

ROSE CREEK BIKE PATH COASTAL RAIL TRAIL

Overview

The Rose Creek segment of the Coastal Rail Trail is envisioned as a Class 1 bike path or protected bikeway that connects the City of San Diego's existing sections of the Rose Canyon and Rose Creek Bike Paths. The bike path will fill an approximately two mile gap in the Regional Bicycle Network, and is intended to provide a comfortable bike riding environment for people of all ages and abilities.

The Rose Creek Bike Path is part of the regional Coastal Rail Trail, which consists of a 40-mile system of multi-use trails extending from Oceanside to Santa Fe Station in Downtown San Diego. The part that we'll be working to improve is a very important connection between points to the north, such as Sorrento Valley, UTC and UCSD, and points to the south, such as Mission Bay, Pacific Beach, Mission Valley and Downtown.

For a person riding from the north to the south, the Rose Creek Bike

Path begins at the north end of Santa Fe Street and will connect to the existing bike path at Mission Bay Park, near the City's new Mike Gotch Memorial Bridge over Rose Creek Inlet. The exact location of the path has yet to be determined.

The project is now in the design phase of the implementation process. During the design phase alignment and design alternatives will be analyzed with insight from a collaborative, community-based process. The exact alignment will be determined through a community outreach process beginning spring 2013. Design, engineering and construction of this segment of the Coastal Rail Trail are funded by federal, state, and local funds, including the regional TransNet half-cent sales tax.

Public Outreach Plan and Community Networking

The project team will conduct outreach activities to ensure that the public is provided with up-to-date information and opportunities to provide input as the project is developed.

An important part of the design phase is engaging a wide range of representative, community-based interests to inform project development. All community members are encouraged to participate in sharing information and collecting input from people they know that are interested.

Public Outreach Plan

- Develop key consistent project messages
- Create appropriate technical information
- Agency/elected officials outreach
- Engage community stakeholders
- Hold public workshops
- Prepare environmental review

Riding to 2050: San Diego Regional Bike Plan

The San Diego Regional Bike Plan (Bike Plan) was adopted to provide a regional strategy for making the bicycle a useful form of transportation for everyday travel. The Bike Plan was developed to support implementation of the both the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

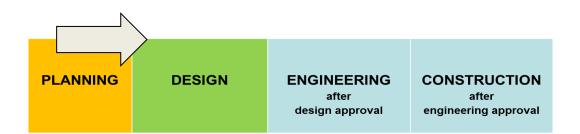
The RCP calls for more transportation options and a balanced regional transportation system that supports smart growth and a more sustainable region. The RTP calls for a multimodal regional transportation system that includes a regional bicycle network.

The Bike Plan provides that network and recommends the programs that are necessary to support it. The region has already made a significant investment in four Class I bikeways, including the Bayshore Bikeway, Inland Rail Trail, Coastal Rail Trail, and San Diego River Trail.

The Bike Plan calls for completing these Class I projects and identifies additional high priority projects to connect activity centers in the most urbanized areas of the region. The Rose Creek Coastal Rail Trail Project is one of the first high priority projects to be funded for design and construction. For more information about the Bike Plan, visit **www.sandag.org/regionalbikeplan**

Regional Bike Plan Goals

- Significantly increase levels of bicycling
- Improve bicycling safety
- Encourage development of complete streets
- Support reductions in greenhouse gas emissions
- Increase community support for bicycling



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