

CITY OF MERCED
Development Services

TO: Bicycle Advisory Commission
FROM: Bill King, Principal Planner
DATE: June 28, 2016
SUBJECT: High Speed Rail Station Area Planning

ACTION REQUIRED:

Provide bike-related comments to the City's consultant who is preparing the High Speed Rail (HSR) Station Area Plan.

BACKGROUND

The City is in the process of crafting a plan for land use and circulation in the area surrounding the proposed High Speed Rail site, which will be bound by 16th Street, G Street, 14th Street, and Martin Luther King Jr. Way. The provision for transit and active transportation will be key transportation-related improvements for the site. Included in the station design concept is the relocation of the Merced Transpo Center to a site immediately adjacent to the HSR Station.

The proximity and quality of bikeways and related facilities are important as well. The consultant has prepared a graphic to show planned bikeways in the context of the HSR Station Area Plan (Attachment A).

Preliminary ideas from the consultant include:

- Secure bike station at the HSR station (i.e. bike valet, maintenance area, etc., example <http://home.bikestation.com/bikestation-long-beach>;
- City-wide bike-share program (example...<http://www.santamonicabikeshare.com/>); and,
- Continuation of the Bear Creek Bikeway (Class 1) to the HSR station. Avenue L would be a reasonable link as it is currently planned as a possible location for a Bicycle Boulevard, but 16th street is only planned to be a Class II near the station.

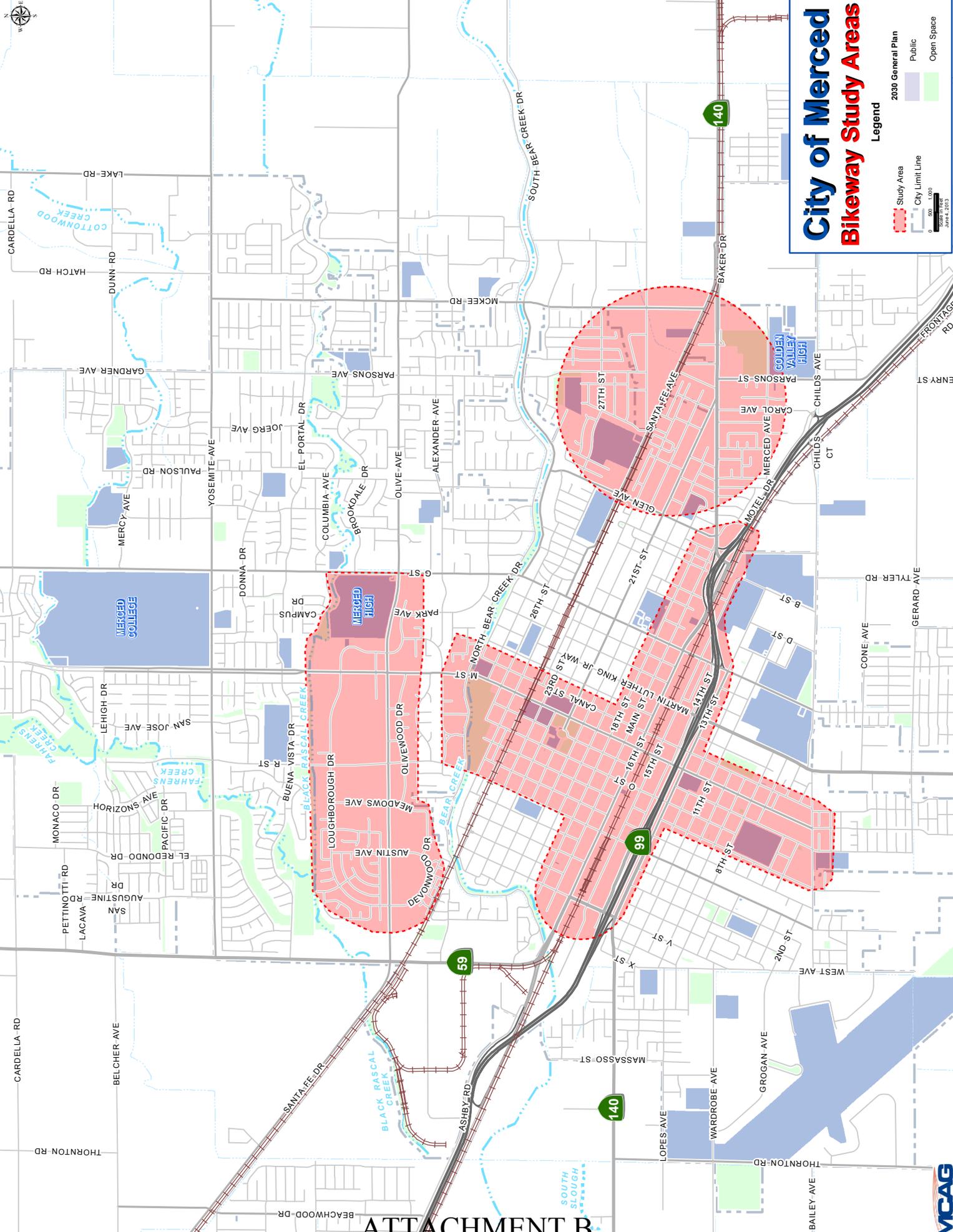
The consultant is very interested to hear your ideas and recommendations, and will be attending the June 28, 2016, BAC meeting.

