



July 30, 2021

Mayor Gloria and Council
City of San Diego
202 C St.
San Diego, CA 92101
Via Email

Re: Climate Action Campaign Urges City of San Diego to Fully Fund and Accelerate Mobility Action Plan 2.0 (MAP 2.0)

Dear Mayor Gloria and Council,

Climate Action Campaign is a climate and environmental nonprofit organization based in San Diego and Orange County with a simple mission: stop the climate crisis through effective policy action.

The City of San Diego's Climate Action Plan (CAP) set ambitious targets for the percentage of commuters traveling by bike, walk, and transit in Transit Priority Areas (18% by bike, 7% by walk, and 25% by transit by 2035).¹

Achieving these legally-binding mode shift targets is essential to slashing greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector—the leading source of emissions in the region—and meeting the CAP's overall emissions reduction targets. However, annual monitoring shows that the City has made little progress on mode shift.²

The climate emergency is here, and intensifying every year, but six years after the adoption of the CAP, there is still no roadmap demonstrating how mode shift away from fossil fuel cars and towards bike, walk, and transit will be achieved. We are also aware that promised funding from state grants were unsuccessful, potentially delaying this critical plan even further.

We urge the Mayor and Councilmembers to secure a Mid-Year Budget Amendment to fully fund and expedite MAP 2.0, and commit to completing it in 1 year.

As the CAP Audit made clear, the City is severely behind on CAP implementation.³ Even so, the FY22 budget only allocated partial funding for MAP 2.0, which is currently on a 3-year timeline,

¹ https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/final_july_2016_cap.pdf

² https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/2019_cap_digital_version.pdf

³ https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/21-009_cap.pdf



scheduled for completion nearly a decade after the adoption of the CAP.⁴ Continued delay on any meaningful action on sustainable transportation is unacceptable.

Mayor and Council, you have an incredible opportunity to create a San Diego that works for all. By prioritizing people over cars, you can build a city that is more equitable, accessible, connected and climate-safe. MAP 2.0 is the implementation roadmap we need to make it possible for more San Diegans to choose to bike, walk, and take transit, and we urge you to make this a top priority.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Noah Harris".

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⁴ https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/fy22pb_full.pdf