



# PRESENTATION

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**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, September 5, 2023  
**Approved by:** Ben Martinez, Interim City Manager

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**SUBJECT:**

Bicycle Master Plan Update Presentation

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive the presentation on the Bicycle Master Plan (BMP) update.

**BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE PRIOR ACTION:**

The Planning Commission recommended approval of the Bicycle Master Plan (BMP) update on August 21, 2023, per Resolution No. 2023-20.

**EXPLANATION:**

The BMP update provides a vision, strategies, and actions for improving the bicycling experience in National City, which will align with changes identified in the:

- Focused General Plan Update
- Downtown Specific Plan
- Westside Specific Plan
- TODO Study
- INTRACConnect study

The BMP update carries forward information from the BMP adopted in 2011 and presents an updated set of a variety of recommendations to improve public awareness and support for bicycling, increase the number of frequent bicycle users and the frequency of bicycle trips, and improve bicyclist safety conditions. The BMP update provides guidance for expanding and improving National City's existing bikeway network, connecting network gaps, and fostering greater regional and local connectivity. Additionally, the BMP update presents recommended bikeway and support facility design guidelines. In order to attain higher bicycle ridership and improved bicycle conditions, the BMP update provides recommendations for education, encouragement, enforcement, and evaluation programs.

The goals of the BMP update are to create:

- A city where bicycling is a viable and comfortable travel choice for users of all abilities and backgrounds,
- A safe and comprehensive locally, regionally, and multi-modally connected bikeway network, and
- Environmental quality, public health, recreation, and mobility benefits through increased bicycling.

These goals will help bicycling become a more widely used transportation mode in National City. The Plan leverages these goals and the policies mentioned above to provide an implementation framework for substantial and tangible improvements for bicyclists in National City.

This Bicycle Master Plan includes a summary of legislation and other planning or policy documents from the State of California, San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), and the City of National City that are most pertinent to bicycling in National City. The Bicycle Master Plan update will support National City's implementation of SB 743 and its Climate Action Plan (CAP) by reducing reliance on vehicles and positioning bicycling as a viable, safe, and enjoyable form of intra-city transportation.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

There are a variety of federal, state, and regional funding sources available for bicycle projects and programs. By maintaining a Bicycle Master Plan, the city is eligible for a variety of funding opportunities, such as the Active Transportation Program (ATP), which is one of many competitive grant programs.

**RELATED CITY COUNCIL 2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:**

Transportation Choices and Infrastructure

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:**

This is not a project under CEQA and is therefore not subject to environmental review.CCR15378; PRC 21065.

**PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:**

Agenda Report posted within 72 hours of meeting date and time in accordance with Brown Act.

**ORDINANCE:**

Not Applicable

**EXHIBIT:**

Exhibit A - Presentation