

**CITY OF MERCED
Development Services**

TO: Bicycle Advisory Commission
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SUBJECT: Commission Vacancies and Future Scope

BACKGROUND

At present, one voting position on the Commission and two Ex-Officio positions are vacant. Additionally, the work done thus far on the Active Transportation Plan (ATP) suggests that there is value in adding pedestrian and disability expertise to the Commission and increasing its scope.

DISCUSSION

In addition to the current vacancies, three Commissioners are nearing the end of their terms. On July 1, 2019, the terms of Commissioners Comeyne, Hicks, and Thurston expire. Commissioners Hicks and Thurston are eligible to serve a second term (which would last until 2023) if they are interested in doing so. Because of the vacancies, expiration of terms, and possible change in scope, the Commission should discuss the future of the Commission.

Some topics for consideration are potential change in size of the Commission, whether temporary or permanent, to include more fields of expertise; recruitment of new applicants for the existing and upcoming vacancies; potential changes to meeting schedule; future areas for the Commission to consider as part of its expanded scope; and the Commission's interaction with the Traffic Committee.

ACTION

No action is required.