

# LIVING STREETS STUDY SESSION



October 14, 2024

# What is a Living Street?

## RESOLUTION 12-6821

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A LIVING STREETS POLICY FOR THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** In 2011, the Hermosa, Redondo and Manhattan Beach City Councils adopted the 'Beach Cities Livability Plan,' a key component of the Blue Zones Project™ initiative to facilitate active lifestyles to improve health, well-being and longevity.

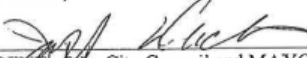
**Section 2.** The City of Hermosa Beach desires to complete the Blue Zones Community Pledge by aligning city policies to achieve this objective.

**Section 3.** A "living streets" policy will assist the city in its desire to complete the Blue Zones Community Pledge and to become a Blue Zones Community, by promoting the health and mobility of all Hermosa Beach citizens and visitors by providing high quality pedestrian, bicycling, and transit access to destinations throughout the City, as well as ensuring streets and the transportation network is attractive and incorporates sustainability considerations.


**Section 4.** The City of Hermosa Beach City Council hereby adopts the "Living Streets Policy" set forth in Exhibit 1 hereto.

**Section 5.** That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution, shall cause the same to be entered among the original resolutions of said City; and shall make a minute of the passage and adoption thereof in the records of the proceeding of the City Council of said City in the minutes of the meeting at which the same is passed and adopted.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 11th day of December, 2012.

  
PRESIDENT of the City Council and MAYOR of the City of Hermosa Beach, California

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
CITY ATTORNEY

- Promote health and mobility for the needs of all roadway users and abilities;
- Enhance safety and security for all users;
- Incorporate inviting streetscapes to foster economic development;
- Integrate sustainability and conservation principles; and
- Design for people



