



# BAYSHORE BIKEWAY FACT SHEET



### Overview

The Bayshore Bikeway is envisioned as a separated bike path that will extend 24 miles around San Diego Bay. Planning for the bikeway began in the 1970s. In 2006, SANDAG updated the Bayshore Bikeway Plan and identified an alignment that uses railroad, utility, and other public rights-of-way. About 17.5 miles of the bikeway have been built to date.

Construction of the bikeway is paid for by federal, state, and local funds, including the regional *TransNet* half-cent sales tax for transportation, administered by SANDAG.

The Bayshore Bikeway is a regional asset that also is part of the California Coastal Trail, an initiative of the State Coastal Conservancy to create a 1,200-mile network of public trails from Oregon to Mexico. The bikeway takes riders through some of the most scenic areas in San Diego County, as well as to employment centers around San Diego Bay.

### Future Construction

A total of \$3,023,000 from federal and state agencies, *TransNet* sales tax, and the County of San Diego is programmed to plan, design, and construct an extension of the bike path that currently ends at Palomar Street in Chula Vista; construction of this segment is anticipated to begin in January 2021. The remaining gap that continues to Main Street will be completed pending the outcome of a proposed private development in the area. The rest of the planned bikeway in Chula Vista will be finished in conjunction with future redevelopment of the city's bayfront. As a condition of the redevelopment, the

Bayshore Bikeway will be extended from J Street to the Chula Vista Marina and north to the existing bike path at E Street.

The planned Barrio Logan segment of the bikeway extends from 32nd Street north to Park Boulevard. When finished, it will complete a major portion of the loop along the east side of San Diego Bay. This project is funded with a combination of funds from *TransNet* and the state Active Transportation Program. Final design is underway and construction is scheduled to be completed in December 2021.

### Bikeway Milestones

The first leg of the bikeway was built in 1976 when National City received \$50,000 from SANDAG to widen the Chollas Creek Bridge on Harbor Drive. The following year, the Bay Route Bikeway Steering Committee was formed by the County of San Diego and the cities of Coronado, Imperial Beach, Chula Vista, National City, and San Diego. As a result of their efforts, the state Legislature passed Senate Bill 283, which provided about \$1 million for bikeway construction. By 1983, nearly \$1.5 million had been spent to build the bikeway on unused railroad right-of-way along the Silver Strand in Coronado and on Harbor Drive in the City of San Diego.

Development of the bikeway gained further momentum when the Bayshore Bikeway Working Group was formed in 1989. The group consists of an elected official from the County of San Diego and each of the five cities around the bay, as well as representatives from the San Diego Unified Port District and the biking community.

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- » In 2015, a 0.6-mile extension of the Bayshore Bikeway was completed along Harbor Drive between 32nd Street and Vesta Street. Built within the City of San Diego, this segment is the first phase of construction for a project that will eventually connect to the existing bike path in National City and the Gordy Shields Bridge over the Sweetwater River.
- » In February 2018, the northern half of the National City segment was completed with the construction of a 1-mile separated bike path along Harbor Drive from the National City boundary south to Civic Center Drive and Tidelands Avenue. The SANDAG project also installed one mile of bike lanes on Tidelands Avenue and 0.2 miles of shared lane markings on W 32nd Street as an interim facility while the Port District plans the final bike path connection south of Civic Center Drive in conjunction with their plans for redevelopment of the National City bayfront.

With the leadership of the Bayshore Bikeway Working Group, the Port District, the City of Imperial Beach, Caltrans, and the City of San Diego completed 4 miles of the Bayshore Bikeway between 1993 and 2012.

In 2011, SANDAG began construction on the Bayshore Bikeway and has since completed the following projects:

- » In March 2012, SANDAG completed a 1.8-mile segment of the bikeway between Palomar Street and H Street in Chula Vista in partnership with the City of Chula Vista and the Port of San Diego.

### Regional Collaboration

Construction of the Bayshore Bikeway requires collaboration between local, regional, state, and federal agencies, as well as public and private property owners. The bikeway crosses through land or easements owned by the U.S. Navy, Port District, Metropolitan Transit System, and others.

### For More Information

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