can support the Board in determining what elements of BikeSD feedback were incorporated in the update. As you review the updated Complete Streets Policy, we ask that you ensure following items requested by BikeSD are included in the policy:

Enforceability and Implementation

- Did staff commit to developing and following a complete streets checklist and is it enforceable?
- Does the policy state that during slurry seals, near-term, lower-cost engineering treatments (e.g. flex-post bike lanes and bulbouts) will be implemented without waiting for later resurfacing opportunities?
- Does the policy state that during asphalt overlay and CIP projects, permanent hardscape complete streets elements, such as curb extensions and curb-protected bikeways/intersections, will be implemented?

Design Standards

- Does the Complete Streets Policy incorporate by reference NACTO Design Standards?
 - Urban Street Design Guide
 - Urban Bikeway Design Guide
 - Designing for All Ages & Abilities Contextual Guidance
 - Transit Street Design Guide
- Similarly, is there a commitment from staff that NACTO Design Standards are being incorporated into the future Streets Design Manual Update?



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Public Input

- Does the policy include a well-defined exemption process that provides the public an opportunity to give input on exemptions requested by City staff?
- Does the Complete Streets policy remove the opportunity for those who seek to prevent street safety improvements to cite “neighborhood character” as a justification for their opposition?

Physical Design Features

- Does the policy incorporate special consideration of design features to accommodate emergency vehicles while still ensuring the implementation of complete streets?

Temporary Facilities during Construction adjacent to PROW

- Does the policy require construction and maintenance projects on or adjacent to public right-of-way to create temporary facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists?

As you apply this framework to the presented draft, know that these are just a few key elements we identified for improvement. Still, they reflect important aspects of the Complete Streets policy, which will guide San Diego’s street design and planning process for the foreseeable future.

We are grateful for your partnership in making our community a safer place to bike, walk, and roll.

Sincerely,

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