# Ongoing Challenges

1 e-bikes and sidewalk riding

2 Pedestrian access

3 Intersection safety



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# Opportunity

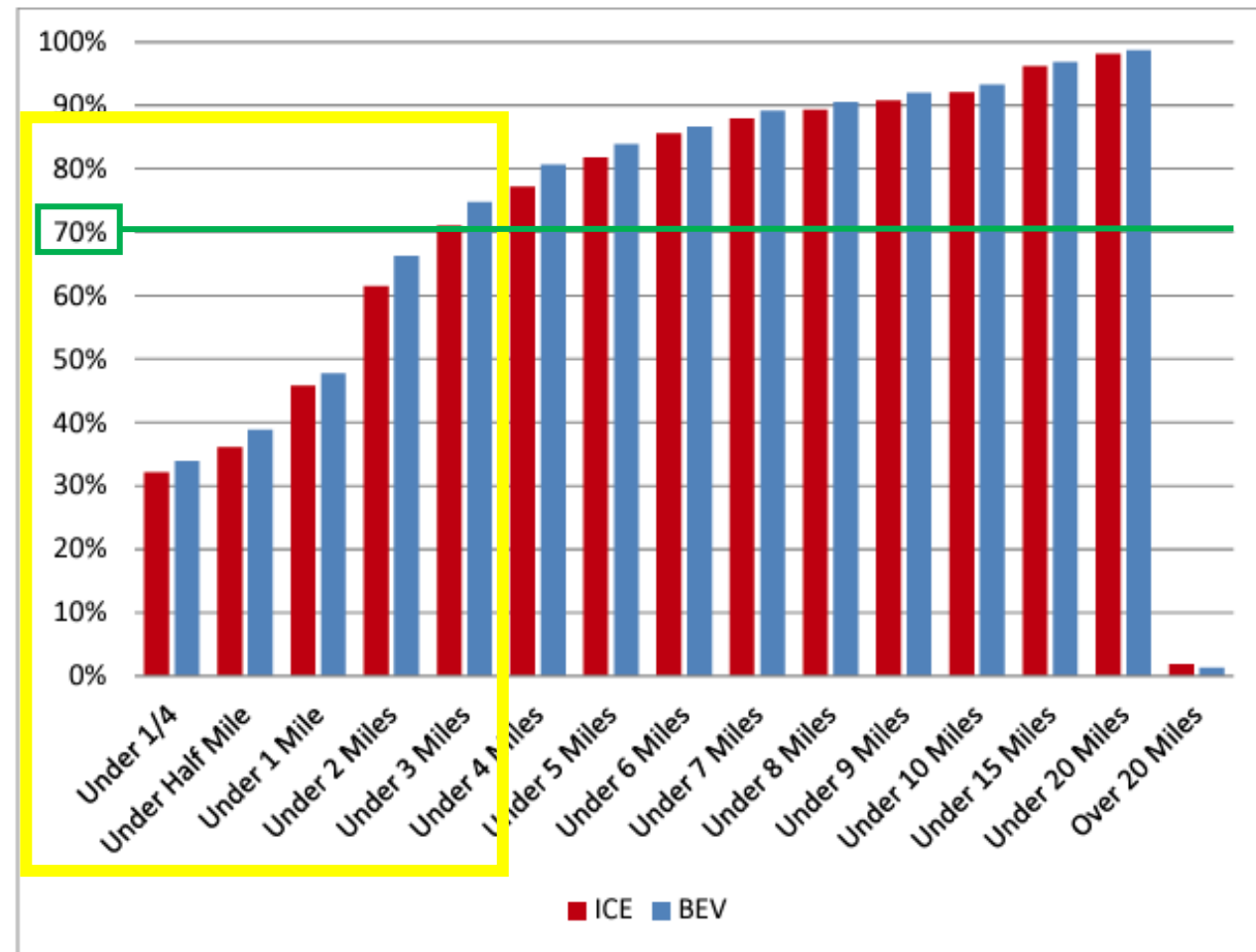
## South Bay

- 70% of car trips in the South Bay average 3 miles or less

Source: SBCCOG BEV Project, 2015



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COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



**BEV:** Battery electric vehicles  
**ICE:** Internal combustion engine

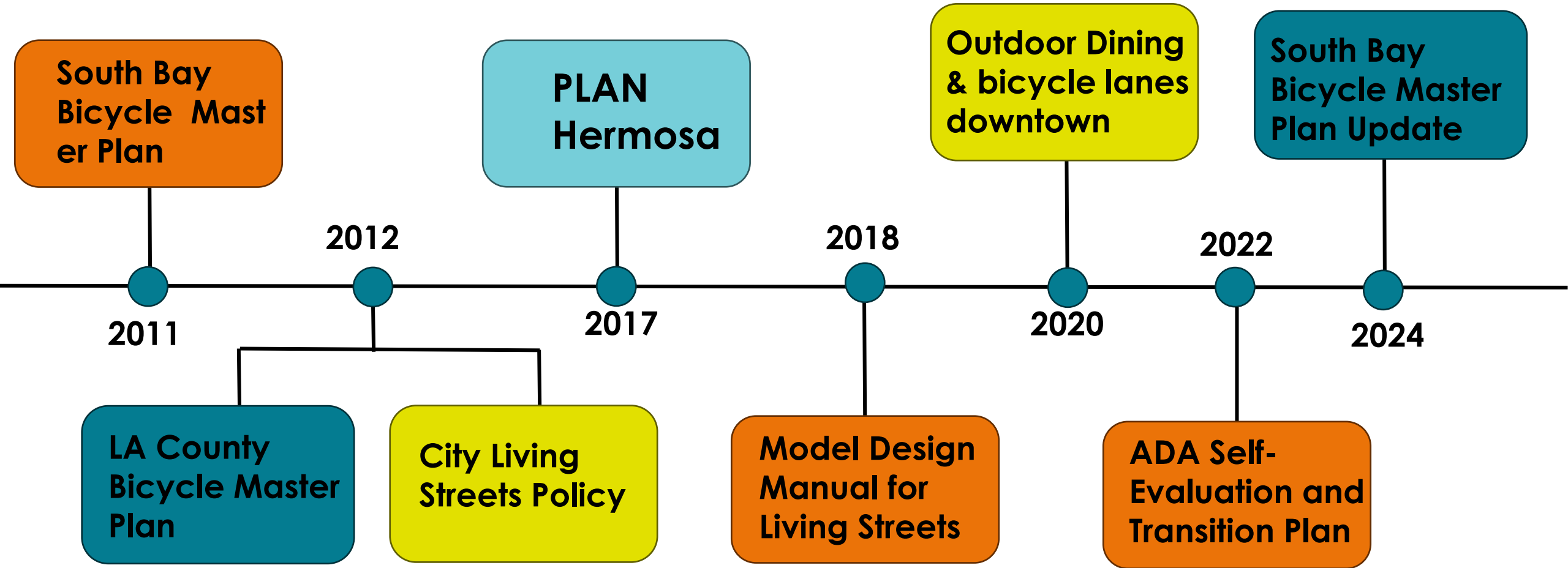


# Ongoing Efforts

- Integration of Living Streets Elements in CIP
- Bike Smart Hermosa, 2022
  - 3 E's:
    - Education
    - Enforcement
    - Engineering



