



**City of San Diego | Hillcrest Focused Plan Amendment  
Uptown Planners Subcommittee Meeting | June 30, 2022**

**CHAT LOG**

**OVERVIEW**

The June 30, 2022 Uptown Planners Subcommittee Meeting for the Hillcrest Focused Plan Amendment focused on Mobility concepts. The meeting was conducted with the Zoom videoconference platform. Attendees typed comments and questions through the “chat” tool. Each chat submittal includes the time and the participant’s name, which are provided in this document.

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- 01:28:54 Shannon Mulderig, City of San Diego: The chat is now enabled. My apologies for the delay.
- 01:29:12 Ian: TY
- 01:29:19 Nevo Magnezi: thanks for the earlier explanation of bachman's connection to central hillcrest
- 01:30:26 Bill Keller: From what I've seen, the transportation & mobility ideas in Plan Hillcrest are deeply flawed. They assume a future where a high percentage of trips are by bike and public transport. But a tiny percentage of current trips are by those means. Are you planning to install more bike and bus lanes and expecting a different result?
- Two suggestions: Rampant theft discourages bicycle use. Planning should include a serious commitment to safe bike parking. And planning should include the likelihood of shared autonomous electric vehicles in Uptown.
- 01:34:15 Sharon Gehl: Any plans to widen the Robinson Street bridge over 163 to make room for bike lanes?
- 01:34:49 Nevo Magnezi: i agree that secure bike parking is a serious issue. Oonee Pods are a great example of secure parking that could be rapidly deployed.  
<https://www.bicycling.com/news/a20049897/oonee-bike-pods-parking/>
- I am not sure if it is appropriate to refine it on the planning level, but definitely something to keep in mind.
- 01:37:51 Matt Stewart: Agree that secure bike parking is a big issue. Bike lanes are absolutely needed but we also need more safe places to park our bike at destinations.

- 01:38:17 Paul Jamason: Bill - We need safe, robust alternatives to driving for many reasons, including GHG emissions from driving. Forcing everyone to own expensive electric vehicles is exclusionary. And assuming they'll all be autonomous is just as speculative as the criticisms we're hearing right now about SANDAG's plans.
- 01:38:29 Jay Sam: We already have a lot of buses on Washington and University Ave. They need bus lanes now, the traffic on both streets really hamper the buses ability to be on time and makes people not want to use them
- 01:40:09 Ian: After spending a day in Disneyland, Hillcrest would be well served as the last mile destination, as opposed to a pass thru. traffic for east neighborhood destinations. The gateway project was patterned after the Pearl District in Portland. Just copy that! Without a good mobility plan, TOD will fall flat. Washington has to be addressed. It can't be the 800 lb gorilla lurking in the background.
- 01:40:47 Nevo Magnezi: As for what you can do now: It's important to buy the best lock you can, such as a Kryptonite Evolution. I also have skewer locks on my wheels, saddle, and headset that prevent those parts from being taken unless you have a special key. <https://pinheadlocks.com/shop/en/11-lock-packages>
- 01:41:40 Brer Marsh, AIA: Agree Ian, If we plan for high traffic volumes we will get high traffic volumes. Planning for less volume is good actually!
- 01:42:24 Sharon Gehl: More people attend Plan Hillcrest Zoom meetings than attend Uptown Planners in-person meetings.
- 01:42:56 Nevo Magnezi: High Volumes for People, Low Volumes for SOVs! :-)
- 01:45:15 Ian: Asperational.
- 01:45:30 Mat Wahlstrom: Aspirational
- 01:47:24 Matt Stewart: My household sold a car because of the walkability and transit access living in Hillcrest provides. We have many new residential buildings going up and planned, these new residents should be able to walk, bike, and take transit to their destinations. It's one of the best reasons of living in Hillcrest! Hillcrest should prioritize local, environmentally-friendly movement within the community rather than drivers using it as a cut through to other neighborhoods. If we do, those drivers might switch to other modes, too.
- 01:49:47 Paul Jamason: Well said Matt!