



Kings County Regional Walk and Bike Plan Project Advisory Committee Meeting #2

Wednesday, February 14, 2018 | 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
KCAG conference room | 339 W. D Street | Lemoore

Attendees (* indicates attendance by phone)

PAC members:

- Linda Beyersdorf City of Lemoore
- Kenneth Bird California Highway Patrol
- Marlana Brown NAS Lemoore
- Debbie Grice Kings County Public Health
- Dennis Ham Kings County Velo Club / Hanford Planning Commission
- Troy Hommerding Kings County Public Health
- Larry Jones Adventist Health
- Scott Lau* Caltrans
- Bruce Mackey Kings County Cyclists
- Margarita Ochoa Lemoore Police Department
- Pedro Ramirez Caltrans
- Beverly Rodriguez Bicycle advocate
- Sandra Scherr Caltrans
- John Tyler California Highway Patrol

Non-PAC members:

- Terri King KCAG (Executive Director)
- Niko Letunic Eisen | Letunic (lead consultant on the Walk and Bike Plan)
- Yunsheng Luo KCAG (Regional Planner)

Meeting notes

- Round of introductions.
- Niko Letunic presented on the community needs assessment for the Walk and Bike Plan:
 - Overview and objectives of the process.
 - How input was gathered.
 - Key findings and results.

- Group discussion and input on the community needs assessment:
 - Need more bicycle education (particularly for kids) and Safe Routes to School programs.
 - For existing efforts, check out the Safe Kids Coalition and Healthy Eating, Active Living programs; also, talk to Araceli Gomez (Environmental Health).
 - Organize Walk to School Day events (October).
 - Walking School Bus program in Lemoore.
 - Bike rodeos (Tulare used Caltrans funding to organize them).
 - April 20 is Safe Kids Day (organized by the Safe Kids Coalition; at the arena in Lemoore).
 - Week-long PE classes on bike safety are more effective than two-hour rodeos.
 - Are cars allowed to park in the bike lane, for example on Rodgers Road (in Hanford)?
 - Traffic calming.
 - Need guidelines for making new development pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly.
 - Incentives for businesses to provide bike parking.
 - There was more bicycle advocacy, education, awareness, community while there was a bike shop in Lemoore.
 - Provide bike mechanics to address the cost and hassle of fixing one's bike.
 - Need more bike parking.
 - Provide information on how to report dog attacks and threats; organize campaign against stray dogs.
 - Get the word out about leash laws. Lemoore has a law and enforces it. Enforcement might be an issue in other jurisdictions.
 - Lemoore has a process for reporting potholes, broken sidewalks.
 - Minnesota is one of the most bike-friendly states, so the weather shouldn't be an issue.
- Niko presented on the proposed approach to the development of proposed improvements and recommendations under the Walk and Bike Plan. This was followed by a group discussion:
 - Update the project lists in the Kings County Bicycle Plan and Regional Transportation Plan.
 - Identify a funding source for maintenance.
 - Pursue 'Bicycle Friendly Community' designation from the League of American Bicyclists.
 - How to bring bike shops to Kings County?
 - Outside of downtowns: address connections to businesses (Costco, Dollar Store, etc.), government buildings, hospitals, social services.
 - Consider collision hotspots when proposing improvements.
- Group discussion on how best to prepare KCAG member agencies for pursuing Active Transportation Program (ATP) funding:
 - Calculate emissions reductions for priority projects.
 - Clovis received an ATP grant even though it's not a disadvantaged community.
 - Provide links to online data sources for use by the member agencies.
 - Caltrans District staff will review draft ATP applications if they are submitted at least three weeks before the deadline.
- Lastly, Niko gave an overview of the remaining timeline for the planning process.