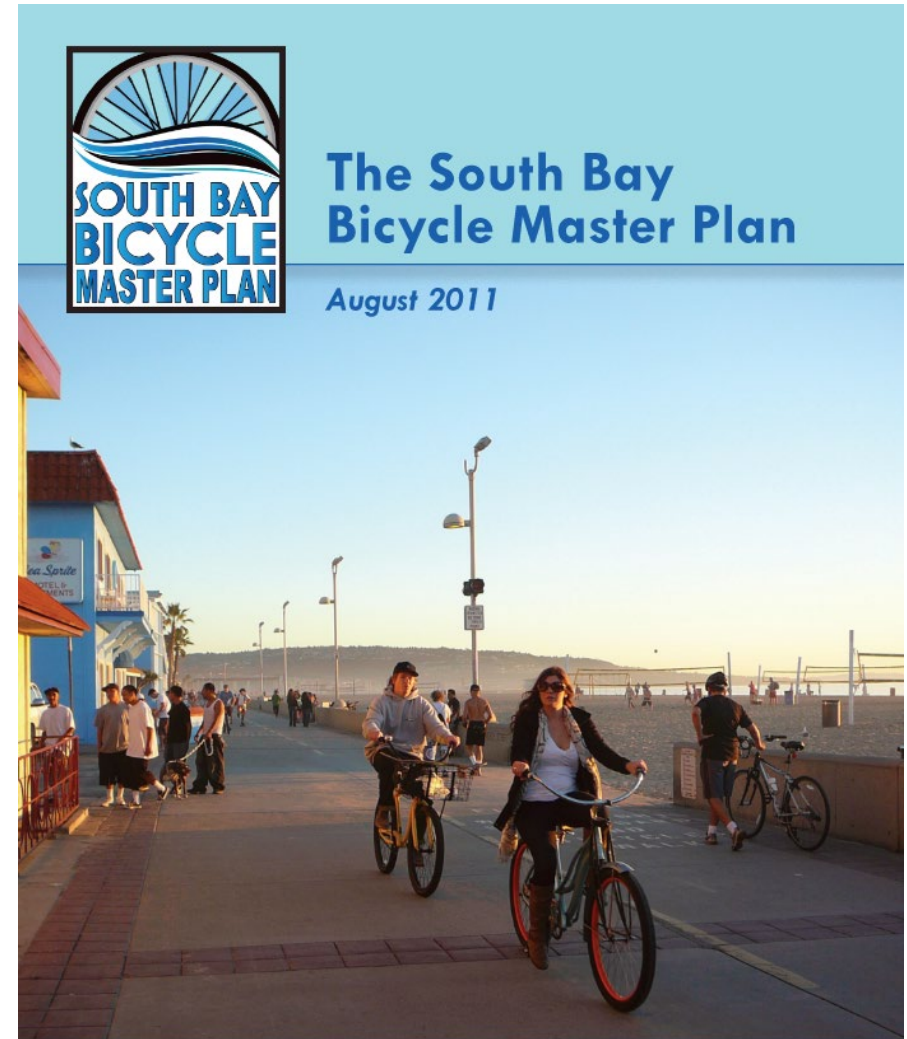
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# 2011 South Bay Bicycle Master Plan

