

CITY OF MERCED
Planning Department

TO: Bicycle Advisory Commission
FROM: Bill King, Principal Planner
DATE: December 13, 2016
SUBJECT: Active Transportation/Safe-Routes-to-School Plan Update

BACKGROUND

The City of Merced was awarded \$134,000 from Caltrans to prepare an Active Transportation/Safe-Routes-to-School (ATP/SRTS) Plan during 2017, and concluding by Spring 2018. The plan will prioritize pedestrian and bicycle projects, and include an implementation strategy based on funding sources. Though a citywide plan, the projects and programs will be focused in Central Merced aimed to improve bike and pedestrian access to downtown from all surrounding neighborhoods.

DISCUSSION

During the last few months, the following ATP/SRTS activities were completed:

- ATP/SRTS Internship Program
- Council approval of contract with Alta Planning and Design
- Formation of the Citizen Focus Group

The Citizen Focus Group is comprised of the following residents:

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| 1. Lisa Kayser-Grant | Merced Bicycle Coalition |
| 2. Isai Palma | Bicycle Advisory Commission |
| 3. Kenneth Leap | Sierra Club |
| 4. Juanita Chavez | Resident |
| 5. Cynthia Ratzlaff | Merced Youth Council |
| 6. Nicholetta Gallagher | Downtown Neighborhood Association |
| 7. _____ | UC Merced Student |
| 8. Mark Chalico | Resident |
| 9. Mark Hamilton | Resident |

Staff invites comments and discussion of the items above.

ACTION

No Action Necessary.