



REPORT to the MAYOR and MEMBERS of the CITY COUNCIL  
From the CITY MANAGER

DATE: April 22, 2025

SUBJECT: PRESENTATION ON THE PLANNING PHASE OF THE  
LA MESA BIKE AND SIDEWALK CONNECTIONS  
PROJECT

ISSUING DEPARTMENT: Public Works

SUMMARY:

Recommendation:

Receive a presentation on La Mesa Bike and Sidewalk Connections Planning Study and provide comments to Staff.

Fiscal Impact:

None at this time. Final design and construction activities are contingent on grants and other sources of funding yet to be determined. Adoption of the staff recommended alternatives makes these projects more competitive for grant funding.

City's Strategic Goals:

- Maintain a community where residents and visitors feel safe.
- Promote a high quality of life that current and future generations can afford to call home.
- Invest in infrastructure to serve the needs of the community.

Climate Action Plan Reduction Strategy:

- T-1: Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure Development

## **BACKGROUND:**

Consistent with the City's goals mentioned above and the adopted Vision Zero Plan, the City of La Mesa invests in its transportation corridors to maintain its infrastructure, improve corridor safety, and encourage economic development.

The City of La Mesa received an Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant for the La Mesa Bike and Sidewalk project. The project approval and environmental documentation (PA&ED) phase of the grant was completed in 2024.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The goal of the La Mesa Bike and Sidewalk Connections project is to complete gaps in the bike and pedestrian circulation networks along collector and arterial streets within the City of La Mesa to improve safety and access to transit, schools, parks, healthcare, and other essential services.

The goal of the PA&ED phase is to complete a planning level study that assessed opportunities and constraints, determined needs/demands, informed the community, collected feedback, and evaluated alternatives, have multiple options, and complicating factors such as school traffic, challenges to construction (such as encroaching private improvements) or right of way acquisition. There are eight planning segments included in this scope of work:

- A. La Mesa Rail Trail Multi-Use Path
- B. Pasadena Avenue Sidewalks/Collier Multi-Use Path/Mariposa Trail (Spring Street to Upland Street)
- C. Palm Avenue Bike Lanes (University Avenue to Spring Street)
- D. Gateside Road Bike Lanes and Sidewalk (Park Lane to Payson Road)
- E. La Mesa Boulevard Bike Lanes (Jackson Drive to I-8)
- F. Jackson Drive Bike Lanes and Sidewalks (La Mesa Blvd. to Lemon Avenue)
- G. Lemon Avenue Sidewalks and Bike Lanes (Glen St. to SR 125)
- H. Garfield Street Sidewalks

Staff recommended alternatives are provided in this presentation and the final planning study report. Segment E (La Mesa Boulevard Bike Lanes) is not included in this presentation because it overlaps with the La Mesa Boulevard Complete Streets project area and those improvements will be made as part of that project.

City staff presented the results of the study to the Mobility Commission and the Environmental Sustainability Commission in June 2024 and May 2024, respectively. The commissions have passed motions to approve the staff recommended alternatives. After

the presentation, staff will return at a future City Council meeting with a recommendation of adoption of the planning study.

**CONCLUSION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council provide comments on the La Mesa Bike and Sidewalk Connections Planning Study.

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