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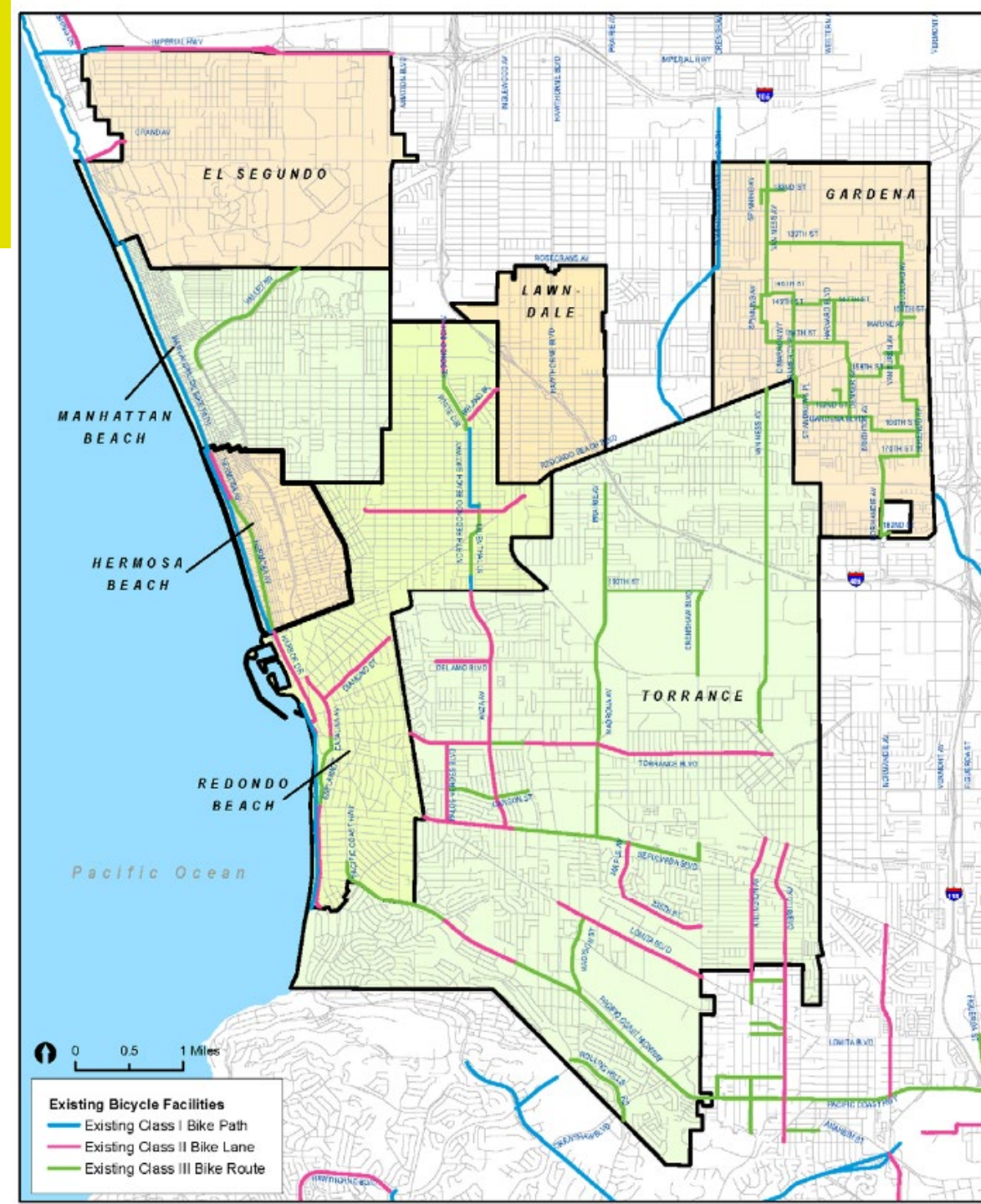
- Partnership between Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition (LACBC) and South Bay Bicycle Coalition (SBBC)
- Seven cities represented in master plan: Hermosa Beach, El Segundo, Gardena, Lawndale, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, and Torrance





# 2011 SOUTH BAY BICYCLE MASTER PLAN

- Plan outlines over 200 miles of regional bicycle network
- Proposes a series of interconnected bikeways, bike parking facilities, and associated programs and policies throughout South Bay
- Council adopted 2011





# PLAN Hermosa – 2017 Intended Bike Network

- shared space**
  - shared roadway
  - multi-use path or buffered bike lane
- bicycle facilities**
  - bike lane
  - sharrows
  - bike blvd
- boundaries**
  - city limits
  - coastal zone



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# PLAN Hermosa – Implementation

- Enhanced from Original Plan
- In Place
- Partially In Place
- Not In Place

- boundaries
- city limits
  - coastal zone



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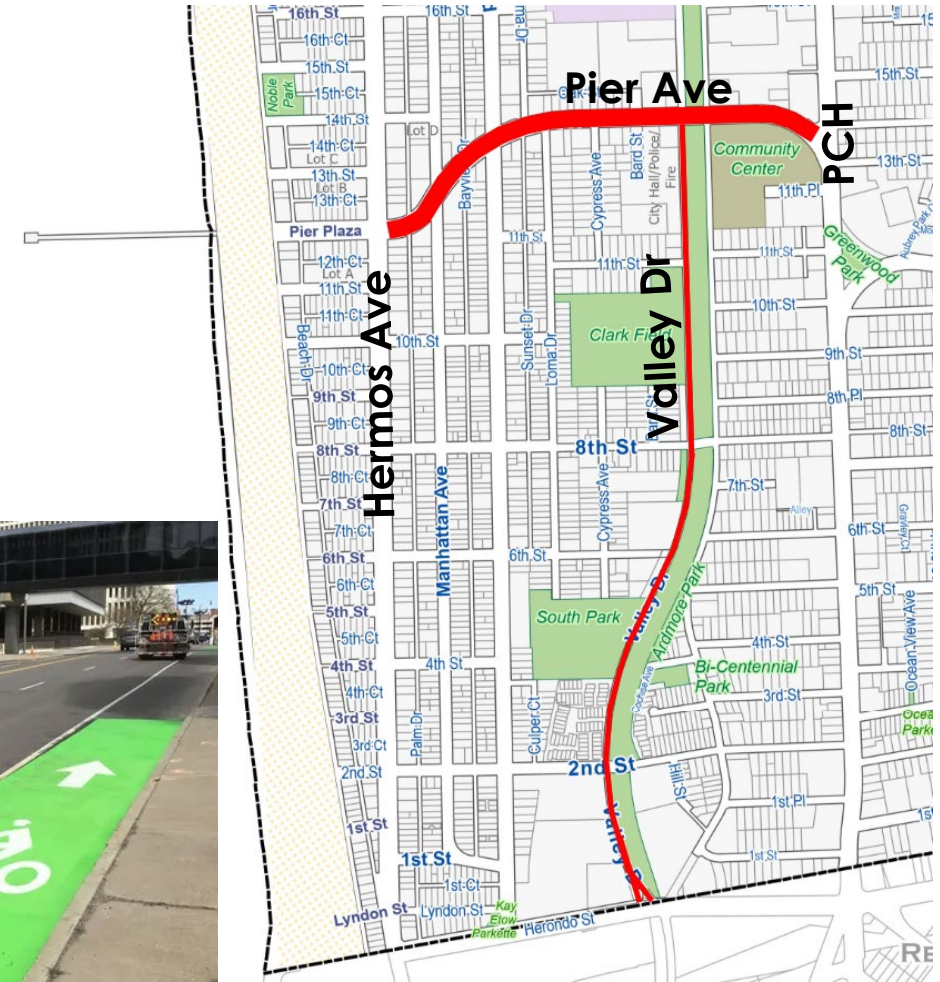


