# **CITY OF MERCED Engineering Department**

TO: Bicycle Advisory Commission

FROM: John C. Sagin, Jr. AIA – Principal Architect

DATE: August 20, 2013

SUBJECT: Main Street Sharrows Plan

## **ACTION REQUIRED:**

Information item and opportunity to comment.

### **BACKGROUND**

A Public Works project has been brought to Engineering for the addition of sharrows on a portion of Main Street. The project was a result of both businesses and the public wanting police to enforce the "no bikes on the sidewalks ordinance" that is in effect. The design will add sharrows and signage from "O" Street to Martin Luther King Jr. Way on Main Street. This will help to move the bicycle traffic off the sidewalk and allow the police department to be more effective in their effort to stop the bicycles. By ordinance bicycle traffic is prohibited on the sidewalks from "V" Street to "G" Street on Main Street along with a number of other downtown streets. This section has the most amount of business that are being affected by the bicycle traffic and causing the most concern.

Main Street meets the requirements for sharrows by having a posted speed of 30 MPH, peak traffic count of 133-144 cars per hour. It also has stop lights at each cross street in this section.

## **DISCUSSION**

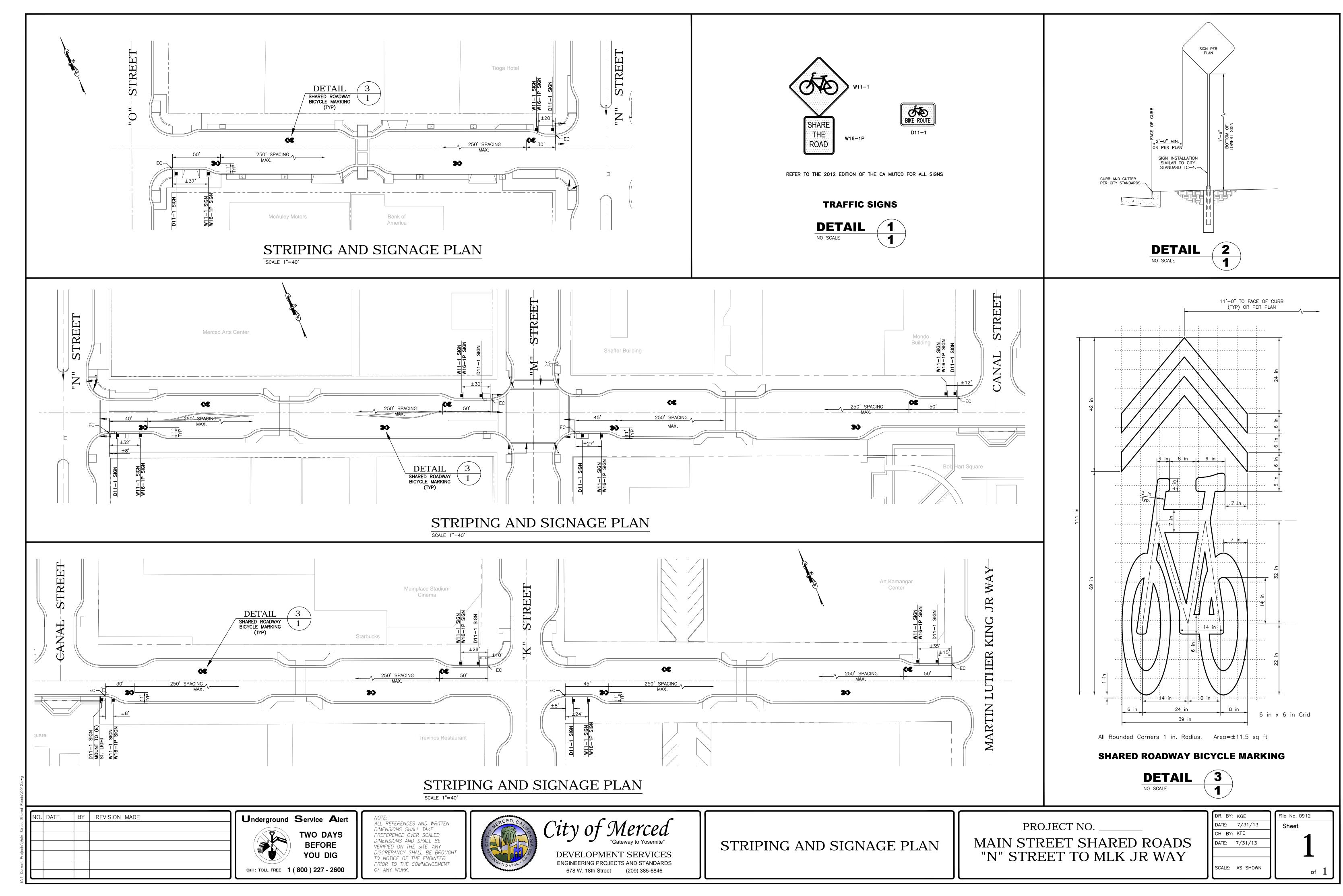
Attachment A provides an overall layout of the Project. Please review this attachment prior to the meeting.

## **ACTION**

The BAC is invited to review and comment.

#### Attachment

- A. Main Street Striping and Signage Plan
- B. Muni Code Section 10.44.040



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### 10.44.040 License-Operation restricted.

When issued, bicycle licenses shall entitle the licensee to operate such bicycle for which the license has been issued upon all the streets, public highways and designated bicycle trails of the city. Bicycles may also be operated on all the sidewalks of the city except the following, when appropriate signs are displayed thereon: Main Street from G to V Street, 18th Street from Martin Luther King, Jr. Way to N Street, I Street from 16th to 18th Street, Martin Luther King, Jr. Way from 16th to 18th Street, K Street from 16th to 18th Street, L Street from 16th to 18th Street, M Street from 16th to 20th Street and N Street from 16th to 18th Street.

(Ord. 1851 § 28, 1993: Ord. 1558 § 1, 1984: prior code § 7.4).