

# University of California San Diego Pedestrian Audit

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The purpose of the pedestrian audit was to identify safety concerns, gaps, and deficiencies in the pedestrian and bicycle network around the University of California San Diego (UCSD). Participants provided input on issues that make the pedestrian and bicyclist experience unsafe or uncomfortable along the route as well as what improvements they would like to see implemented.

The pedestrian field trip was attended by Circulate Planning & Policy, Young Planners Society UCSD, and interested participants. This audit took place along North Torrey Pines Road between Exploration Drive and UCSD Northpoint Driveway. This audit route is in close proximity to the student housing which is located on the west side of campus. Between 2020-2024, there were three bicyclists injured within a quarter mile of the route and one pedestrian injury (see Figure 1). On October 5, 2024, a 26-year-old male cyclist was struck by a driver at the intersection of Torrey Pines Road and Torrey Pines Scenic Drive. While conducting the audit, a participant, Arianna Gutierrez, noted their experience on North Torrey Pines Road and how they sprained their ankle while walking on the east side of North Torrey Pines Road between Exploration Drive and Pangea Drive a year ago. The sidewalk is still uneven and broken.

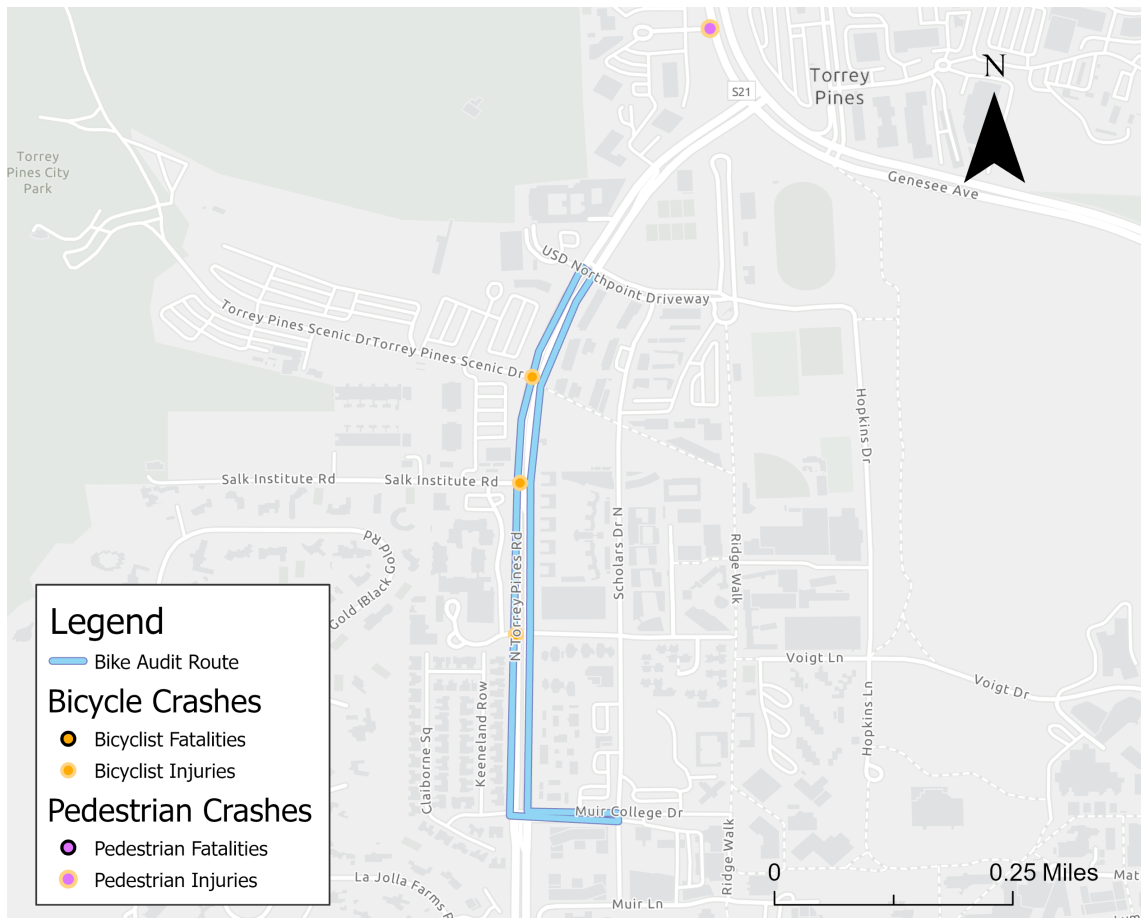
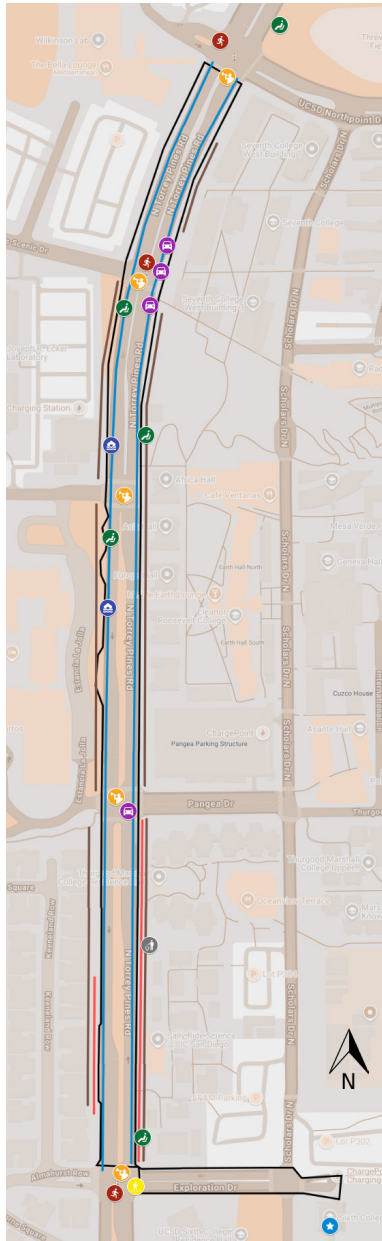


