

Lompoc City Council Agenda Item

City Council Meeting Date: November 4, 2008



TO: Gary P. Keefe, City Administrator

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**SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF CITY OF LOMPOC BICYCLE
TRANSPORTATION PLAN, NOVEMBER 2008**

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council take the following actions:

- A) Hold a Public Hearing and take public input on the City of Lompoc Bicycle Transportation Plan, November 2008.
- B) Make any necessary changes to Resolution No. 5499(08) and the City of Lompoc Bicycle Transportation Plan, November 2008.
- C) Adopt Resolution No. 5499(08), adopting the City of Lompoc Bicycle Transportation Plan, November 2008.

BACKGROUND:

In April of 2008, the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) published a Draft Regional Bicycle Plan in order to address four major goals: Update the Bikeway Network; Meet State BTA Guidelines; Create Uniformity in Policies and Design; and Identify Funding and Evaluate Programs. The City of Lompoc, as well as other local agencies within Santa Barbara County, assisted SBCAG in providing the information specific to each locality in order for SBCAG to prepare the Regional Plan. The Regional Bicycle Plan did address its four goals, however, the City of Lompoc still needed to prepare and adopt by Resolution a Bicycle Transportation Plan of its own in order for the City to be eligible for State Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) grant funding.

In addition to providing eligibility for BTA grant funding, the City of Lompoc Bicycle Transportation Plan summarizes existing and proposed bicycle transportation facilities, which are consistent with the latest adopted Goals, Policies, and Measures included within the Circulation Element of the City of Lompoc General Plan. The preparation of the Lompoc Bicycle Transportation Plan was performed through coordination with SBCAG, the Caltrans Bicycle Facilities Unit staff, and various divisions within the City of

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Lompoc. Additionally, the Lompoc plan was prepared with consideration of system needs voiced by the public both at the Lompoc public workshop held by SBCAG on February 20, 2008, and at the October 14, 2008, meeting of the Lompoc Valley Bicycle Club, which City staff attended.

Additional bicycle transportation infrastructure was the primary need expressed by the public, and was evaluated by City staff to be necessary for the improvement of bicycle transportation in Lompoc. The City of Lompoc Bicycle Transportation Plan will provide the City an opportunity to receive BTA funding for expensive improvements, such as infrastructure. After adoption by the City Council, the plan will then be approved by SBCAG in order to be submitted to the State with a BTA grant application by the December 1, 2008, application deadline. With the aid of grant funding sources such as BTA, the missing links in the City's bicycle transportation infrastructure system can be filled at much less cost to the City, and with substantial benefit to the public.

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Attachments: [Resolution No. 5499\(08\)](#)
 [City of Lompoc Bicycle Transportation Plan, November 2008](#)

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

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