



## City Council Agenda Item

**City Council Meeting Date:** May 19, 2020

**TO:** Jim Throop, City Manager

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**SUBJECT:** Review and Comment on Draft City of Lompoc Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan, May 2020

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### **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the City Council review and provide comments on the attached draft City of Lompoc Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan, May 2020 (Plan).

### **Background:**

The Engineering Division received a Measure A Safe Routes to School grant from the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) for funding to complete a Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan. The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute the grant agreement and authorized supplemental appropriations related to the grant on August 15, 2017. A pedestrian and bicycle master plan will allow the City to be eligible for additional grant funding, such as future cycles of the Active Transportation Program, that would not otherwise be available. The Plan will also help streamline the process by which the Engineering Division selects projects to put forward for grant funding, as all known needed biking and pedestrian infrastructure projects which are consistent with the City's adopted 2030 General Plan are prioritized therein. This will serve as a non-binding document which helps the City implement its 2030 General Plan, Circulation Element, in the order of priority that best serves the community.

### **Discussion:**

The goals of the Plan are to assess current conditions within the existing pedestrian and bicycle networks, identify the community's pedestrian and bicycle transportation needs, and scope and prioritize future pedestrian and bicycle improvements. The pedestrian component of the Plan identifies and prioritizes future projects to create a pedestrian network that encourages and facilitates walking and focuses first on providing safe and convenient infrastructure to facilitate walking to schools within the City. The bicycle component serves as an update to the previous 2008 Lompoc Bicycle Transportation Plan and focuses first on safety and then convenience for high demand routes. The Plan

incorporates significant input from community stakeholders and the general public addressing community walking and biking needs.

- On April 25, 2019, staff held its first City staff stakeholder meeting for the Plan including the following divisions:
  - Engineering
  - Planning
  - GIS
- On May 24, 2019, staff held a broad community stakeholder meeting including the following organizations:
  - City of Lompoc – Engineering, Planning, Airport, Transit, Community Relations, Police Department, and GIS
  - Santa Barbara County
  - SBCAG
  - Caltrans
  - Lompoc Unified School District (LUSD), Lompoc High School, and Clarence Ruth Elementary School
  - Healthy Lompoc Coalition
  - Healthy Trails
  - SBBIKE
  - Lightening Cycles
  - Explore Lompoc
- From June 2019 through September 2019, a community survey was conducted to obtain input from Lompoc residents regarding fulfilling the remaining needed walking and biking infrastructure. Resident responses and requested improvements were included within the proposed project list as long as they were located within the City and were included in, or consistent with, the City's current adopted General Plan.
- The Engineering Division promoted the Plan and solicited survey responses at the 2019 Flower Festival and two of the Old Town Market events last summer on July 26<sup>th</sup> and August 16<sup>th</sup>.
- During September and October 2019, staff coordinated with LUSD and all public schools within the City and solicited survey responses from the district, schools, students and their families.

All of the remaining bicycle network improvements and pedestrian infrastructure needs are prioritized and ranked within the Plan.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The cost to prepare the Plan was partially funded, up to 90%, by the abovementioned Measure A grant with the City providing the balance of the funds from Transportation

Development Act (TDA) Article 3 funds. The City Council approved the necessary appropriations on August 15, 2017. No General Fund or local Measure A funds are included in the funding requirements of the project.

The term of the grant expires on June 30, 2020; therefore, staff proposes to incorporate comments on the draft Plan from the City Council, stakeholders, and the public, and then return to the City Council for approval of the final Plan on June 2, 2020, in order to provide time to close out the grant following the City Council's approval. If a significant number of comments are received or the City Council needs more time for review of the plan, then staff can return to the City Council for approval of the final plan on June 16, 2020, and coordinate with SBCAG to expedite closing out the grant.

**Conclusion:**

The City of Lompoc Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan will make the City eligible for grant funding to construct the important infrastructure improvements which are prioritized in the plan.

Respectfully submitted,

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**APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY MANAGER:**

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Michael Luther, P.E., Public Works Director

**APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL:**

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Jim Throop, City Manager

Attachment: City of Lompoc Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan, May 2020, draft