

**CITY OF MERCED**  
**Development Services**

TO: Bicycle Advisory Commission  
FROM: Michael Hren, AICP; Principal Planner  
DATE: December 12, 2017  
SUBJECT: Update on Sharrows and Bike Path Maintenance

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**BACKGROUND**

At the Bicycle Advisory Commission (BAC) meeting of October 24, 2017, the Commission discussed the issues of sharrows and bike path maintenance in Merced, and asked for these items to be placed on a future agenda.

**DISCUSSION**

Planning staff has consulted with Public Works to gather information related to the issues raised at the previous meeting.

Regarding the placement of sharrows, Mr. Elwin, the Director of Public Works, agreed that centering sharrows in the travel lane is the preferred placement and will be the future practice when striping or restriping them. Regarding the ones that were placed closer to the edge of the travel lane, these were all done as a part of a CMAQ grant using thermoplastic rather than paint; because of this, these sharrows have not needed to be repainted, and would be costly to move. The current budget is unable to support the use of thermoplastic, which is why other installations such as on Main Street have used paint. Public Works provided a location map with the locations of bike lanes and shared roads in the Central Merced area, which is presented as Attachment A.

Regarding maintenance and upkeep of bicycle pathways, Mr. Elwin suggested that comments relating to these issues be directed to the Public Works department at 209-385-6800, and that using this number is the fastest way to get these kinds of issues resolved. The City relies on receiving information through these means as a way to know what parts of paths need maintenance such as erosion control, plant pruning, and replacement of damaged or burnt out lighting. For situations that may require non-emergency Police Department assistance, that number is 209-385-6905.

**ACTION**

None required.

**ATTACHMENT**

A. Central Merced Location Map showing Bike Lanes and Shared Roads

