



## **Love Your Lane! A celebration of the new Cota bike lane in Santa Barbara with Mayor Cathy Murillo**

Last Friday, February 16, Santa Barbara Mayor, Cathy Murillo, hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony at Ortega Park to introduce the completion of the City of Santa Barbara's first physically protected bike lane along Cota Street.

The Cota bike lane is the first implementation of the City of Santa Barbara Bicycle Master Plan (BMP), adopted by City Council in July 2016 after extensive community input and public process. The BMP includes 35 bike facility projects including the Cota Street bike lane. Located on the north side of Cota Street between Milpas Street and Chapala Street, this new westbound facility connects the Eastside Neighborhood and Downtown, and complements the existing eastbound bike lane on Haley Street. This facility is the first protected on-street bike lane in the City (buffered from vehicular traffic area with delineators). The Cota buffered bike lane was the easiest and cheapest project to install within the BMP (\$30,000) because it simply involved paint striping and vertical delineators. The project also required parking removal, which was a key consideration during the community process leading to the approval of the BMP.