# Planned Bicycle Improvements

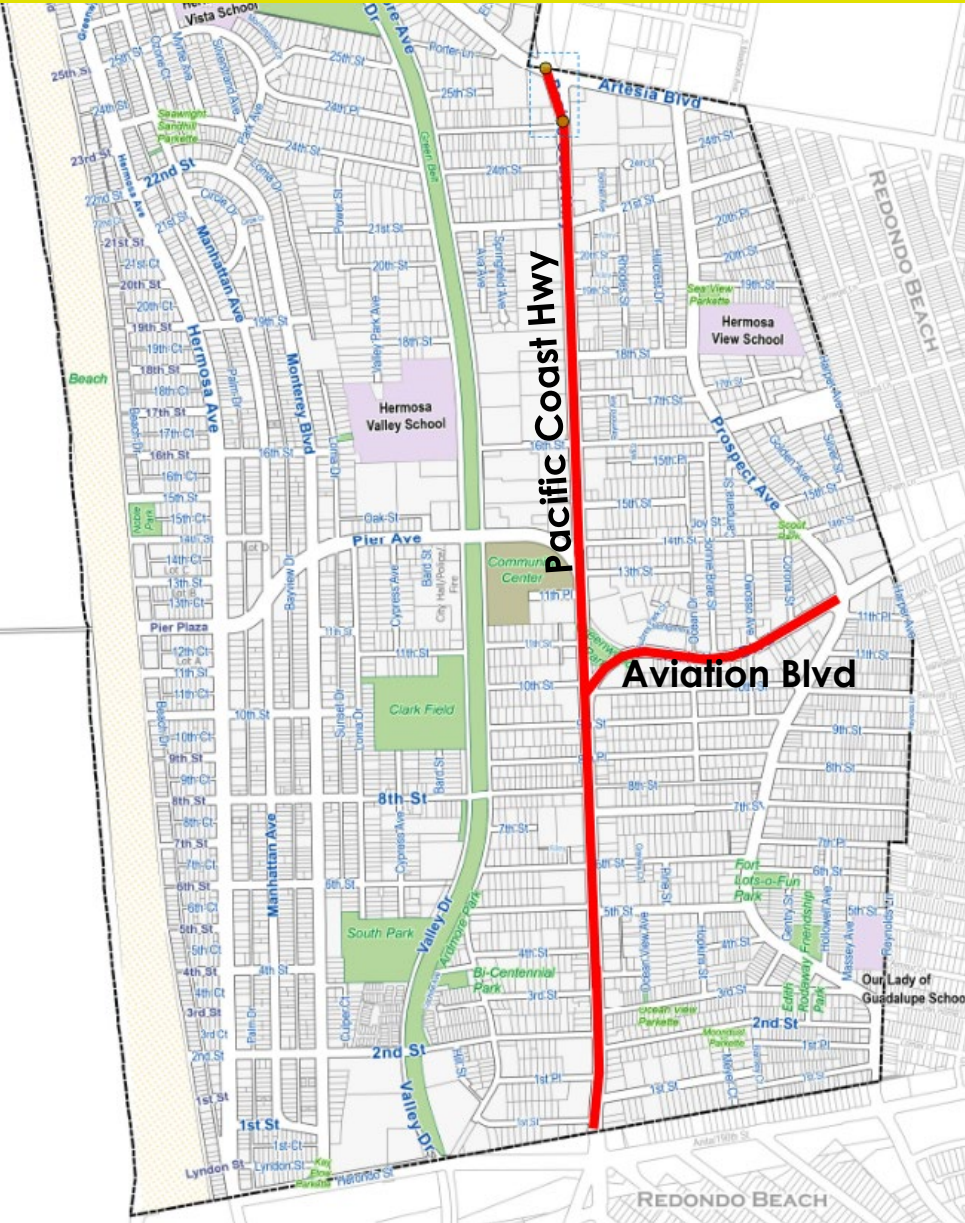
- Annual Street Improvements (CIP 105)

