

GEORGIA – MEADE BIKEWAY

North Park | Mid-City Bikeways



Overview

The Georgia – Meade Bikeway is one of seven segments planned as part of the North Park | Mid-City Bikeways, which will add approximately 13 miles of bike boulevards and protected bikeways and connect the North Park and Mid-City neighborhoods. The Georgia – Meade Bikeway also will provide important connections to Hillcrest via the future Robinson Bikeway and Uptown Bikeways and to City Heights via the future SR15 | Central Avenue Bikeway.

The 3.5-mile Georgia – Meade Bikeway will run along Georgia Street between Robinson Avenue and Howard Avenue, shift to Howard Avenue for one block, and continue on Florida Street to Meade Avenue, and the bikeway will run along Meade Avenue between Park Boulevard and Fairmount Avenue. Proposed features include buffered bike lanes, neighborhood traffic circles, raised crosswalks, and other traffic calming measures designed to make the streets more pleasant for everyone – people who walk, bike, drive cars, work, and live there.

Background

The project will help fulfill the vision laid out in the San Diego Regional Bike Plan to make riding a bike a safer and more convenient choice for everyday travel. Additionally, the project is in alignment with the City of San Diego’s Bicycle Master Plan and

Climate Action Plan. This is a priority project funded through the Regional Bike Plan Early Action Program.

Since the North Park | Mid-City Bikeways planning process began in 2013, ten community workshops were held and more than 100 presentations were made to existing community groups to discuss project details and gather community input for the project in order to create more opportunities to walk and bike in a low-stress environment. To get involved or to learn more about the project, visit KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/GeorgiaMeadeBikeway.

Design

The proposed improvements were strategically selected and designed to maximize safety for people riding bikes and walking. Each block and intersection has been analyzed based on existing conditions to balance the goals of the project within the context of the community. The proposed improvements collectively achieve the goals of the project.

Construction

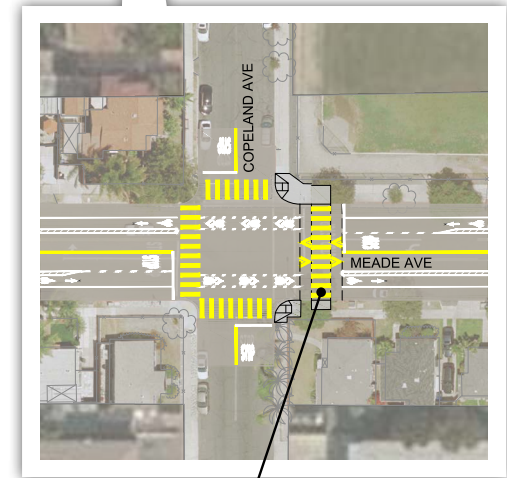
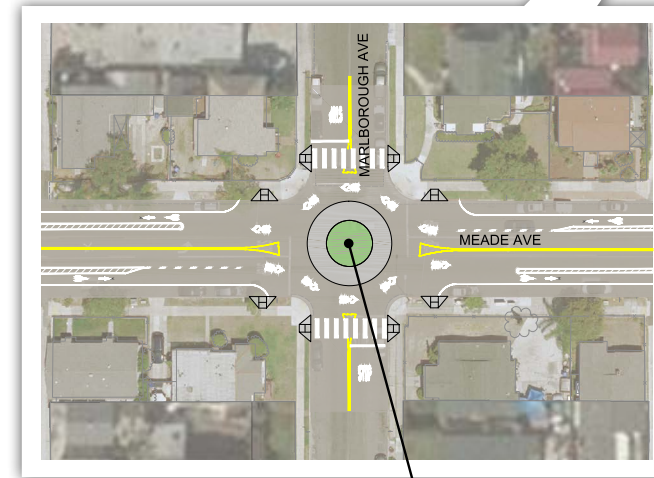
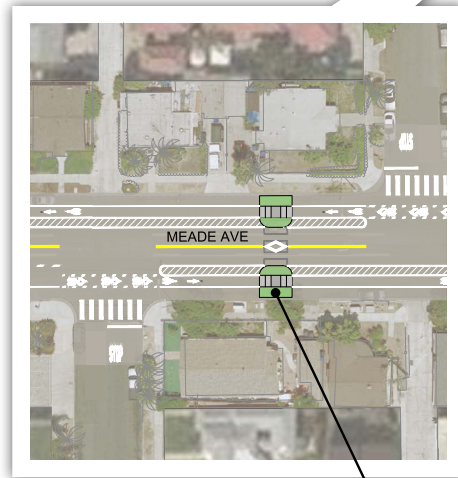
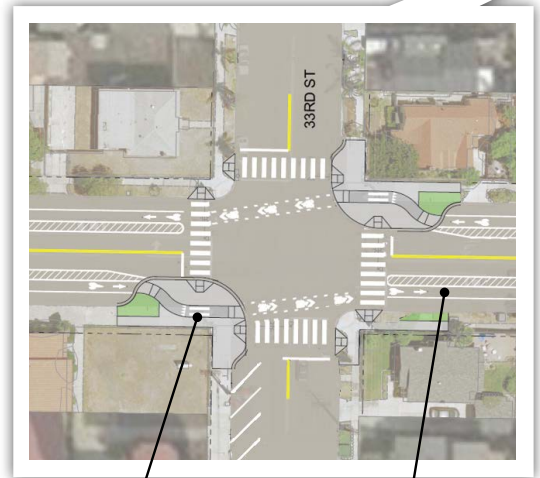
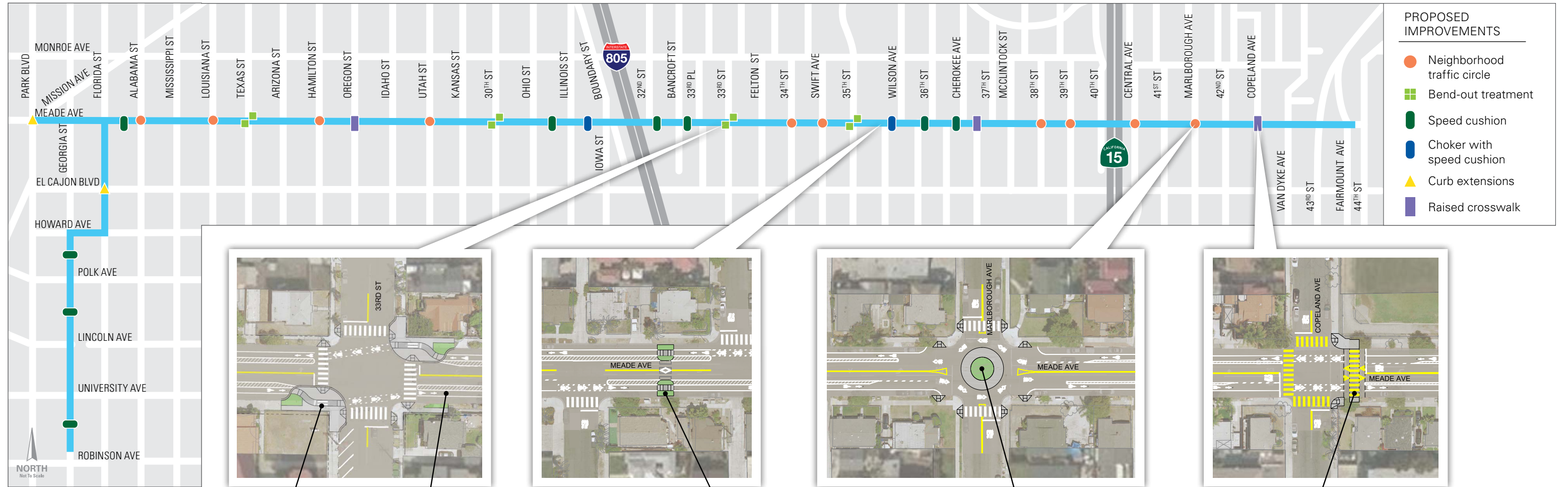
Construction on the Georgia-Meade Bikeway is anticipated to begin in fall 2019. To subscribe to project updates, visit KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/SubscribeGObyBIKE.



