



# Kings County Regional Walk and Bike Plan

**Project Advisory Committee Meeting #2 | February 14, 2018**



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Transportation, Environmental and Land Use Planning



# Meeting agenda

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## ~~1. Introductions~~



## ✓ **Community needs assessment**

3. Formulating proposed improvements and recommendations
4. Preparing KCAG member agencies to pursue ATP funding
5. Remaining project timeline
6. Closing questions, comments or concerns?



# Community needs assessment

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- Community survey
- Interactive “pinnable” map
- Presentations, including to the PAC
- Earlier planning efforts
- Input from agency staff
- Site visits



# Main **ped** concerns: Infrastructure

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- Lack of, or discontinuous, sidewalks.
- Cracked, broken or uneven sidewalks.
- Sidewalk obstructions: trash, tree roots, overgrown vegetation.
- Lack of walking paths and trails.
- Lack of crosswalks or other crossing improvements at some key intersections.
- Too few, or insufficiently bright, street lights.



# Main **bike** concerns: Infrastructure

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- Lack of, or discontinuous, bike lanes.
- Potholes and rough or uneven pavement.
- Lack of multi-use paths and trails.
- Lack of bike-parking racks at key locations.
- Too few, or insufficiently bright, street lights.
- The walking needs mentioned previously also apply to children riding bikes.

# Main concerns: Non-infrastructure

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- Speeding, failure to yield, disregard of cyclists, distracted driving; most importantly around schools.
- Lack of promotion or encouragement of biking.
- Bike lanes blocked by parked cars.





# Less directly related concerns

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- Scary or threatening dogs (stray and domestic).
- Vagrants, strangers and other types of individuals perceived as threatening.
- Uncomfortably hot or cold weather.



# Community needs assessment

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## For PAC discussion:

- Do the needs and concerns identified resonate with you? Do they just about cover the main ones?
- How should the plan, KCAG and the jurisdictions deal with non-infrastructure concerns?
- How should the plan address the less directly related concerns?
- Other thoughts on the community needs assessment?



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# Recommending improvements

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## Avenal and Hanford

- Rely on recent local active transportation plans.
- Make supplementary recommendations to fill any gaps.





# Recommending improvements

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## Lemoore

- **Bike:** Rely on city's and KCAG's previous plans.
- **Ped:** Identify high-priority sidewalk gaps and deficient crossings.





# Recommending improvements

## Corcoran and unincorporated County

- **Bike:** Rely on KCAG's previous plans.
- **Ped:** Identify high-priority sidewalk gaps and deficient crossings.





# Recommending improvements

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## For PAC discussion:

- Do you have any concerns with the approach of relying on local plans and on earlier plans?
- In what general areas would you prioritize new sidewalks and crossing improvements?
- How else would you prioritize new sidewalks and crossing improvements?
- Other thoughts on the formulation of recommended improvements?



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# Preparing to pursue ATP funding

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- Next application cycle likely March–July 2018.
- The Walk and Bike Plan will identify projects likely to compete well.
- But the quality of applications matters more than the quality of projects.





# Preparing to pursue ATP funding

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## For PAC discussion

- In the past, what has stopped Kings County agencies from submitting ATP applications? What are the barriers?
- How can the Walk and Bike Plan process help agencies overcome these barriers?
  - Webinar?
  - One-on-one calls with agency staff?
  - List of tips, ideas and suggestions?
  - Other ideas?



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