



# CITY OF MERCED

Merced Civic Center  
678 W. 18th Street  
Merced, CA 95340

## Meeting Agenda

### Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

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Tuesday, August 26, 2025

4:00 PM

City Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, Merced Civic  
Center, 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340

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#### NOTICE TO PUBLIC

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#### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

#### **B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **C. ROLL CALL**

#### **D. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the public who wish to speak on any matter not listed on the agenda may speak during this portion of the meeting and will be allotted 3 minutes. State law prohibits the Commission from acting at this meeting on any matter raised during the public comment period. Members of the public who wish to speak on a matter that is listed on the agenda will be called upon to speak during discussion of that item.

## E. CONSENT CALENDAR

Adoption of the Consent Calendar may be made by one motion of the Commission, provided that any Member, individual, or organization may request removal of an item from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration. If a request for removal of an item from the Consent Calendar has been received, the item will be discussed and voted on separately.

## F. ACTION ITEMS

## G. REPORTS

### G.1. [25-805](#)

**SUBJECT:** Introduction of New BPAC Members and Supporting Planning Staff

#### REPORT IN BRIEF

Planning Staff will introduce the newly appointed BPAC members and supporting Planning Staff.

### G.2. [25-798](#)

**SUBJECT:** Engineering Report Changes, Bear Creek Restoration Project Update, Main Street One Way and 2025 SS4A Grant Project Submission

#### REPORT IN BRIEF

1. Since before November 2023, Staff has given the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission an Engineering Report that states:

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We have attached a copy of the City project list for reference.

2. Bear Creek Trail Restoration Project
3. Main Street One Way

4. SS4A Grant Project Submission

G.3. [25-799](#)

**SUBJECT:** Merced Comprehensive General Plan Update and  
Downtown Station Area Plan

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

The City of Merced is undertaking a Comprehensive General Plan Update and the creation of a Downtown Station Area Plan. A comprehensive General Plan update is a periodic revision and update of the City's long-term planning document, which serves as a blueprint for future development and conservation. The last General Plan was adopted in 2012. Over the past several years, individual chapters have been revised as needed. However, due to changes in State law among other things, it has been determined that it is time for the General Plan to be comprehensively updated.

G.4. [25-800](#)

**SUBJECT:** Bellevue Road Bicycle Path Update

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G.5. [25-801](#)

**SUBJECT:** Bike Month Discussion

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

The Commission will discuss Bike Month, including activities that took place.

**H. BUSINESS**

H.1. [25-803](#)

**SUBJECT:** Election of Chair and Vice Chair

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

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H.2. [25-802](#)

**SUBJECT:** Commissioner Comments

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

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H.3. [25-804](#)

**SUBJECT:** Requests to Add Items to Future Agenda

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

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**I. ADJOURNMENT**



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**Meeting Date:** 8/26/2025

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### DISCUSSION

This is an opportunity for the Commission to meet the newly appointed BPAC voting and Ex-Officio Members. It is also an opportunity for the Commission to be introduced to additional Planning staff who will be supporting them and their function.



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4. SS4A Grant Project Submission