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PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AND SAFETY BENEFITS



Bend-Out Treatments

- Increase comfort of people riding bikes by positioning them further ahead of the vehicle limit line at the intersection, creating separation that gives people riding bikes a head start from people driving when the traffic light turns green, improves visibility of people riding bikes, and increases reaction time for people driving
- Increase safety for people biking by eliminating the mixing zone with right-turning vehicles
- Increase safety for people walking by reducing crossing distances



Buffered Bike Lanes

- Increase the comfort of people riding bikes by separating them from people driving cars with a painted buffer
- Increase comfort of people walking by creating more distance between the sidewalk and people driving cars
- Calm traffic by narrowing roadways



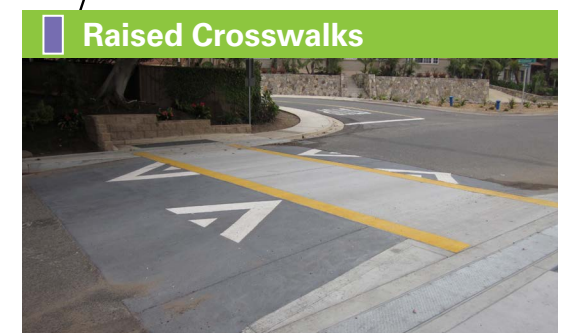
Chokers with Speed Cushion

- Reduce traffic speeds with a vertical deflection and by narrowing the roadway
- Physically separate people riding bikes and people driving



Neighborhood Traffic Circles

- Slow traffic and improve the safety and comfort of everyone who uses the streets
- Provide an opportunity for public art or decorative hardscapes in the center island



Raised Crosswalks

- Alert people driving to a crossing for people walking
- Slow traffic and improve the safety and comfort of people walking

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

Healthier Lifestyles



Up to 32% of people who bike use fewer sick days.

Up to 55% have lower health costs.

Up to 52% show an increase in productivity.¹

Job Creation



On average, every \$1M spent on bicycle infrastructure helped create 11.4 jobs compared to 7.8 jobs for road-only infrastructure.²

For More Information

Visit KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/GeorgiaMeadeBikeway or contact Project Manager, Danny Veeh, at (619) 699-7317 or danny.veeh@sandag.org to be added to the project mailing list.

Sources:

¹ page 25, "Protected Bike Lanes Mean Business", bikewalkalliance.org

² Pedestrian & Bicycle Infrastructure: A National Study of Employment Impacts

Schedule

- **Preliminary Engineering**
2014 – 2016
- **Final Design**
2016 – 2019
- **Construction**
2019 – 2022

Funding

- Construction of the Georgia – Meade Bikeway is estimated to be \$9 million
- The project is funded through construction as part of the \$200 million Regional Bike Early Action Program funded by *TransNet*, the regional half-cent sales tax for transportation approved by voters countywide