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CC: Councilmember Jennifer Campbell, District 2

Seamus Kennedy, Ocean Beach Liaison to Councilmember Campbell

Re: Safety Improvements at Nimitz and I-8

All,

The Ocean Beach Planning Board (OBPB) would like to make the following recommendations for safety improvements at the intersection of Nimitz Blvd and I-8. Helping to support the goals of SANDAG, Caltrans, and City of San Diego to create safer streets for people who walk and bike and to increase ridership throughout the region.

First, OBPB would like to request Caltrans and the City of San Diego work in collaboration to evaluate and implement safe paint markings, per NACTO guidelines, through the Nimitz/I-8 intersection.

These paint marking should include:

- Distinct lane markers
- Separated bike lanes
- Way finding

OBPB long term goal would be for SANDAG to prioritize the EAP project along Nimitz Blvd and safe crossings at the I-8 intersection. We recommend safety improvements that provide separated bikeways through this dangerous area.

Nimitz Blvd. is a major link connecting bike routes from downtown to the beach areas, destinations to the north, and from the Peninsula and OB communities to parklands. Thus, Nimitz Blvd. deserves special attention to provide for these safe commutes.

Please keep OBPB updated on this request. We appreciate the collaborative approach.

Best,

Andrea Schlageter

Chair, Ocean Beach Planning Board