RELATION TO THE 2013 BIKE PLAN

The downtown area was identified in the 2013 Bike Plan as an area that needed an assessment to improve north-south and east-west travel (Attachment A). The 2013 plan did not address the HSR project.

Attachment

- A. Consultant Bikeway ideas in the area of the HSR Station
- B. Bikeway Study Areas
- C. Close Up of Downtown Bikeways, 2013 BTP



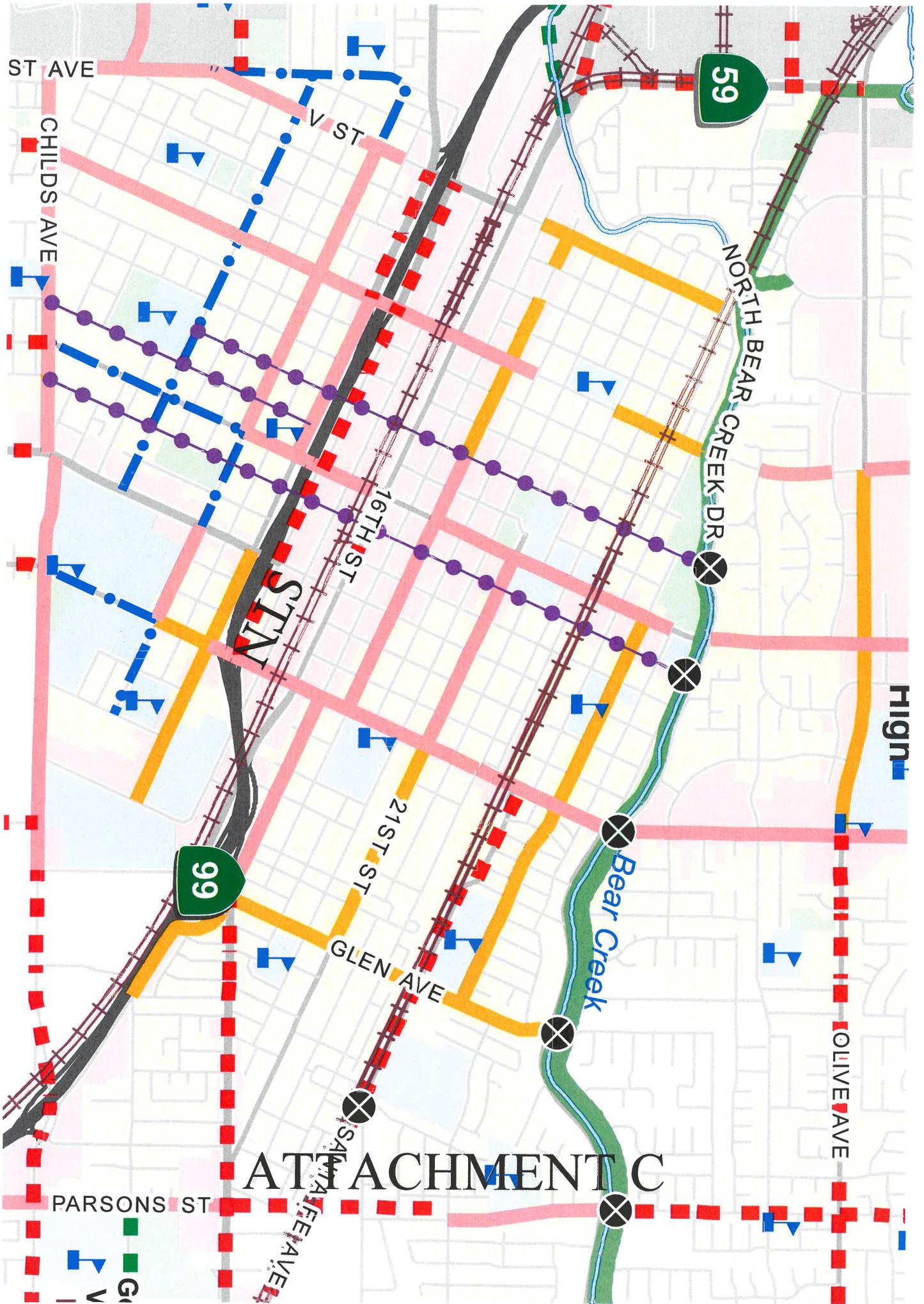
City of Merced Bikeway Study Areas

Legend

- Study Area
- City Limit Line
- 2030 General Plan
Public
- Open Space

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ATTACHMENT B



ATTACHMENT C