

May 2023 south vista news and upcoming events

MATAGUAL-MELROSE PROJECT TO PLANNING COMMISSION



The new residential project of 34 homes, proposed by True Life Companies for 560 and 622 So. Melrose, will be presented at the Vista Planning Commission next Tuesday, May 16, at 6:00 p.m.

The agenda report for the project can be found at <u>https://records.cityofvista.com/weblink/0/</u> <u>doc/2049185/Page1.aspx</u>

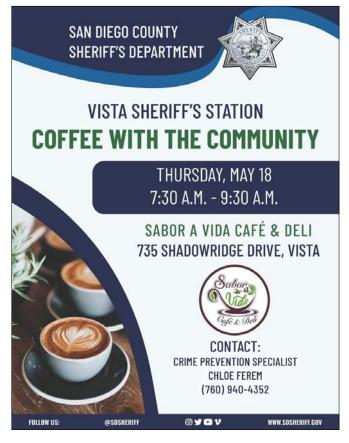
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North County Comprehensive Multi-Modal Corridor Plan

(Notes From the Transportation & Mobility City Council Workshop held on April 6, 2023.)

Background: North County has a population of 661,000, provides jobs for 256,000 and has 253,000 housing units. The senior, low income, and people of color populations are 20.8, 19.5 and 19.2% respectively. The CMCP is a master blueprint for an integrated transportation network that will: a) enhance connectivity and reduce congestion; b) improve social *Cont.* \rightarrow

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equity; c) support meeting state greenhouse gas reduction targets and federal air quality standards; d) improve everyday lives for the SR 76 and SR 78 communities. Its major components include technology, highway, transit, local road, and active transportation improvements.

In the I-15/SR-78 corridor, 50% of trips are three miles or less, 75% are less than ten miles, and 50% of residents commute outside the corridor for employment. This places a heavy burden on side streets which already have an added 20% of commuter trips. Major corridors in North County do not line up with business *Cont. P. 2*-

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business locations, and there are no adequate North-South and East-West corridors.

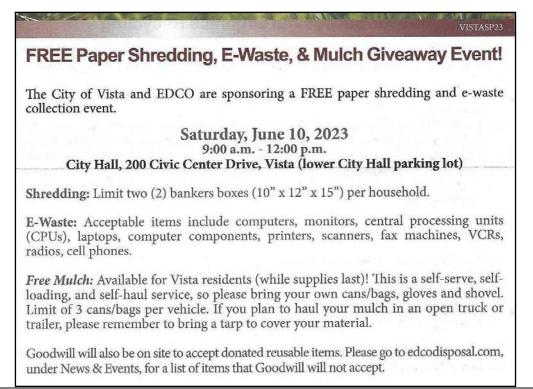
Strategic Anchors:

- Regional Spines (I-5, I-15, SR-76, SR-78, Sprinter with double tracking)
- Boulevards to connect hubs and regional spines
 - (a) North-South: El Camino Real, College Blvd, Melrose Dr, Sycamore Av, Rancho Santa Fe Rd, Twin Oaks Valley Rd
 - (b) Inland to Coast: connector to I-5, COASTER, and Amtrack
 - (c) East-West (Mobility Gateway): San Marcos Blvd & Palomar Airport Rd
- Hubs (Oceanside, Vista, Carlsbad, San Marcos)

Outline of Comments During the Workshop:

- 1. The boulevards described above will be like mini-freeways mostly running through neighborhoods.
- 2. Protected bike lanes need to be integrated into the CMCP plan, particularly a connection to the San Luis Rey River Bike Trail from N. Melrose to Oceanside.
- Consider promoting "FRED" rides (Free Ride Everywhere Downtown) for the 50% of trips < 3 miles as in downtown San Diego. Cont. →

- 4. Why not widen SR-78? The State of California opposed widening freeways. It wants to increase traffic flow without enlarging the footprint. This may be achieved by high technology solutions such as smart signaling, flexible traffic lanes, and self-driving interconnected vehicles.
- 5. Rapid bus system from Vista to San Diego (status unclear).
- 6. State money is given to the county (there is no redistribution formula).
- 7. Traffic flow separation may consider above- and under-ground options.
- 8. Sycamore and Melrose intersection upgrade (District 4).
- 9. Employers with high workforce density areas could consider using large buses for "carpooling" with "last delivery" made by Uber/Lyft or other.
- The Inland Rail Trail (a 21-mile Class I bike trail located within the communities of Oceanside, Vista, San Marcos, Escondido, and a portion of the unincorporated County of San Diego) follows the SPRINTER spine and is about 50% completed. Its intended purpose is for transportation, exercise, recreation, and tourism. Cont. P. 3 →



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11. Adequate traffic lane separations and safe smart intersections are very important for the trail. In response to climate changes, particular attention needs to be given to designing protective shading and cooling areas.

— Francis Dumler

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