CITY OF MERCED
Development Services

TO: Bicycle Advisory Commission
FROM: Mark Hamilton, Planner
DATE: February 22, 2011
SUBJECT: Funding Source Update

ACTION REQUIRED: No Action Required.

DISCUSSION

Staff is currently pursuing funding sources for Bicycle Facilities that were identified in the "2008 City of Merced Bicycle Plan." Over the past few years staff has secured funding from the following grant funding sources: Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ), Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA), and Safe Routes to School (SR2S). Due to the City's success with these grants, staff will continue to secure funding for the projects identified in the "2008 City of Merced Bicycle Plan."

Below are grant applications staff has submitted for Bicycle Facilities. The chart identifies the grant source and the project that was submitted:

Current Grant Funding Sources/Applications	
Grant	Project
BTA (2010) State	Canal Street Bike Boulevard (Application Denied)
BTA (2010) State	Bike Lane Striping on Various Streets (Application Denied)
CMAQ (Federal)	Campus Parkway Phase 1 Bike Path (Approved)
CMAQ (Federal)	Bear Creek Bike Path from Fahren's Creek south to 16th Street (Pending)
CMAQ (Federal)	Black Rascal Bike Path from Lake Road south and east to McKee Road (Pending)
BTA (2011) (State)	Canal Street Bike Boulevard - Bear Creek to Bob Hart Square (Application Resubmitted)
BTA (2011) (State)	Bike Lane Striping on Various Streets (Application Resubmitted)

One of the many obstacles for municipalities is the ability to obtain the required percentage of matching funds for the projects. In order for a project to be eligible, the application may require a minimum percentage of the projects total cost to be matched by local funds. Recently, the Redevelopment Agency has provided the required match for projects that are located within the Redevelopment Project Areas. With the State looking to cut funding to Redevelopment Agencies, securing funding for these projects in the future may become even more challenging.