



NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE (NPPC)

Public Facilities and Transportation Subcommittee Minutes

September 12, 2023 6:00 p.m.

Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Meeting (Virtual Via Zoom)

In-Person Location:

Horizon North Park, 2901 North Park Way, San Diego, CA 92104

Agenda

- I. Consent Agenda Items (6:00-6:05 p.m.)**
 - a. Call to Order, Roll Call and Attendance Report: Lynn Elliott, Basil Mournian, Liz Saba, Doug Schueler – Subcommittee Chair
 - b. Modifications & Adoption of the August 8th Meeting Minutes: Minutes adopted as published.
 - c. Modifications & Adoption of the September 12th Agenda: Agenda adopted as published.

- II. Non-Agenda Public Comment (6:05-6:10 p.m.)**
 - a. Limited to Items not on Agenda; non-debatable. Two-minute maximum, Chair can award more time.
 - i. Movie in the Park/Halloween event planned for North Park Mini Park on 27 October from 5:30 to 7:30pm
 - ii. Inquiries were made on the status of the University Avenue Mobility Project, in particular when the project would be completed. Current status of the project and remaining schedule can be found at: [University Avenue Mobility Project | Capital Improvements Program \(CIP\) | City of San Diego Official Website](#)

- III. Action and Informational Items (6:10-6:55 p.m.)**
 - a. Informational Item 1: Potential Traffic Congestion with University Avenue Project – *Going East on University toward the 805 onramps, traffic can currently be backed up for several blocks during rush hour, and sometimes even on weekends. During these times it can be difficult to get out on University going East from the side streets such as Bancroft and 32nd St, or from the Barron’s parking lot. As the street striping is planned for the University project (slide 2), it*

appears that the dedicated Bus Lane won't end with a transition to full two-way traffic until nearly Bancroft. This will cause further traffic backup and frustration. I suggest that the city look into ending the dedicated Bus Lane at the 32nd Street intersection. Ideally, I would like to see someone from the City Traffic Dept address this, and the ongoing delays in the overall implementation of the project, at the next full meeting. (see supplemental slides)

Presenter: Bob LaRose

- i. Recommended providing this concern to the City Planning Department for their review and possible action.

- b. Informational Item 2: Landscape Maintenance on Landis and Meade Street Bike Lanes - *These were installed at great expense by SANDAG and the City has not been maintaining them. Weeds have been going wild and they have become a blight to the surrounding neighborhoods. After several months of communicating with Councilman Whitburn's office. There has finally been some progress (see email below). In the meantime, someone chopped the weeds down in the Utah/Landis Circle and a neighbor and I removed the debris.*

From: Braydis, Logan <LBraydis@sandiego.gov>

Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2023 12:03 PM

To: larose@shortwaves.com

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Lack of Maintenance on Landis Street Bikeway

Hi Bob,

I hope this email finds you well. I wanted to share some recent updates I've received.

Firstly, regarding the maintenance of the bikeways, there's some positive news. The center medians along Landis and Meade streets have already been sprayed for weeds, and I'm pleased to inform you that they are scheduled to be completely cleared by the contractor by the end of next month, specifically by the end of September.

However, it appears that the main challenge here is the parkways. These areas have been identified as having the highest weed growth and are the responsibility of the property owners whose land abuts these spaces. It's important to note that State & Highway Code 56.10 explicitly places the responsibility of maintaining these parkways on the abutting property owners. As such, we cannot expect these areas to be cleared by the contractor. To address this issue, the Transportation Department has taken proactive steps. They have initiated a request with the Code Enforcement to inspect these parkways and send notices to property owners who might not be in compliance with the maintenance requirements.

I see a big problem, especially after so much time has gone by, with asking the residents to clean-up the parkways at each corner in front of their homes. I understand that in some cases SANDAG may have removed existing trees as part of the project and any new responsibilities for the homeowners should have been made clear from the beginning. Some have been doing it right along but others were apparently expecting/waiting for the City to clean them up and some of the weeds now are more like small trees. In a few cases I have seen that small Palm



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