FIGURE 1. PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE FATALITIES AND INJURIES PROXIMATE TO UCSD (2020-2024)

**FIGURE 2: UCSD PEDESTRIAN AUDIT RESULTS**



| Location        | Observations                  |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| 📍 Sixth College | 📍 Insufficient Lighting       |
| 🗺️ Route        | 🚰 Bus Stop Lacking Amenities  |
|                 | 🔊 No Audible Crossing         |
|                 | 🚗 Driver Infractions Observed |
|                 | 🛑 No Crosswalk                |
|                 | 🚲 Class II Bicycle Lane       |
|                 | 🚧 Broken Sidewalk             |
|                 | 🌊 Flooding                    |
|                 | 🗑️ Trash or Debris            |
|                 | 🟡 Faded Crosswalk             |



**FIGURE 3: AN UNEVEN SIDEWALK, A LACK OF LIGHTING, AND THE 101 BUS STOP LACKING AMENITIES BY EXPLORATION DRIVE AND NORTH TORREY PINES ROAD.**



**FIGURE 4: DRIVER WAS OBSERVED ENCROACHING OVER THE BICYCLE LANE, AND THE CYCLIST MERGED ON TO THE TRAVEL LANE. THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT IS 45 MILES PER HOUR.**

Throughout the pedestrian audit, participants observed multiple conflicts between drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists along North Torrey Pines Road. Transit ridership was observed to be high, yet all bus stops along North Torrey Pines Road lacked shade, benches, or a trash can (Figure 2). At the start of the route, participants immediately identified several safety and accessibility concerns at the intersection of Exploration Drive and North Torrey Pines Road. Observations included the absence of audible push buttons, a faded crosswalk, a damaged sidewalk, and a lack of shade at the 101 bus stop (Figure 3). Participants noted that insufficient lighting along the full length of North Torrey Pines Road added to their walking concerns as well. In addition to the pedestrian infrastructure conditions, participants noted concerns regarding bicycle safety. Although a Class II bike lane runs along much of North Torrey Pines Road, drivers were observed speeding, encroaching into the bike lane, and stopping within it at the intersection of Torrey Pines Scenic Drive and North Torrey Pines Road (Figure 4). This intersection has no right turn lane. Survey participants noted that the vehicular speeds made them uncomfortable and noticed driver behaviors such as running red lights or parking violations while traveling on North Torrey Pines Road. The group discussed potential improvements to address these issues, including the installation of bollards or concrete barriers to physically protect the Class II bike lane, pedestrian-scale lighting along North Torrey Pines Road to improve visibility, and the addition of a new pedestrian crossing at Torrey Pines Scenic Drive.

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