



## MEDIA ADVISORY

**FOR PLANNING PURPOSES: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at 11 AM**

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# Advocates Call on Mayor Faulconer and City of San Diego to Replace Painted Over Bike Lane After Hit & Run

**WHAT:** Press conference with bicycle safety advocates to call on the City of San Diego and Mayor Faulconer to immediately address the dangerous situation on Washington Street and to replace a bike lane which was painted over to add parking. As a result of the existing unsafe conditions, a 66-year old bicyclist riding eastbound on Washington on August 21st, 2020 was struck by a car and critically injured and the driver fled the scene.

**WHO:** Bicycle Advocacy Organization Representatives

- BikeSD
- San Diego County Bicycle Coalition
- San Diego Mountain Biking Association

**WHEN:** Wednesday, September 2, 2020, at 11:00 am

**WHERE:** 3754 Columbia St, San Diego, CA 92103 - Intersection of Columbia St and Andrews St

**More information:** The bike lane symbols formerly in this location were painted over to add free street parking. As a result, a 66-year old bicyclist riding eastbound on Washington on August 21st, 2020 was struck by a car and critically injured and the driver fled the scene. View SDPD video on Twitter here:

<https://twitter.com/SanDiegoPD/status/1297338194921320448?s=20>

Last year, 44 pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicle and motorcycle drivers lost their lives unnecessarily on San Diego streets and six bicyclists have been hit since 2012 near the Washington St and India St intersection. The current Class III painted “sharrows” in the second eastbound travel lane are not recommended by the State of California for speed limits above 35 MPH. However, the posted speed limit is 45 MPH, and a speed study of the corridor showed traffic speeds averaging 55 MPH or more, with some motorists traveling 70 MPH.

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