## Proposed Work

- Roadway resurfacing
- New ADA curb ramps
- Limited green bicycle markings on Pier Ave
- New bike lane segment Pier Ave eastbound from Ardmore to PCH
- Sharrows on Valley Drive



# Planned Bicycle Improvements



- **PCH and Aviation Blvd Mobility Improvement Project (CIP 143)**

## Scope of Work

- Project Approval / Environmental Document (PAED) document underway (early stages)
- Led by Metro in coordination with Caltrans
- Evaluation of complete street elements to improve mobility, accessibility, aesthetics, and safety for all users identified in the 2015 Project Study Report



# Deferred & Unfunded Future Bicycle Projects

- Hermosa Avenue  
Greenwich Village  
Street Realignment



- The Strand Bikeway and  
Walkway Improvements  
at 35th Street





# PLAN Hermosa, Bicycle Facility Categories

| Type           | Classification | Description  |
|----------------|----------------|--|
| Multi-use Path | Class I        | Two-way facility separated from motor vehicles, typically mixed use.                                   |
| Shared Roadway | No designation | Street segment that functions as a space for multiple users, without delineations for each mode.       |
| Bike Lane      | Class II       | Bike lanes, or buffered bike lanes, provides preferential or exclusive use of a portion of the roadway |
| Sharrows       | Class III      | Sharrow markings and signs, alert motorists that bicycles “may use full lane.”                         |
| Bike Boulevard | Class III      | Shared travel lane, low volume and low speed roadway, typically treated with traffic calming features. |

# Bicycle Facility Types: Class I

- Dedicated bicycle right-of-way
- Separated from car traffic
- Dedicated off-street travel



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# Bicycle Facility Types: Class II

- Designed to accommodate cyclists
- A dedicated, striped lane
- Special treatments to increase visibility



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# Bicycle Facility Types: Class III

- Shared use with vehicles
- Designate preferred routes
- Identified with signage or pavement markings
- Reminds users to share the road





# Bicycle Facility Types: Class IV



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- On-street facility
- Buffered by some kind of physical barrier



# Four Categories of Bicyclists

Typical Distribution of Bicyclists in the United States



Source: 2011 Bicycle Master Plan



Strong and fearless (<1%)



Enthused and confident (7%)



Interested but concerned (60%)



No way, no how (33%)



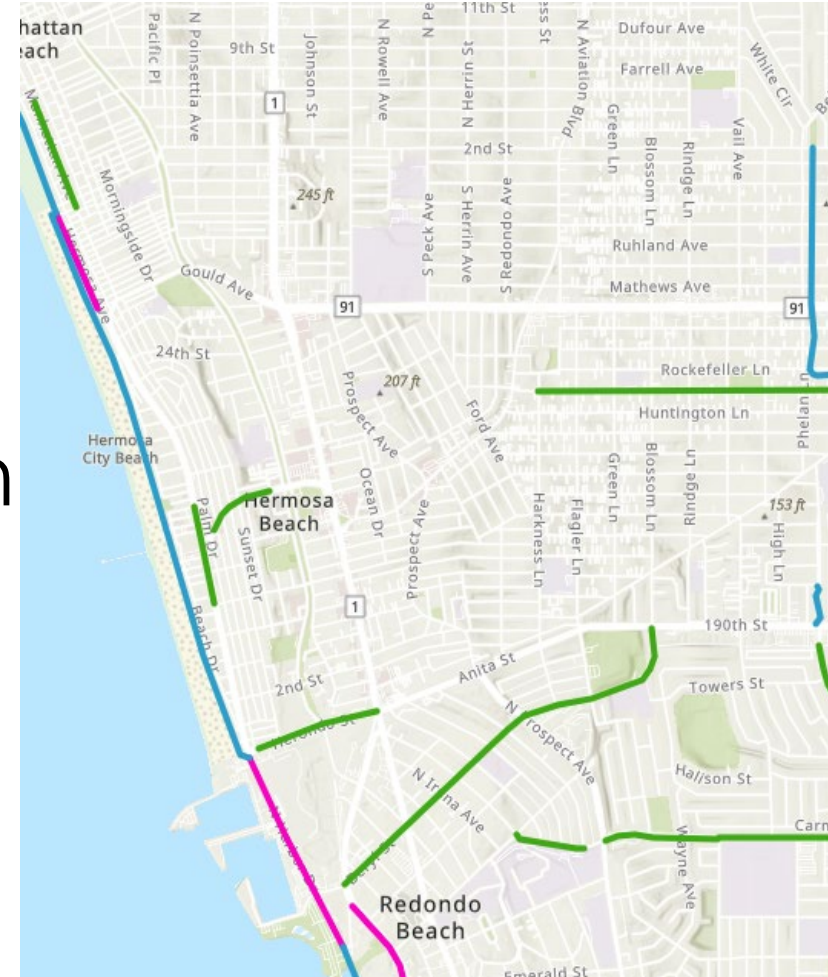
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# SOUTH BAY BICYCLE COALITION PLUS MASTER PLAN UPDATE AND STORY MAP

