

# **Imperial Avenue Bikeway**

A Case Study of Partnerships That Build Bikeway Projects

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# What is SANDAG?

### **Metropolitan Planning Organization**

 Federal Designation: transportation funding – Regional Plan

### **Regional Transportation Planning Agency**

 State Designation: transportation funding – Regional Plan

### **Council of Governments**

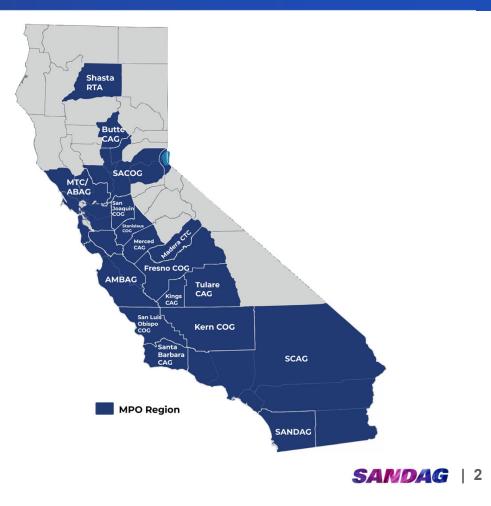
 State Designation: Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA)

### **Consolidated Agency**

• State Law: Plan and build transportation projects

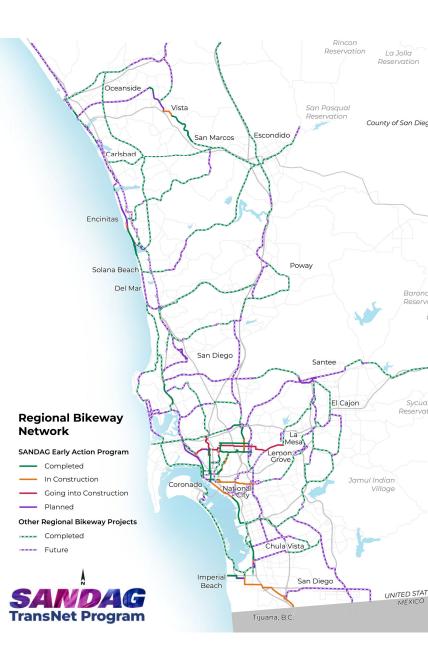
### **Regional Transportation Commission**

TransNet: program, oversight, and funding

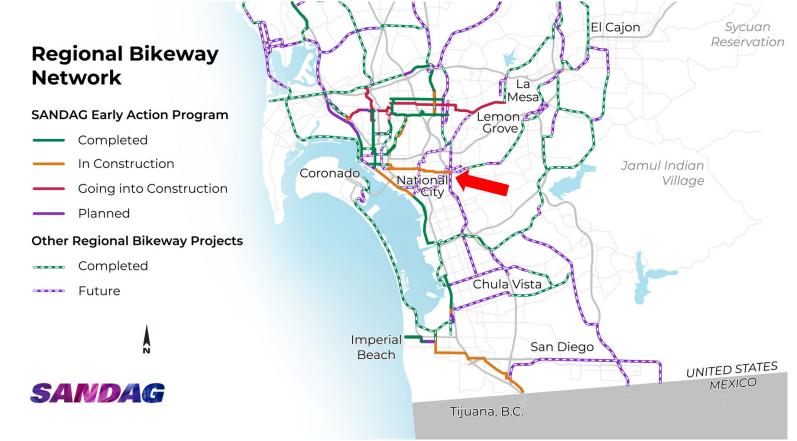


# TransNet Regional Bike Early Action Plan (EAP)

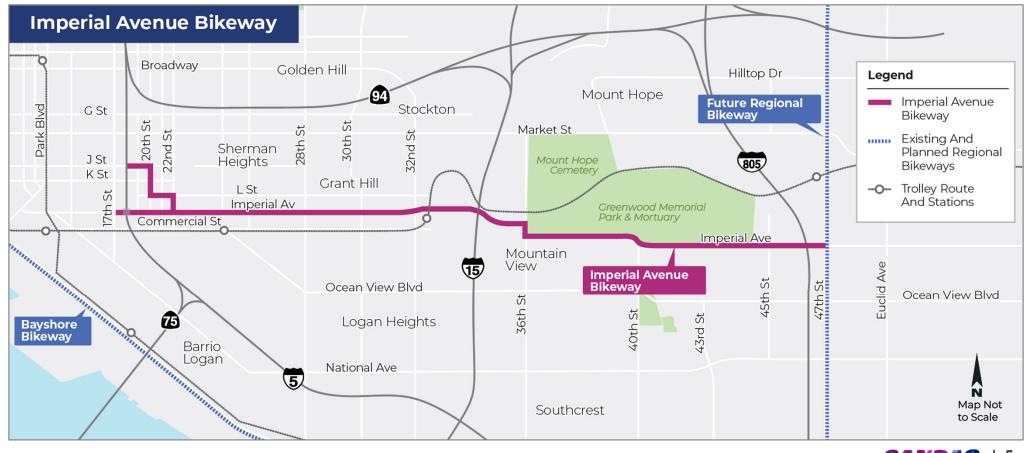
- Network of 77 miles of new bikeways approved in 2013
- Since 2013
  - 12 projects opened to the public (27 miles)
  - -4 currently in construction (12 miles)
  - 11 are in the final design phase (18 miles)
- Designed for increased safety with connections to local and regional bikeways, local destinations like schools and parks, and major regional destinations.



