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Port of San Diego
Attn: Anna Buzaitis and Planning Staff
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San Diego, CA 92101

RE: Port Master Plan Update- Comments from the San Diego County Bicycle Coalition

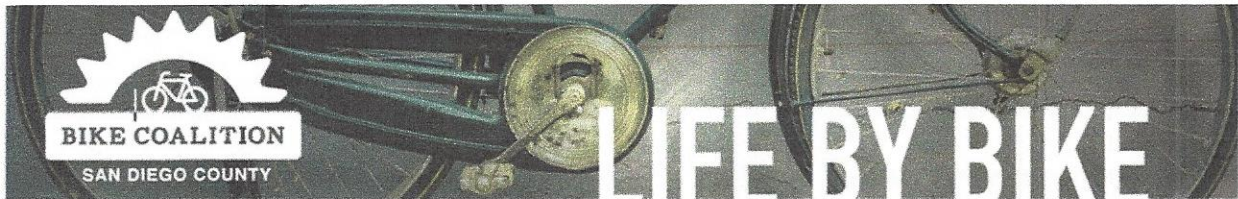
Dear Planning Staff:

We commend planning staff on an in depth analysis and update of the Port Master Plan, in April 2019. The San Diego County Bicycle Coalition (SDCBC) is pleased to review and provide comments. Thank you for doing your best to address all potential challenges moving into the future. We are excited and agree that mobility hubs are an essential and imperative application to better connect people to place.

SDCBC requests that you remove Bike Lane as an option in the planning documents which guide city planners in implementation. We ask that you solely use protected bike facilities such as Class I (Multi-Use Paths) and Class IV (Cycle Track) in and throughout each of the planning areas as the preferred option(s). They have proven to not provide adequate safety for cyclists or change "interested but concerned riders" to use their bikes more regularly or for the first time. San Diego needs to move forward from meeting the bare minimum practices and provide separated facilities for the future.

On page 81 in the "Mobility" section we ask that you only consider using a bike lane as a last resort and note this requirement in this section. The future of San Diego must have protected class I (multi-use path) and class IV (cycle track). In addition, multi-use paths are excellent options and we ask that you specify within the multi-use path designated areas for pedestrians, cyclists and seniors and to be sure width is wider than the minimum requirements and will accommodate all users.

On page 84 the policy "Mobility 2.10" says, "Strengthen safe pedestrian and bicycle connectivity throughout Tidelands through infrastructure and roadway improvements. Implementation Strategies: Extending and upgrading the pedestrian and bicycle connectivity between key destinations, including the California Coastal Trail." We respectfully ask that you include the word **separated** to be read as, "Strengthen safe pedestrian and bicycle connectivity throughout



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Tidelands with **separated paths** through infrastructure and roadway improvements.
Implementation Strategies: Extending and upgrading the pedestrian and bicycle connectivity between key destinations, including the California Coastal Trail.”

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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