CITY OF MERCED
Development Services

TO: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission
FROM: Michael Hren, Principal Planner
DATE: August 25, 2020
SUBJECT: Feedback on Sharrows

BACKGROUND

On August 10, 2020, Principal Planner Michael Hren sent an email to the Commissioners regarding sharrows in the community. Mr. Hren stated: "…you have a limited-time opportunity to provide feedback about sharrows in our community. On M Street between Childs and 8th, sharrows were installed that used epoxy instead of thermoplastic. If you have the opportunity in the next week to travel this area, your opinion of the epoxy material (items such as brightness, slipperiness, etc.) would be helpful to our Engineering Department in determining what materials to use going forward. As of August 17th, these sharrows will be removed and replaced with thermoplastic sharrows, so you have one week to try the epoxy ones out. If you have the chance to ride or drive the area after the thermoplastic sharrows are installed as well, any comparisons you can provide will be helpful as well.

Price differences and maintenance differences between epoxy and thermoplastic will also play a role, but if the BPAC feels strongly one way or another about the epoxy, it will inform future decisions. The workmanship should not be your primary concern, as it also factors into the reason for the epoxy sharrows' removal. These sharrows are also placed in accordance with MUTCD guidelines, and are much further from the parked vehicles than some of the previous ones around the community. There will be an item on the August 25th agenda for Commissioners to provide their feedback on these sharrows and the thermoplastic ones that replace them. Again, the epoxy sharrows will be removed from M Street between Childs and 8th on August 17th."

DISCUSSION

Commissioners that were able to ride or drive to experience the epoxy sharrows are encouraged to provide feedback to city staff regarding their opinion of the treatment, and how it compares to thermoplastic.

ACTION
None required.