### **Connections to the Bike Network**



### **Project Area**



### **Improvements & Safety Benefits**





## **Project Features**

EXAMPLES

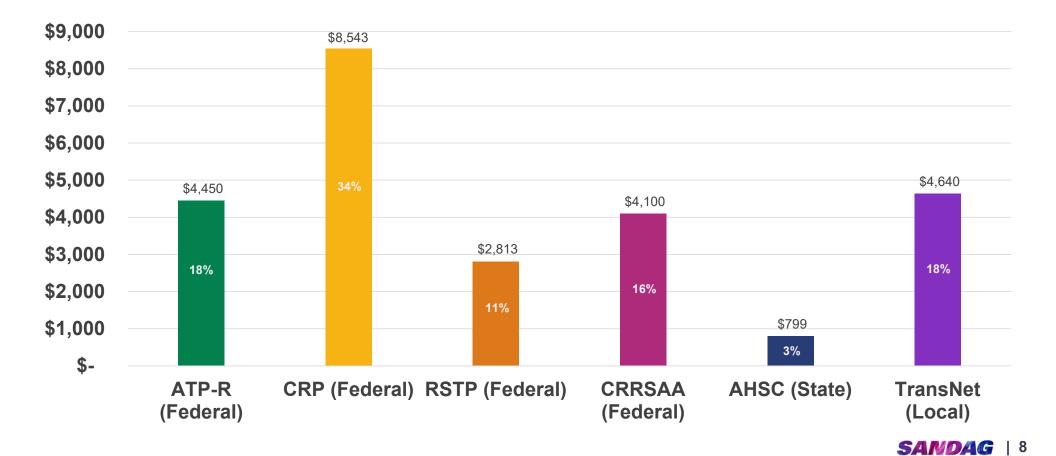


**Separated Bikeway** 

**Bend Outs** 

Bus Islands

### Funding Breakdown (in thousandths)



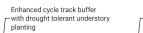
# **Community Housing Works Partnership**

### **Community Housing Works - AHSC**

- Introduced in 2018/2019 via Sustainable Communities planning group at SANDAG
- AHSC application was a multi-agency effort (City of San Diego, MTS, SANDAG, and CHW)
- Keeler Court Apartments
  - Built in 2021
  - 71 affordable units
  - 0.3 miles south from bikeway project
  - AHSC funding included transit, bikeway, and heat island reduction treatments

# **AHSC Funded Bikeway Treatments**

- \$799k
- Treatments include:
  - Enhanced concrete medians
  - Irrigation
  - Landscaping
    - Shade trees
    - Shrubs
    - Rocks



- Existing median to remain

Imperial Ave Bikeway | 45th Street to Messina Way





with drought tolerant understory Enlargement Plan - new median planting

Enhanced cycle track buffer

planting and shade trees



Variegated Brisbane Box

Yucca gloriosa 'Bright Star

Yellow Spanish Yucca



Baja Cresta Gray Rock Mulch and Bould



Aloe barbadensis Barbados Aloe



Echinocactus grusonii Golden Barrel Cactus

Bulbine frutescens 'Hallmark Stalked Bulbine

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Spurlock | CR Associates | Community Housing Works

### **Other Notable Partnerships**



**City of San Diego** Applied for a grant application to provide an urban greening gateway to downtown

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### **Caltrans District 11**

Caltrans is partnering with two non-profits to bring community murals where project crosses state highway system (funding unknown)

# **Currently In Construction**

- Construction started in late 2024
- Retaining wall is complete
- Actively working on saw cutting & subgrade work for AHSC funded portion
- Planning to be open to the public in 2026



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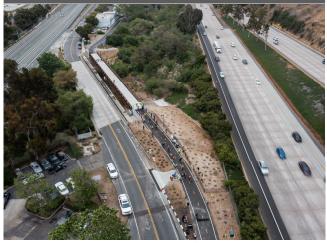


### **Bikeway Early Action Plan Completed Projects** Twelve projects completed across the region



Bike Ridership 28%	
Pedestrian Travel 24	<b>\$</b>
Motor Vehicle Travel	24
Motor Vehicle Speeds	20

Coastal Rail Trail: Rose Creek Bikeway



Bike Ridership 14% Pedestrian Travel 45% Motor Vehicle Travel 18%

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2018 vs. 2022 Bike Ridership 5 Pedestrian Travel 2