CITY OF MERCED
Development Services

TO: Bicycle Advisory Commission
FROM: Bill King, Principal Planner
DATE: August 28, 2012
SUBJECT: 2013 Merced Bicycle Plan / Table of Contents

ACTION REQUIRED:

To approve the draft Table of Contents (TOC) for the *2013 Merced Bicycle Plan*.

BACKGROUND

The Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) is preparing the 2013 Bike Plan Update. In preparation for their drafting of the *2013 Merced Bicycle Plan*, MCAG has drafted an amendment and update to the plan's Table of Contents (TOC). The Table summarizes the order and content of the bike plan.

ASSESSMENT

Planning Staff reviewed the amended/updated TOC to confirm consistency with: 1) the contents of the 2008 bike plan; and 2) the State of California Bike Plan content requirements. While the order of topics has shifted, the TOC is consistent with the above.

Streets and Highway Code Section 891.2 describes the content requirement of the Bike Plan, and is attached for your convenience (Attachment B). The revised Table of Contents was crafted with these requirements in mind, and is presented in a way to highlight its alignment with state requirements.

The TOC was also expanded to include the "6 E's," also known as:

(E1) Education

(E2) Encouragement

(E3) Engineering

(E4) Enforcement

(E5) Equity

(E6) Evaluation

Finally, the appendices will include bike-related policies from the General Plan and Climate Action Plan, assuming this later plan is adopted.

ACTION

City Staff requests BAC to review and approve the draft Table of Contents.

Attachment

A. Draft 2013 Bike Plan, Table of Contents
B. Streets and Highway Code Section 891.2

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2013 Merced Bicycle Plan / Table of Contents

Introduction
- Setting
  - Land Use (moved from prior "Existing Conditions" section)
  - Population (moved from prior "Existing Conditions" section)
  - Area Climate (moved from prior "Existing Conditions" section)
- Purpose
- Plan Development

Goals and Objective of the Bike Plan: 6 E's
- (E1) Education
- (E2) Encouragement
- (E3) Engineering
- (E4) Enforcement
- (E5) Equity
- (E6) Evaluation

Policy Element
- Bicycle Advisory Commission (BAC)
- Existing Policies and Implementing Actions (consistency w- other plans)
  - GP 2030
  - CAP
  - RTP

Bike-Related Standards

Existing Bike System
- 2008-2013 Actual Bike use
- Existing Bikeways
- Existing Support Facilities and Programs (parking, showers, lockers, safety and education programs)
- Existing Mobility Connections
- Past Bike System Expenditures

Proposed Bike System Improvements
- Proposed Bikeways (target areas)
- Proposed Support Facilities and Programs
- Proposed Mobility Connections
- Priority Projects and Estimated Costs
  - Merced
  - Regional

Funding Element
- Sources

Benefits
- Bicycle Commuter Increase from Implementation (from prior "Bicycle Use: Actual and Potential ")
- Air Quality (moved from prior "Existing Conditions" section)
- Health Benefits

Appendices
- Appendix A: Description of Bicycle and Support Facilities
- Appendix B: Merced City 2030 General Plan: Bike-Related Policies
- Appendix C: Merced City Climate Action Plan (CAP): Bike-Related Policies

ATTACHMENT A

STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE
SECTION 891.2

891.2. A city or county may prepare a bicycle transportation plan, which shall include, but not be limited to, the following elements:

(a) The estimated number of existing bicycle commuters in the plan area and the estimated increase in the number of bicycle commuters resulting from implementation of the plan.

(b) A map and description of existing and proposed land use and settlement patterns which shall include, but not be limited to, locations of residential neighborhoods, schools, shopping centers, public buildings, and major employment centers.

(c) A map and description of existing and proposed bikeways.

(d) A map and description of existing and proposed end-of-trip bicycle parking facilities. These shall include, but not be limited to, parking at schools, shopping centers, public buildings, and major employment centers.

(e) A map and description of existing and proposed bicycle transport and parking facilities for connections with and use of other transportation modes. These shall include, but not be limited to, parking facilities at transit stops, rail and transit terminals, ferry docks and landings, park and ride lots, and provisions for transporting bicyclists and bicycles on transit or rail vehicles or ferry vessels.

(f) A map and description of existing and proposed facilities for changing and storing clothes and equipment. These shall include, but not be limited to, locker, restroom, and shower facilities near bicycle parking facilities.

(g) A description of bicycle safety and education programs conducted in the area included within the plan, efforts by the law enforcement agency having primary traffic law enforcement responsibility in the area to enforce provisions of the Vehicle Code pertaining to bicycle operation, and the resulting effect on accidents involving bicyclists.

(h) A description of the extent of citizen and community involvement in development of the plan, including, but not limited to, letters of support.

(i) A description of how the bicycle transportation plan has been coordinated and is consistent with other local or regional transportation, air quality, or energy conservation plans, including, but not limited to, programs that provide incentives for bicycle commuting.

(j) A description of the projects proposed in the plan and a listing of their priorities for implementation.

(k) A description of past expenditures for bicycle facilities and future financial needs for projects that improve safety and convenience for bicycle commuters in the plan area.

ATTACHMENT B