# Captial Improvement Project List

Updated 4/15/2025

Project #	Project Name	Project Manager / Consultants	Manager	Design Status (%)	Construction Status (%)	Notes - Status
	UNDER CONSTRUCTION					
CP200043	CMAQ(051) Sidewalks for Olive, Parsons & Alexander	Vannesa Mendoza	Rick Maddox	100%	100%	Need as built, final quantity change order routing for execution
CP210044	CMAQ Nottingham Sidewalks	Vannesa Mendoza	Rick Maddox	100%	100%	Need as built, final quantity change order routing for execution
CP220063	CMAQ - Childs Ave. - Golden Valley H S to Coffee	Vannesa Mendoza	Rick Maddox	100%	25%	Headwalls/footings almost complete, blockwall channel 1/3 complete, verify safety precautions/traffic control with contractor, look at possible ribbon cutting for PR
CP220064	CMAQ - McGregor, Home, Parkwest, Windsor-Sidewalks	Ian Sather	Rick Maddox	100%	10%	Project started construction 3/17
CP220066/CP210003	Traffic Signal Timing/Loop Detector Replacement-Combined w/CMAQ Traffic Sync	Ian Sather	Rick Maddox	100%		Bids came in too high, going to CC on 4/17 to reject and rebid
CP230052	Stephen Leonard Park Building Rehabilitation Structural Repairs	Joe Cardoso	Joe Cardoso	100%	10%	Fire sprinklers being installed, heating and air ducts being installed, floor being prepped
CP230014	Main Street Directional	Rom Robinson	Joe Cardoso	100%	0%	Notice to Proceed for 2/18/25
CP220073	Bob Hart Square Expansion	Rom Robinson	Joe Cardoso	100%	10%	Project under construction
CP220072	Applegate Zoo Expansion	Rick Maddox	Rick Maddox	10%	0%	Consultant working on design
CP220061	Community Park 42	Joe Cardoso	Joe Cardoso	100%	75%	Project under construction
CP220069	Laura Fountain Repair	Joe Cardoso	Joe Cardoso	100%	95%	On site meeting w/ contractor on 1/27 to go through punchlist
CP230035	WWTP Phase VI Engineering Design	Rick Maddox	Rick Maddox	100%	99%	Construction complete, contractor working on punchlist
CP180018	EPA Emergency Generators @ Well Sites	Ian Sather	Rick Maddox	100%	2%	Generators are delivered, waiting for revisions from building permit and approved permit
CP230062/CP230063	Merced Center Security Improvements/Shannon Parcade Security	Joe Cardoso	Joe Cardoso	100%	90%	Talk to Frank regarding status (ON HOLD)
CP230073	MCE Terminal Construction	Rick Maddox	Rick Maddox	100%	90%	Construction ongoing. Generators were wrong size, being altered and redelivered this week. Tentative completion date April 2025, TSA to install equipment in June 2025
CP230058	Gateway Monuments	Joe Cardoso	Joe Cardoso	100%	60%	Work progressing on Mission Ave monument
CP200009	Yosemite Ave - Parsons Ave to Mansionette (G St)	Joe Cardoso	Joe Cardoso	100%	0%	Contract executed, NTP for April 2025
CP230066	G Street Bridge/ Rail Repair	Rom Robinson	Joe Cardoso	100%	100%	Construction complete, working on final change order
CP240031	WWTP Transformer Replacement	Rick Maddox	Rick Maddox	100%	0%	Waiting on new transformer to install (4-6 weeks turnaround time)
CP250064	Craig Dr Sewer Main	A Vang	Joe Cardoso	100%	0%	Waiting on bonds/insurance from contractor

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CP250061	Stowell School Sidewalks	A Vang	Joe Cardoso	100%		Contract award going to CC on 5/5
CP230002	Safe Streets	Rick Maddox	Rick Maddox	100%	10%	Construction ongoing
CP250067	Sun Star Building Demo	Rick Maddox	Rick Maddox	100%		Contract executed, waiting to start abestos abatement and demo
UNDER DESIGN						
CP220067	MCE Fuel Farm	Ian Sather	Rick Maddox			RS&H is currently working on the design for the fuel farm
CP220050	R Street - Olive Ave to Northwood Dr	Vannesa Mendoza	Rick Maddox	80%		internal review of civil plans
CP250055	CRPL Melody Ln Sidewalks	Ian Sather	Rick Maddox	0%		PES approved by Caltrans, dept working on design
CP170050	CDBG Gateway Terrace II	Vannesa Mendoza	Joe Cardoso	85%		Golden Valley is getting a quote together to finish the design. A new project number has been created to move away from the GTII project. Housing got CC approval to add funding in their substantial amendment, Housing to send to HUD for approval.
CP240058	Bear Creek Restoration Project	Rick Maddox	Rick Maddox	60%		Dokken to provide public presentation in May
CP220021/CP230004	Santa Fe Strip Park/ Speed Table	A Vang	Rick Maddox	95%		Plans updated, internal review needed, PW comments rcvd back, need to update plans,
CP170054	Cherokee & Black Rascal Creek Culvert	Ian Sather	Rick Maddox	70%		Need to redesign project (value engineering), Next permit to expire in 2026, look into CVFCB permit expiration? Talk to fish/wildlife about temp bypass
CP220077	Fire Training Facility	Ian Sather	Rick Maddox	80%		Looking to bid in early May
CP200003	18th St ( Rst - V St) Roadway Recon	Rick Maddox	Rick Maddox	80%		Internal review needed
CP130002	R Street - 16th to 18th Street (Road Reconstruction)	Vannesa Mendoza	Rick Maddox	80%		Internal review of design, need to work on right of entries
CP210049	Mainline Replacement E 20th Street	Vannesa Mendoza	Joe Cardoso	90%		Right of entries agrmts w/ Joe, internal review needed
CP240045	Canal/Childs Sidewalk Improvements	Joe Cardoso	Joe Cardoso	5%		\$1 million federal award (need to find addt funding), Northstar working on prelim design, Joe working on addt ROW. ON HOLD
CP200065	Hwy 59 Black Rascal Bridge	Joe Cardoso	Joe Cardoso	30%		Working on RFP to get a ROW consultant
CP200064	Hwy 59 Phase 1 Widening	Joe Cardoso	Joe Cardoso	30%		Working on RFP to get a ROW consultant
CP140052	CMAQ (040) New Traffic Signal Hwy 59/16th St (90%)	Joe Cardoso	Joe Cardoso	95%		Dokken working on finishing design
CP140049	CMAQ (044) Right Turn Channelization Hwy 59/16th St (90%)	Joe Cardoso	Joe Cardoso	95%		Dokken working on finishing design



