

CITY OF MERCED
Planning Department

TO: Bicycle Advisory Commission
FROM: Kim Espinosa, Planning Manager
DATE: April 25, 2017
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 (CFG) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
- Kick-off Meeting with Consultants and TAC—December 2016
- Consultants and City Staff have prepared Technical Reports with background information regarding existing facilities and amenities, existing policies, and accidents.
- First Meeting of CFG—February 2017
- City Staff has been coordinating with and hosted an onsite visit with California Walks about a community workshop to be held in June 2017
- Joint Meeting of CFG and TAC—April 18, 2017

ACTION

No Action Necessary.