- Primary update: call for protected Class IV bike lanes in lieu of Class II, where feasible.
- New Story Map with GIS overlays
- Interactive Map for Living Master Plan
- Contact SBCC+ to get involved



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# SOUTH BAY BICYCLE COALITION PLUS - WEBSITE

- Interactive Map



## SBBCPlus Map Viewer

### Legend

Layers

Info

Edit

### Community Input

#### Location-Specific Feedback

- Signal doesn't trigger bikes
- Bike rack needed
- Bike lane needed
- Close call
- Other suggestion
- Unsafe intersection

#### Desired Bike Lanes

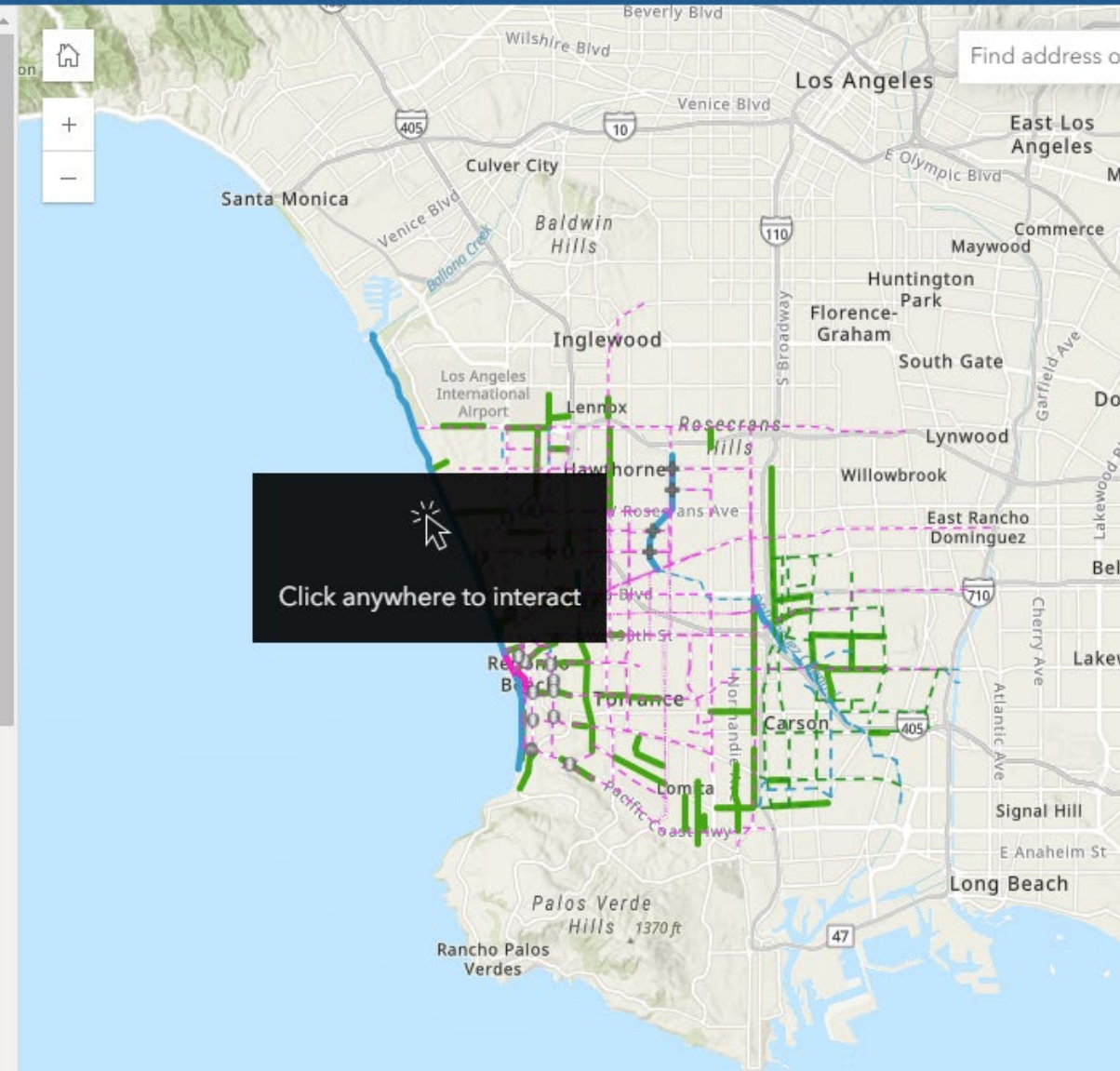
Class  
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#### 2023 Metro Active Transportation Strategic Plan

