



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS**  
**COMPLETE STREETS AND**  
**TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

MEETING DATE: 08/13/2020

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DATE: August 6, 2020  
TO: Complete Streets and Transportation Commission  
FROM: Ying Smith, Transportation and Mobility Manager  
SUBJECT: Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Commission support the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update.

**BACKGROUND:**

At the February 21, 2017 meeting, the Town Council adopted the Town of Los Gatos Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP). The BPMP was developed after a substantial community outreach process and gained strong support from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC). It provides a roadmap for investments that will enhance bicycle and pedestrian mobility throughout the Town and allows the Town to participate more competitively in a range of local, regional, and State funds for bicycle and pedestrian related improvement projects.

At the June and July meetings, the Complete Streets and Transportation Commission received progress reports from staff on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP) update, including a demonstration of the test version of the online Story Map at the July 9 meeting.

**DISCUSSION:**

Since the adoption of the BPMP the Town has continuously made progress in implementing priority projects identified by the community. The BPMP provides a policy foundation in the Town's efforts in competing for local and regional funds for bicycle and pedestrian improvements. Several projects have been completed and more projects have entered the design phase. The success has generated greater community support, as illustrated in many community outreach events and in the Town's budget priority survey in early 2020.

In 2019 the Town launched Connect Los Gatos, a program of bicycle and pedestrian projects that promote connectivity and improve the multimodal network throughout the Town.

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In order to broaden community engagement and better align the current bike and pedestrian priorities and the Town's long-range goals, Town staff has initiated an update to the BPMP. The focused effort only updated Chapter 4, Network Recommendations and Project Prioritization.

The following project lists are included in the updated Chapter 4:

Table 4.1 - Completed Projects: reflects the accomplishments since the BPMP adoption in 2017

Table 4.2 - Connect Los Gatos Projects: Prioritized Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements

Table 4.3 - Bicycle Improvements

Table 4.4 - Pedestrian Improvements

Table 4.5 - Town Wide Improvements

Table 4.6 - Town Wide Programs

Table 4.7 - Prioritized Town Wide Improvements

Table 4.8 - Prioritized Town Wide Programs

One exciting new feature is an online interactive map that illustrates project information and location. This online platform will allow staff to make timely updates about projects status, budget, and funding and facilitate community engagement.

As a way to engage the community and increase awareness for the Connect Los Gatos Program, staff conducted an Active Transportation Survey in July to better understand how residents are using the streets to meet their needs and invite suggestions on improvements what will make biking and walking safer for all.

This survey was open to everyone in the community and was promoted via social media posts and the Connect Los Gatos website. The survey had a total of 117 participants. The respondents provided valuable feedback on their top priorities, and specific locations of concern. Making intersection crossings safer and building new biking and walking paths separate from traffic were consistently voted as top priorities by participants. Highway 9, Blossom Hill Road, and Kennedy Road were identified as key locations of concern for bicycle and pedestrian safety. The input has helped inform the project list update.

The BPMP update reflects an important step in the assuring the Town's long-term success in implementing bicycle and pedestrian improvements. It will also provide meaningful context to support future efforts in competing in funding opportunities.

#### NEXT STEPS:

Staff plans to present the draft update for the Town Council's consideration at its September 1, 2020 meeting. The online Story Map will be posted on the Town's website in August.

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**Attachments:**

1. Draft Project Tables in Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update
2. 2017 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, Chapter 4