

CITY OF MERCED
Development Services

TO: Bicycle Advisory Commission
FROM: Bill King, Principal Planner
DATE: June 28, 2016
SUBJECT: Local Government Commission Bike Audits

ACTION REQUIRED:

Share ideas and volunteer time and effort to assist in effort to partner with the Local Government Commission to host a bike audit of Golden Valley High School.

BACKGROUND

The Local Government Commission (LGC), in cooperation with the Merced County Health Department, has reached out to the City of Merced to conduct 3 walk audits and 1 bike audit in Central and South Merced. The outputs of such activities are many, including increased public awareness and participation in bike-related activities. The work to put on and results gleaned from the activity could be used to compete for future Round III ATP funds from Caltrans.

The LGC is requesting assistance and participation from the BAC and the Merced Bike Coalition. In partnership with the City and County, we have selected to audit bicycle travel to and from Golden Valley High School on either an afternoon or weekend. Engaging high school students is a high priority. Knowing who rides and whether there are bike clubs or related shops that teach bike repair, will improve participation in the event.

The audit will occur the week of August 29. We are currently in the planning stages of this event. Any ideas and offers of assistance to make this event a success would be greatly appreciated. For example, the Youth Council may have an interest in this event. Forming a partnership between the BAC and the Youth Council to encourage bicycle ridership through improved safety and infrastructure makes sense.

RELATION TO THE 2013 BIKE PLAN

The area around Golden Valley High School was identified in the 2013 Bike Plan as an area that needed an assessment to improve student travel from the area north of the Campus (Attachment A). This event provides an opportunity for such assessment and to lay the foundation to seek project improvement ATP funds from Caltrans.

Attachment

A. Bikeway Study Areas



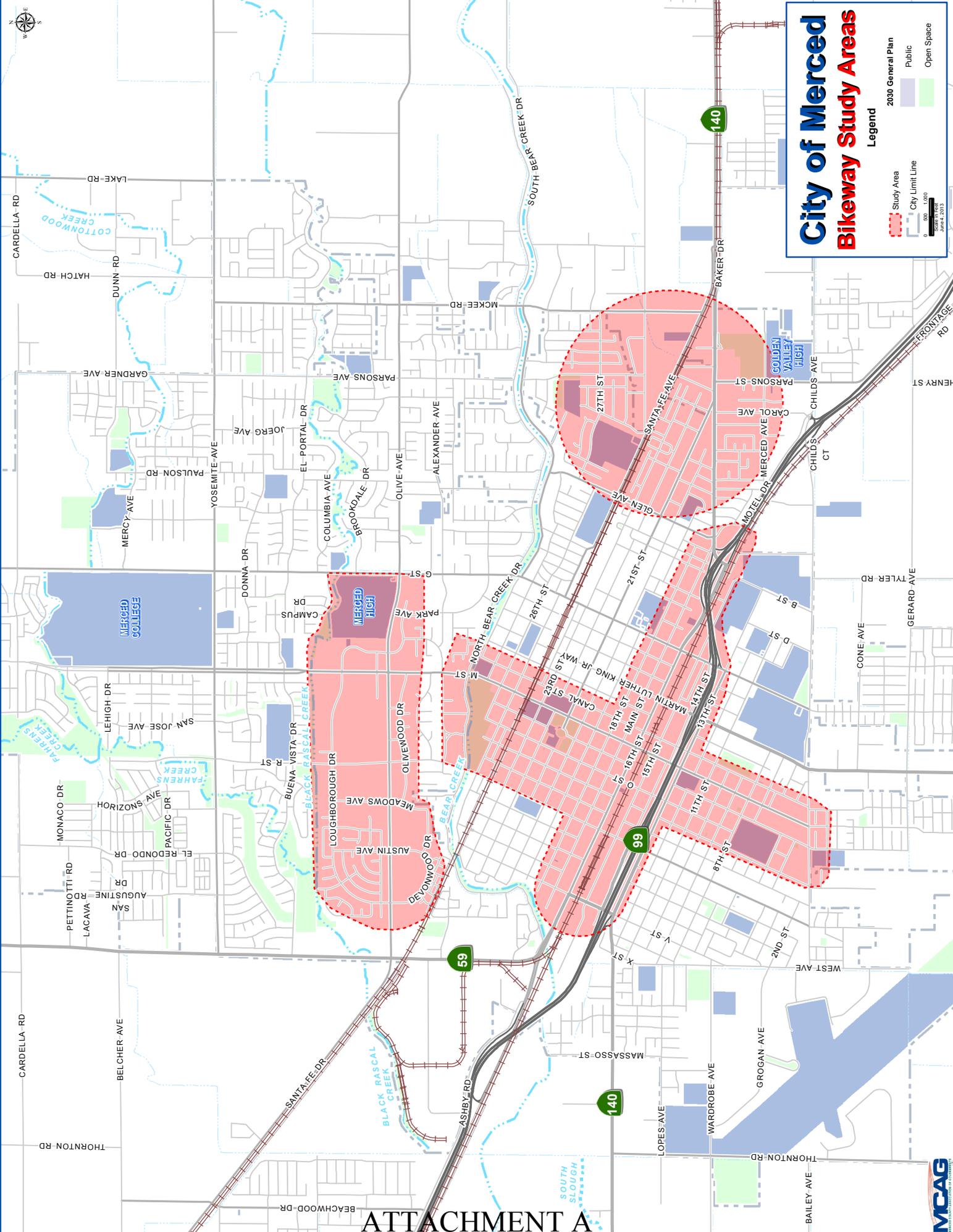
City of Merced Bikeway Study Areas

Legend

- Study Area
- City Limit Line

2030 General Plan
 Public
 Open Space

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 SCALE FEET
 APRIL 4, 2013



ATTACHMENT A

