INLAND RAIL TRAIL—SAN MARCOS TO VISTA
FACT SHEET

The Project
The Inland Rail Trail is a proposed 21-mile Class I bike facility through the cities of Oceanside, Vista, San Marcos, and Escondido, as well as an unincorporated portion of the County of San Diego. A Class I bikeway is a bike path that is physically separate from motor vehicle traffic. The eastern bikeway was completed in 2009 by the cities of Escondido and San Marcos and extends from the Escondido Transit Center to the intersection of West Mission Road and North Pacific Street in the City of San Marcos.

The San Marcos to Vista segment of the Inland Rail Trail will be a 7-mile Class I bikeway. The project begins at the intersection of West Mission Road and North Pacific Street in San Marcos, and ends at the intersection of North Melrose Drive and West Bobier Drive in Oceanside. When completed, the path will provide access to five SPRINTER stations. The project is generally located in the North County Transit District (NCTD) right-of-way.

The western most portion of the Inland Rail Trail, which will extend from North Melrose Drive to Wisconsin Avenue in Oceanside, will be part of a future project.

Project Features
The San Marcos to Vista segment of the Inland Rail Trail will generally consist of an eight to ten-foot-wide trail with two 2-foot-wide unpaved shoulders, for a total width of 12 to 14 feet. Additional project features include:

» Fencing on both sides of the bikeway (where necessary)
» Landscaping
» Lighting
» Retaining walls in areas with steep slopes
» SPRINTER connections and rest stops
» Drainage improvements
» A bridge over Buena Creek
» Minor intersection crossing improvements

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The Need
The Inland Rail Trail is considered a priority project by SANDAG and is an important element of the San Diego Regional Bike Plan. Completion of this trail and other similar Class I bikeways will help create an interconnected regional bike network.

The Regional Bike Plan aims to make riding a bike more practical and desirable to a broader range of people. Planning for a more bike-friendly region helps to resolve multiple complex and interrelated issues, including traffic congestion, air pollution, climate change, public health, and livability. By creating a substantial regional bike network through 2050, the plan can make a difference in all these areas of concern, thereby improving existing and future quality of life in the San Diego region.

Project Status – San Marcos to Vista Segment
- The first phase of construction, a mile-long segment in the City of San Marcos, was completed in early 2017.
- The current construction phase, phase two, is divided into north and south segments. The south segment consists of approximately two miles in unincorporated San Diego County and one mile in the City of Vista. Work began at the border of the City of San Marcos and unincorporated San Diego County in December 2016, and will move west as construction progresses through late 2018.
- Construction phase three is a mile-long segment in the City of Vista, between Mar Vista Drive and Civic Center Drive. Work on this phase is anticipated to begin in late 2019 and be completed late 2020.
- The schedule for construction phase four, the remaining two miles in the City of Vista, will be determined when a funding source is identified.

Project Costs – San Marcos to Vista Segment
The current budget for the project is $37.1 million, which is funded by a variety of sources, including the regional TransNet half-cent sales tax administered by SANDAG, state Bicycle Transportation Account grants, the Transportation Enhancement Act, and the State Transportation Improvement Program.

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