



Contra
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County

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Brian M. Balbas, Public Works Director/Chief Engineer
Date: April 26, 2022

Subject: Contra Costa County Active Transportation Plan Final Report, Countywide.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

CONSIDER accepting the Contra Costa County Active Transportation Plan Final Report dated April 2022, as recommended by the Transportation, Water and Infrastructure Committee, Countywide.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **04/26/2022** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: April 26, 2022

Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: June McHuen, Deputy

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cc:

BACKGROUND:

The Active Transportation Plan (ATP) demonstrates that Contra Costa County is committed to enhancing active transportation by promoting access and connectivity for all modes of travel besides automobile travel. By definition, active transportation comprises any self-propelled, human-powered travel, such as walking and bicycling. The purpose of Contra Costa County's ATP is to serve as a roadmap to enhance active transportation safety and mode share for unincorporated areas in Contra Costa County by providing a comprehensive look at the County's active transportation needs and opportunities. The plan outlines investments in new bicycle facilities, upgraded crossings, enhanced trail connections, and improved walkways. These investments prioritize improvements within historically underserved and impacted communities. The ATP Final Report is the culmination of three years of effort by County staff and their consultants.

The process of developing this ATP began with documenting community needs and input and builds off the County's efforts in the recently adopted Vision Zero Action Plan. The Vision Zero Action Plan includes a systemic look at safety and collision history within the County, including improvements for bicyclists and pedestrians. This ATP is intended to serve as an implementing action of the Vision Zero Action Plan, as well as guide future grant applications and funding for active transportation projects that support mode shift to walking and bicycling. Additionally, this ATP is consistent with other documents such as the County's General Plan, the County's Complete Streets Policy, Plan Bay Area 2050, Contra Costa Transportation Authority's (CCTA) Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, and the County's Climate Action Plan.

The ATP's vision statement is as follows: Contra Costa County will have an equitable transportation system that supports active transportation for users of all ages and abilities, allowing all to travel conveniently, reliably, and free from harm.

The goals and objectives for the ATP were developed in support of this vision and with consideration of other local and State plans and policies, desires of local residents, and emerging trends and opportunities in active transportation. This ATP was created to facilitate the following goals:

1. Prioritize active transportation investments based on factors such as collision history or systemic risk, location in an impacted community, location near key destinations, and funding opportunities.
2. Shift trip modes by Contra Costa County residents and visitors from motor vehicles to active modes such as walking and biking to create a more sustainable community and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
3. Provide a vision for arterials and collectors within the unincorporated County roadway network to assist County departments in planning for private development, capital projects, and maintenance efforts.

Obtaining input from Contra Costa County residents was an important component of the ATP development process. A project website was created and a number of community

engagement tools were utilized to gather feedback from a wide range of residents with an emphasis on high-priority areas within the County. Community participation was solicited via targeted social media ads, community meetings, pop-up engagement events, sidewalk decals directing residents to the project website, virtual community workshops, online survey, and interactive web map.

The projects proposed in the ATP were developed and prioritized based on a variety of factors such as: fatal or severely injured collision history, projects within CCTA's Pedestrian Priority Areas, projects along CCTA's Bicycle Backbone Network, recommendations from previous regional efforts, feedback from key stakeholders and the community, proximity to key destinations (e.g., schools, hospitals, affordable housing, transit stops, parks), projects within impacted areas as defined by multiple resources (i.e. Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Equity Priority Areas, Healthy Places Index, CalEnviroScreen, American Community Survey data, Community Air Risk Evaluation Program, and the California Department of Education), and ease of constructability.

Given the scope of projects within this ATP, implementation will take many years to complete. Implementation of each project is dependent upon the availability and acquisition of funding. The County will periodically update this plan, ideally on a five-year timeline, to reflect evolving needs and progress toward completion.

On March 14, 2022, the Transportation Water and Infrastructure Committee (TWIC) accepted the draft of the Active Transportation Plan Report, dated March 2022, and directed Public Works staff to incorporate comments and present to the full Board of Supervisors for adoption. Since then this report has been updated and the Final Report is dated April 2022.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Failure to adopt the Active Transportation Plan Final Report will impact the competitiveness of the County in securing granting funding from multiple grant programs such as the Active Transportation Program and One Bay Area Grant Program.

CLERK'S ADDENDUM

Speakers: Caller 6770.

ATTACHMENTS

ATP Report

Power Point Presentation