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CP220005 CP230021	<u>Quiet Zones:</u> Hwy 59, Glen Ave, M St, K St, & Canal St R St, U St, Bear Creek	Rick Maddox	Rick Maddox	50%		Prelim drawings to PUC & prelim notice of design, BNSF: (Geo 88B Form) CPUC, waiting on information back from railroad. Need update from FRA on status, get sample agreement from BNSF for CA to review, BNSF may want new application
CP240049	General Vang Pao Park	Rom Robinson	Joe Cardoso	0%		Consultant working on design
CP240040	IT Generator Replacement	Rick Maddox	Rick Maddox	0%		Waiting on design drawings from consultant to be able to bid project
CP090007	New Fire Station #56	Rick Maddox	Rick Maddox			Rick reviewed RFP and returned to Fire for review, need location and funding
CP160020	Water Well #22 @ Hatch & Cardella	Joe Cardoso	Joe Cardoso			CEQA with City comments sent to Consultant on 8/6/24
CP250062	Community Park 42 North	Joe Cardoso	Joe Cardoso			Planning working on executing agreemnt w/ consultant for environmental review
CP240052	CP-42 Playground	Joe Cardoso	Joe Cardoso			Consultant is working on cost/design, Design/Build contract going to CC on 1/21
CP220060	Mission Ave. Widening	Joe Cardoso	Joe Cardoso			Recv update from Dokken, meeting to discuss alignment (10/21). Dokken to give us a cost to start ROW and design
CP240016	Collins Dr Rehab and Reconstruction	Rom Robinson	Joe Cardoso			Crawford working on geotech
CP250041	Controller 2070 Replacement	Rick Maddox	Rick Maddox			Executed PO with AMG for timing sheets at 15th/R St and Childs/Coffee, PW working on the other locations
CP250060	M St Sidewalk Replacement (19th - 21st)	Rom Robinson	Joe Cardoso			A working on design
CP240005	M and Buena Vista Roundabout	Vannesa Mendoza				Ask AMG to do traffic analysis, Joe to work on getting surveyor
CP230056	MCE Pavement Rehab	Rick Maddox				
CP230003	Yosemite , M St to R St	Joe Cardoso				Not started



## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

File #: 25-799

Meeting Date: 8/26/2025

*Report Prepared by: Jonnie Lan, AICP, Acting Planning Manager, Development Services Department*

**SUBJECT:** Merced Comprehensive General Plan Update and Downtown Station Area Plan

### REPORT IN BRIEF

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### DISCUSSION

A General Plan addresses a broad range of issues related to land use, housing, transportation, infrastructure, and community well-being. Updating it at regular intervals ensures the plan remains relevant and effective.

Through the process the community will define the Planning Area, the long-term community vision for the future (spanning about 20 years or more), establish goals, objectives, policies, and establish implementation measures to achieve that vision.

Mandatory elements or chapters include Air Quality, Land Use, Circulation, Housing, Conservation, Open Space, Noise, Environmental Justice and Safety. The City of Merced will also consider other chapters like Economic Development and Public Facilities.

