

Fellow CPU Members & Members of the Clairemont Community,

As we come up on the home stretch of the Plan Update process we've been working on for 3 years now. I would like to discuss my 3-point vision on Mobility needs going forward in the Clairemont.

1. Road & Street Safety – How to improve it for all modes

One of the things I see as I travel around this state, and this country is the emphasis on how cities, towns, municipalities are attempting to make our streets safer for every mode that uses it (car, bike, bus, trolley/streetcar, pedestrian). I would highly suggest that all committee members look at what your priorities are within your general neighborhood and address them with City Staff.

Items that could be considered are crosswalks with more visible striping's (Continental Style is what The City is using now, consider options more visible than that), signage, etc.

2. Transit connectivity – Within the community and beyond

I've been a transit rider in San Diego since the age of 7. I have seen many changes over the years to the system, along with increases/reductions right here in Clairemont. My suggestions going forward to better connect and improve service for the whole of the community would be as follows.

1. *Consult with MTS on their continuing service plans for bus service once Mid-Coast Trolley opens in late 2021. Look at implementation of a circulatory bus service from Balboa Station that would run in a clockwise/counterclockwise service along Balboa Ave., Clairemont Dr., Clairemont Mesa Blvd., and Genesee Ave.*
2. *Find opportunities to bridge first mile/last mile connections where regular bus service is not feasible due to ridership. Suggest working with MTS and SANDAG on implementing rideshare shuttles (such as VIA, which is used by LA Metro, and King County Metro in Seattle) to surrounding communities around major transit centers (Balboa, etc).*

3. *Connectivity outside of Clairemont should include service to the Sorrento Valley employment centers, Beach Communities, and Major Universities/Colleges outside of the community. While Mid-Coast will assist with some of these connections, there can be room for improvements beyond a fast LRT line serving the western end of our community only.*

3. Bike Infrastructure – Making it safe for all to ride in our community.

Some of my suggestions for improving bike lane safety within the community are straightforward.

Looking at some areas within Clairemont now that have Class 2 lanes (Clairemont Dr. btwn. Clmt. Mesa & Balboa as an example), they could be improved beyond that and become more safer by having them become Class 4 bike lanes.

I would also suggest that all stakeholders such as this committee, The City, San Diego Bike Coalition, and SANDAG take a good hard look at placement of alternative bikeways on side streets away from major arteries, connecting bike lanes and bikeways to open space entry points and park space.

Again, while you may not use all the modes I mentioned exclusively, do take the time to help make them better for the residents and users of them who primarily do.

Thank you very much for taking time to read my considerations.

-Nicholas Reed