



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

City Council Meeting – Council Member Items Report

To: City Council
From: Butch Twining, Councilman
Andrew Gruel, Councilman
Chad Williams, Councilman
Date: November 4, 2025
Subject: **PEDESTRIAN AND BIKE SAFETY**

ISSUE STATEMENT

Keeping cyclists and pedestrians safe on a busy road like PCH is about more than just traffic management—it's about protecting lives and accessibility for everyone that makes this stretch of the coast special. Every day, locals and visitors use PCH to walk, run, and bike. But the same qualities that make it iconic—its popularity and access along coastal towns—also make it dangerous for people traveling outside of cars. By working together to improve visibility, calm traffic, and build safer spaces for everyone, we can create a corridor where drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians coexist.

In June, Public Works applied for the Safe Routes to School Grant, targeting the Pacific Coast Highway and Beach Boulevard Safety Action Plan. In 2027 the City hopes to receive those funds totaling more than \$600,000.

Every October the HBPD promotes National Pedestrian Safety Month, provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. HBPD reminds drivers to always take extra precautions to help protect pedestrians and offers driving safety tips.

As part of an upcoming Caltrans project, PCH from Bolsa Chica to Beach Blvd will see improvements. CalTrans will formalize the bike lanes and add buffer zones between the bike lane and the travel lanes from the Santa Ana River to Beach.

These efforts, and continued support and planning, represent meaningful steps toward a safer, more connected coastal community.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Direct the City Manager to continue to explore pedestrian and bike safety projects and funding, and to work with CalTrans and local legislators to support, identify funding, and prioritize pedestrian and bike safety projects.

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS

Not applicable

STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL

Non Applicable - Administrative Item