This process will involve extensive public participation. This engagement has begun. The City has reached out to stakeholders including Transportation, Developer and Real Estate and Downtown Merchant focus groups. At least four separate meetings with those stakeholders focusing on the Downtown Station Area have been held. In addition, the City and its consultants held an interactive meeting for the Citizen Based Organizations. This meeting was well attended and garnered many comments from the highly interactive group. The City Council has also appointed members to the Citizen Advisory Focus Group (CAFG). The CAFG is made up of a number of appointed participants including one voting member of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission. Ex-Officio Member Thomas has been appointed to represent this Commission. The first meeting of the CAFG will take place August 27, 2025, from 6:00-8:00 in the City Council Chambers. It is an open, public meeting so we would encourage anyone from the public to join and participate. There will be a total of at least 7 CAFG meetings. Lastly, there is a public workshop scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup> here at

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City Hall, 678 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street. Please join if you can. You can also find information about the General Plan Update and Downtown Station Area Plan at the project website [www.imaginemerced.com](http://www.imaginemerced.com) [<http://www.imaginemerced.com>](http://www.imaginemerced.com) .



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**File #:** 25-800

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*Report Prepared by: Jonnie Lan, AICP, Acting Planning Manager, Development Services Department*

**SUBJECT:** Bellevue Road Bicycle Path Update

### REPORT IN BRIEF

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*Report Prepared by: Jonnie Lan, AICP, Acting Planning Manager, Development Services Department*

**SUBJECT:** Bike Month Discussion

### REPORT IN BRIEF

The Commission will discuss Bike Month, including activities that took place.

### DISCUSSION

This is a standing item on the agenda for the Commission to discuss Bike Month, including future improvements or changes. The Commission should also discuss any activities, outreach, or education pertaining to Bike Month that it deems appropriate.



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*Report Prepared by: Jonnie Lan, AICP, Acting Planning Manager, Development Services Department*

**SUBJECT:** Election of Chair and Vice Chair

### REPORT IN BRIEF

The Commission must elect Chair and Vice Chair of the Commission.

### DISCUSSION

In accordance with Section 2.52.050 of the City of Merced Municipal Code,

A. In accordance with Section 704 of the Charter, the members of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission shall as soon as practical organize by electing two (2) of the seven (7) voting members to serve as chair and vice-chair at the pleasure of the Commission.

B. Notwithstanding Subsection A of this Section, the members of the existing Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission currently serving as chair and vice-chair shall be conferred their respective roles as part of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission upon the enactment of this chapter shall retain those positions until the next annual election.

### ATTACHMENTS

1. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Roster

# Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

## Board Roster

### Craig R Harmelin

**Partial Term** Jul 01, 2022 - Jul 01, 2026

**Appointing Authority** City Council

**Position** Ex-Officio

### Arturo Martinez Jr

**Partial Term** Jul 01, 2022 - Jul 01, 2026

**Appointing Authority** City Council

**Position** Commissioner

**Category** District 6

### Dina Gonzalez

**Partial Term** Jul 01, 2022 - Jul 01, 2026

**Appointing Authority** City Council

**Position** Commissioner

**Category** District 2

### Omar Sandoval

**Partial Term** Jul 01, 2022 - Jul 01, 2026

**Appointing Authority** City Council

**Position** Ex-Officio

### Lisa Kayser-grant

**2nd Term** Jul 01, 2022 - Jul 01, 2026

**Appointing Authority** City Council

**Position** Chair

**Category** District 5

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**Caroline Meraz**

**Partial Term** Jul 01, 2023 - Jul 01, 2027

**Appointing Authority** City Council

**Position** Member

**Category** District 3

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**Curtis Thomas**

**1st Term** Jul 01, 2024 - Jul 01, 2028

**Appointing Authority** City Council

**Position** Ex-Officio

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**William D Watkins**

**1st Term** Jul 01, 2024 - Jul 01, 2028

**Appointing Authority** City Council

**Position** Ex-Officio

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**Peggy Hsu**

**2nd Term** Jul 01, 2025 - Jul 01, 2029

**Appointing Authority** City Council

**Position** Commissioner

**Category** At-Large

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**Mylia M Chambers**

**1st Term** Jul 01, 2025 - Jul 01, 2029

**Appointing Authority** City Council

**Position** Commissioner

**Category** District 4

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**Dwight M Ewing**

**2nd Term** Jul 01, 2025 - Jul 01, 2029

**Appointing Authority** City Council

**Position** Commissioner

**Office/Role** Vice Chair

**Category** District 1

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