

**CITY OF MERCED
Development Services**

TO: Bicycle Advisory Commission
FROM: Michael Hren, AICP; Principal Planner
DATE: August 22, 2017
SUBJECT: Active Transportation/Safe-Routes-to-School Plan Update

BACKGROUND

At the June 27, 2017 meeting, the Commission asked for a standing item to be added to future agendas discussing the progress on the City's Active Transportation and Safe-Routes-to-School Plan.

DISCUSSION

The City's Consultant, Alta Planning and Design, has prepared a presentation to discuss the current state of the Active Transportation and Safe-Routes-to-School Plan, as well as the future timeline. Attachment A highlights completed work to date, key dates, and immediate next steps. Among other questions that staff and Alta may have, the Commission is asked to help determine where the best locations to conduct counts of multi-modal users, particularly cyclists, would be. This includes both areas with dedicated cycling facilities and those without.

ACTION

Advise Alta and staff where the best locations to conduct counts of multi-modal users would be.

ATTACHMENT

A. Alta Update on Active Transportation/SRTS Plan

1. Merced Active Transportation/SRTS Plan

Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting August 22, 2017

Project Goal

The ATP/SRTS Plan is intended to result in **increased active transportation** throughout Merced, with particular emphasis on increasing these modes in **Disadvantaged Communities**, creating opportunities for active transportation to and from **school** (Safe Routes to School projects and programs), and **connectivity** to the future high-speed rail station.

Work Completed to Date

- Identify existing physical and cultural conditions, active transportation programs, funding sources, and current and anticipated financial needs
- Documented ATP hazards
- Met with stakeholders several times
- Set Plan goals and goals for participation
- Participated in Community Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Training Program Workshop with California Walks
- Attended Thursday Street Faire

Stakeholders

- Bicycle Coalition
- Bicycle Advisory Commission
- Building Healthy Communities
- California High Speed Rail Authority
- City of Merced Housing Department
- City of Merced Public Works Department
- City of Merced Recreation Department
- Merced College
- Merced County Association of Governments
- Merced County Roads Division
- Merced County Public Health Department
- Merced Union High School District
- Merced Youth Council
- Residents
- Sierra Club
- UC Merced, Transportation and Parking Services
- United Way Merced
- V.O.I.C.E.S Youth

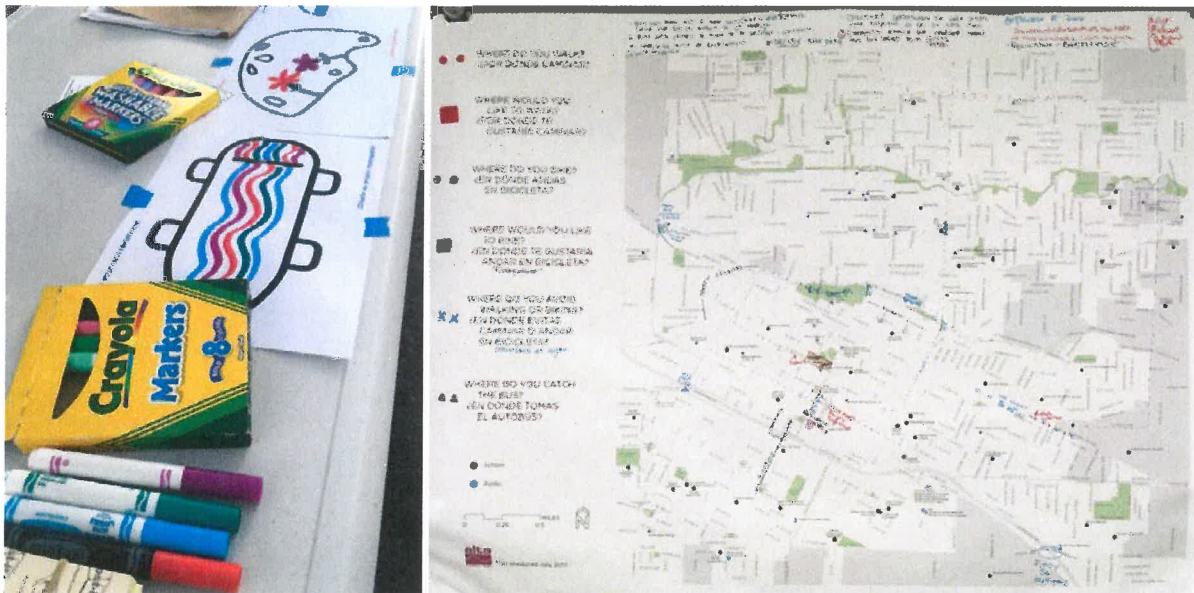


Key Dates

- February 1 – Citizen Focus Group Meeting
- April 18 – Joint Technical Advisory Committee and Citizen Focus Group Meeting
- June 21 - Community Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Training Program Workshop (with California Walks)
- July 27 – Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
- July 27 –Thursday Street Fair
- September/October – Technical Advisory Committee + Citizen Focus Group Meeting
- October/November – Public Workshop
- Early 2018 – Reports Complete
- Mid-2018 –Active Transportation/SRTS Plan Draft

Immediate Next Steps

- Develop active transportation project list (including low-cost countermeasures)
- Conduct multi-modal user counts
 - Where should we conduct our counts?



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