



# 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, April 28, 2026

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

##### WELCOME

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##### **PUBLIC COMMENT: OBTAIN SPEAKER CARD FROM THE COMMISSION CLERK**

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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.

E.1 [26-320](#)      **SUBJECT:** Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Annual Attendance Report

### REPORT IN BRIEF

Reviewing and approving the Annual Attendance Report.

## REPORTS

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## G. BUSINESS

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## H. ADJOURNMENT



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### DISCUSSION

Attached for your review are the annual Attendance Records. Please remember that the attendance record is not based on the fiscal year, but rather from April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026.

The terms for Omar Sandoval, Dina Gonzalez, and Craig Harmelin all expire on July 1, 2026. They are all eligible for reappointment and would need to submit an application if they wish to seek reappointment. The term for Commissioner Kayser-Grant will expire on July 1, 2026. She is not eligible for reappointment.

Questions or comments can be addressed at the meeting.

### ATTACHMENTS

1. Roster
2. Attendance Summary
3. Attendance Report
4. Board and Commission Attendance Policy

# Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

## Board Roster

### Omar Sandoval

Partial Term Jul 01, 2022 - Jul 01, 2026

**Email** [REDACTED]  
**Home Phone** [REDACTED]  
**Alternate Phone** [REDACTED]  
**Address**  
[REDACTED]

**Appointing Authority** City Council  
**Position** Ex-Officio

### Lisa Kayser-grant

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

**Email** [REDACTED]  
**Home Phone** [REDACTED]  
**Alternate Phone** [REDACTED]  
**Address**  
[REDACTED]

**Appointing Authority** City Council  
**Position** Chair  
**Category** District 5

### Dina Gonzalez

Partial Term Jul 01, 2022 - Jul 01, 2026

**Email** [REDACTED]  
**Home Phone** [REDACTED]  
**Alternate Phone** [REDACTED]  
**Address**  
[REDACTED]

**Appointing Authority** City Council  
**Position** Commissioner  
**Category** District 2

### Craig R Harmelin

Partial Term Jul 01, 2022 - Jul 01, 2026

**Email** [REDACTED]  
**Home Phone** Home: [REDACTED]  
**Alternate Phone** Mobile: [REDACTED]  
**Address**  
[REDACTED]

**Appointing Authority** City Council  
**Position** Ex-Officio

ATTACHMENT 1

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□ **Arturo Martinez Jr**  
Partial Term Jul 01, 2022 - Jul 01, 2026

Email [REDACTED]  
Home Phone [REDACTED]  
Address [REDACTED]

**Appointing Authority** City Council  
**Position** Commissioner  
**Category** District 6

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□ **Caroline Meraz**  
Partial Term Jul 01, 2023 - Jul 01, 2027

Email [REDACTED]  
Home Phone [REDACTED]  
Address [REDACTED]

**Appointing Authority** City Council  
**Position** Member  
**Category** District 3

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□ **Curtis Thomas**  
1st Term Jul 01, 2024 - Jul 01, 2028

Email [REDACTED]  
Home Phone [REDACTED]  
Address [REDACTED]

**Appointing Authority** City Council  
**Position** Ex-Officio

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□ **William D Watkins**  
1st Term Jul 01, 2024 - Jul 01, 2028

Email [REDACTED]  
Home Phone Mobile: [REDACTED]  
Address [REDACTED]

**Appointing Authority** City Council  
**Position** Ex-Officio

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□ **Peggy Hsu**  
2nd Term Jul 01, 2025 - Jul 01, 2029

Email [REDACTED]  
Home Phone [REDACTED]  
Address [REDACTED]

**Appointing Authority** City Council  
**Position** Commissioner  
**Category** At-Large

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□ **Mylia M Chambers**

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

**Email** [REDACTED]  
**Home Phone** [REDACTED]  
**Address**  
[REDACTED]

**Appointing Authority** City Council  
**Position** Commissioner  
**Category** District 4

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□ **Dwight M Ewing**

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

**Email** [REDACTED]  
**Home Phone** [REDACTED]  
**Address**  
[REDACTED]

**Appointing Authority** City Council  
**Position** Commissioner  
**Office/Role** Vice Chair  
**Category** District 1

**BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION  
ATTENDANCE SUMMARY BY MEETING DATE  
April 2025 TO March 2026**