Class  
----- 1  
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#### LA County Bicycle Master Plan

Class  
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# SOUTH BAY BICYCLE COALITION PLUS

## Submit Feedback

[Types of Bicycle Facilities](#) [StoryMap](#) [Master Plan Update](#) [Interactive Map](#) [Class IV Bikeways](#)

### SBBC+ Map Feedback

If you have any feedback or information that does not fit into the interactive map feedback tool, feel free to provide it here.

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# PLAN Hermosa – 2017 Intended Pedestrian Facilities



- pedestrian facilities
-  walk street
  -  wide sidewalk
  -  priority sidewalk
  -  local sidewalk



# Other Completed Projects



**2010**

Pier Avenue Improvements:  
widened sidewalks, bulb  
outs, all-pedestrian phase at  
Hermosa Avenue

**2018**

Hermosa Avenue paving project:  
Installed bulb outs and decorative  
crossings



# Other Completed Projects



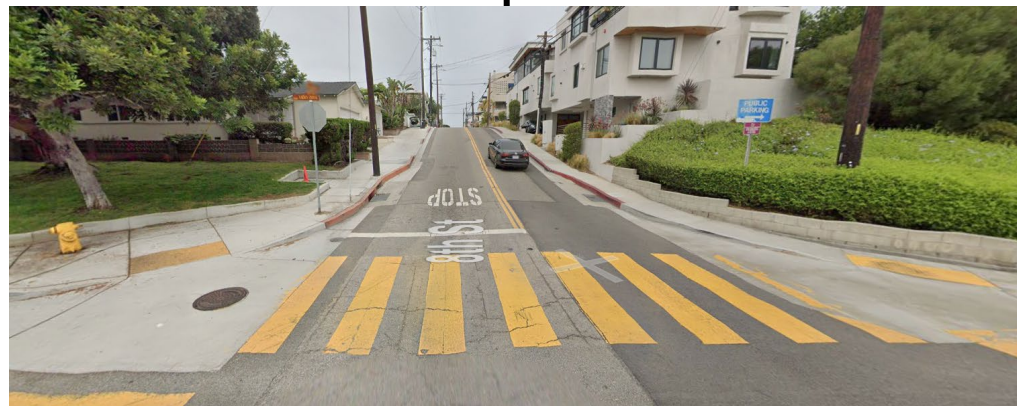
**2019**

8th Street Sidewalk Improvement: Restored City right-of-way and created a complete and accessible sidewalk route along 8th Street from Valley Drive to Hermosa Avenue



**2019**

PCH ADA and Sidewalk Improvements: repaired sidewalks, installed ADA curb ramps, new east-west crosswalk at Pier Avenue and PCH



**2022**

Adopted an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan



# Other Completed Projects



**2022-2024**

Installed ~40 bike racks, accommodating storage for 80 bikes throughout the City

**2023**

Business Activity District and School Zone Speed Limit Update: lowered speed limits by 5 mph



**2023**

The Strand Pedestrian Safety Pilot Project: Installed barricades along The Strand

**2024**

Pedestrian Crossing Safety Improvements Phase 1: Installed rectangular rapid-flashing beacons (RRFB) at several crosswalks



# Other Ongoing Efforts

- Review of Traffic Safety Requests (~110 per year)
  - Vehicle travel speeds
  - Greenbelt access
  - Valley and Ardmore at Pier and Gould
- Coordination with Police on severe crashes
- Assembly Bill (AB) 43, Safety Corridors



# Looking Ahead

- Continue to identify opportunities to integrate living streets elements in projects
- Ongoing collaboration with SBBC+, and neighboring cities, on South Bay Bicycle Master Plan Update – encourage community participation
- Community encouraged to continue reaching out to public works with roadway safety concerns to help identify issues and inform future CIP programming.

