



## CITY OF CARSON

### PLANNING COMMISSION AND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION: September 25, 2012  
SUBJECT: Workshop on the Master Plan of Bikeways  
APPLICANT: City of Carson  
REQUEST: To discuss and provide comments on the draft  
Master Plan of Bikeways  
PROPERTIES INVOLVED: City-wide

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#### COMMISSION ACTION

☐ Concurred with staff  
☐ Did not concur with staff  
☐ Other

#### COMMISSIONERS' VOTE

AYE	NO		AYE	NO	
		Chairman Faletogo			Gordon
		Vice-Chair Verrett			Saenz
		Brimmer			Schaefer
		Diaz			Williams
		Goolsby			

## **I. Introduction/Background**

On February 16, 2011, the City Council approved Resolution No. 11-016 to submit an application for the Community Based Transportation Planning (CBTP) grant from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to create a Comprehensive Master Plan of Bikeways. Staff submitted the complete application on March 30, 2011. On July 25, 2011, staff was contacted by Caltrans via email and informed of the \$90,000.00 grant award for Fiscal Year 2011/12. On September 6, 2011, the City Council accepted the 2011 CBTP grant.

On March 26, 2012, staff issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the preparation of the city's first Master Plan of Bikeways since 1978. On June 19, 2012, the City Council approved a contract with Ryan Snyder Associates/RBF Consulting to create the City of Carson Comprehensive Master Plan of Bikeways.

Staff is also consulting with the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition (LACBC) for assistance with public outreach and awareness for the Master Plan of Bikeways.

The project officially commenced in June 2012 and is expected to be completed by December 2013. Several community meetings and events are scheduled to garner public participation and comments. Events include a city bicycle tour, bicycle safety/education event, and community meetings.

Staff conducted the project's first community "ideas and suggestions" meeting on September 8, 2012 to receive comments from the public and incorporate them into the draft Master Plan of Bikeways. Approximately 25-30 participants attended the meeting and were seated into small groups of 6-8 people. A presentation explaining different bike lane types, striping options, bicycle parking, available amenities, and support facilities were provided by Ryan Snyder Associates. A question and answer portion was followed by group discussions and an opportunity to comment on the maps. Participants were asked to draw on maps to show preferred bike routes, new paths, locations for bicycle amenities, areas of safety concerns, and any other comments they wished to submit. The comments submitted on the maps will be reviewed and incorporated into the draft Master Plan of Bikeways.

Staff has also launched a website (<http://ci.carson.ca.us/bikeways>) and a dedicated Facebook page (Carson Comprehensive Master Plan of Bikeways) to generate interest and public participation.

### *Master Plan of Bikeways*

The Master Plan of Bikeways will identify bicycle routes/networks, policies for community involvement/integration, utilization of existing resources, facility design, implementation, maintenance, funding, and special programs. The plan will serve as a planning document to guide future city improvements, development and maintenance of the city's bicycle network for local and regional commuters and recreational riders. The plan will identify projects for capital improvements and provide a priority list of projects depending on public opinion, public safety, and



feasibility. The goals of the Master Plan of Bikeways include improving bicycle safety, mobility, and connectivity within the city and South Bay region.

A large component of the project includes garnering public participation, educating the public, and encouraging active public involvement throughout the planning process. The Master Plan of Bikeways website provides an interactive map for the community to draw and provide comments. Participants can draw on a map of the city and identify areas of safety concerns, desired bicycle routes, locations for additional bicycle parking, and other bicycle amenities. A bicycle survey is also being distributed to the public to gather data for the preparation of the draft plan. Comments from the public, community meeting, Facebook page, interactive map, survey results, and commission members will be incorporated into the draft plan.

A 50% complete draft Master Plan of Bikeways will be submitted to staff by November 2012 for review and comments. A 75% complete draft plan will be distributed for public comments and presented to the Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission for review in early 2013.

## **II. Recommendation**

That the Planning Commission:

- CONSIDER and DISCUSS the information provided for in this workshop; and
- PROVIDE comments for the draft Master Plan of Bikeways.

## **III. Exhibits**

None.

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