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City of San Diego Seeks Community Input on Ways to Improve Street Safety

'SAFE STREETS FOR ALL' PROGRAM LAUNCHES INTERACTIVE WEBSITE AND ONLINE SURVEY

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego is launching its Safe Streets for All virtual open house and seeking feedback on what steps can be taken to ensure safety for bicyclists, pedestrians, drivers and all who use the city's roadways. The goal of Safe Streets for All is to improve street safety in the city and support the goal of zero severe traffic-related injuries or fatalities.

Those who are interested in shaping our city's transportation future are invited to participate in a <u>virtual open house</u> taking place online through Dec. 2, 2024. This interactive website provides information on the initiatives included in the program and gives users the opportunity to take a survey and weigh in on their priorities for street safety.

Safe Streets for All strives to reduce harm from crashes, slow traffic and create more family-friendly neighborhoods. Having walkable and bike-friendly streets will also ensure San Diego is a healthier, more sustainable city. The online survey asks users to identify places and projects to support these goals. If you can think of a street or intersection that can be made safer for walking, biking and skateboarding, please participate in the virtual open house at your convenience and provide your feedback.

This project is funded by a \$680,000 <u>Safe Streets and Roads for All</u> federal grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. The grant was made possible thanks to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law that was approved by Congress in 2021.

"The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is helping us advance our Vision Zero goals and make our streets safer for everyone, whether they're walking, biking, rolling, driving or using public transportation," said Mayor Todd Gloria. "I encourage all San Diegans to share their insights on what changes in their communities will help us create safer, more accessible streets citywide."

"I voted for the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law which established the Safe Streets and Roads for All program," said U.S. Rep. Scott Peters. "By working together with federal support, we can make significant progress toward achieving the goal of zero roadway injuries or fatalities."

"Everyone deserves to be safe while traveling in our communities. It's great to see the City of San Diego use Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding to launch this new initiative and help make that a reality for residents in every ZIP code," said U.S. Rep. Juan Vargas. "If you know of a street or intersection that could be improved with a safety project, you're invited to participate in this virtual open house and share your feedback."

The Safe Streets for All project has three parts:

- Historically Disadvantaged Community Quick Build, which will evaluate and identify safety improvement projects in underserved communities.
- A Comprehensive Speed Management Plan, which aims to evaluate opportunities to reduce speed limits citywide.
- A Slow Streets Program, which will identify streets where traffic calming initiatives may be used to create safer spaces for walking, biking, and community activities.

"The City is committed to pursuing its <u>Vision Zero</u> goals, which call for eliminating traffic-related fatalities and severe injuries," said Heather Werner, Interim Director of the City's Sustainability and Mobility Department. "Making San Diego safer for residents and visitors using any mode of transportation will improve the quality of life and enjoyment of our communities for all."

For more information on Safe Streets for All and to take the online survey, visit: https://ss4asd.com/



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