NAME	4/22/25	6/24/25	8/26/25	10/28/25	12/23/25	2/24/26
LISA KAYSER-GRANT	C	C	X	X	C	C
MYLIA CHAMBERS	C	C	E	E	C	C
MICHAEL MELOY (term ended 7/1/25)	C	C	-	-	-	-
DWIGHT EWING	C	C	X	X	C	C
PEGGY HSU	C	C	X	X	C	C
DINA GONZALEZ (appt. 8/18/25)	-	-	X	X	C	C
ARTURO MARTINEZ, JR. (appt. 8/18/25)	-	-	X	E	C	C
CAROLINE MERAZ (appt. 7/7/25)	-	-	X	O	C	C
OMAR SANDOVAL - <i>Ex-Officio</i>	C	C	X	X	C	C
CRAIG HARMELIN- <i>Ex-Officio</i> (appt. 8/18/25)	-	-	X	X	C	C
WILLIAM WATKINS - <i>Ex-Officio</i> (appt 8/18/25)	-	-	X	X	C	C
CURTIS THOMAS- <i>Ex-Officio</i>	C	C	X	E	C	C
<b><u>NOTES:</u></b> Meetings held in even-numbered months.						

X =  
ATTENDED MEETING  
O = ABSENT  
E = EXCUSED  
C = CANCELLED MEETING  
F = FREE EXCUSED VAC ONCE/YEAR

ATTACHMENT 2

# BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION

## ATTENDANCE RECORD

*April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026*

*Total Number of Meetings Scheduled During Reporting Year: 2*

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Number of Meetings Attended*</u>	<u>Number of Meetings Scheduled</u> *	<u>Number of Meetings Absent</u> **	<u>Number of Meetings Excused</u>	<u>Percentage of Meetings Attended</u>
KAYSER-GRANT, L. (appointed 7/17/23)	2	2	0	0	100%
CHAMBERS, M. (appointed 7/15/24)	0	2	2	2	100%
MELOY, M. (termed out 7/1/25)	0	0	0	0	100%
EWING, D. (appointed 7/19/21)	2	2	0	0	100%
HSU, P. (appointed 7/18/22)	2	2	0	0	100%
GONZALEZ, D. (appointed 8/18/25)	2	2	0	0	100%
MARTINEZ, JR., A. (appointed 8/18/25)	2	2	1	1	100%
MERAZ, C. (appointed 7/7/25)	2	2	1	0	50%
SANDOVAL, O. (appointed 7/15/24)	2	2	0	0	100%
HARMELIN, C. (appointed 8/18/25)	2	2	0	0	100%
WATKINS, W. (appointed 8/18/25)	2	2	0	0	100%
THOMAS, C. (appointed 7/15/24)	2	2	0	0	100%

\* If member less than a full year, please indicate number of meetings scheduled since appointment.

\*\* This number includes excused meetings.

**Formulas for computing percentage of meetings attended:**

a. Member for full year = Number of meetings attended divided by total number of meetings scheduled.

b. Member for partial year= Number of meetings attended divided by total number of meetings scheduled since appointment.

# **Appointed Commission, Committee, and Board Member Attendance Policy**

The City Council, at its July 15, 1996, August 4, 1997, August 20, 2007, and September 20, 2021 meetings, adopted motions amending the original policy adopted October 3, 1994, regarding attendance, absences, and excused absences for City Council appointed commissions, committee, and board members:

1. If a member of a board or commission is absent from three regularly scheduled meetings of such board or commission, consecutively, or is convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude, or ceases to be a qualified elector of the City, the office shall become vacant and shall be declared by the City Council.
2. A commission, committee, or board member shall be required to attend 70 percent of scheduled meetings during a fiscal year. When attending other City of Merced business meetings and subcommittee meetings as a Board representative, absence shall be recorded as being present at the meeting.
3. Excused absences shall be recognized for illness, family emergencies, business conflicts and one vacation per each one-year period.
4. Department Heads or staff liaisons to appointed commissions, committees, or boards shall monitor attendance requirements for non-compliance. Upon notification of such non-compliance, the City Clerk may submit a recommendation to the City Council for appropriate action.
5. The City Clerk shall prepare a report annually to the City Council of an attendance report for every commission, committee, and board. The report shall include number of meetings attended, meetings missed (excused or unexcused), and a delineation of three consecutive absences or less than 70 percent attendance.
6. Prior to the annual report being submitted for City Council review, the City Clerk shall provide the report to each committee/board/commission for review and comment. Staff shall notify those Committee Members whose attendance is below 70 percent of the need for improvement.
7. The City Council may remove those commission, committee, or board members who do not meet the requirement of appointment.
8. All applicants for commissions, committees, and boards shall be notified prior to City Council appointment regarding time requirements for serving and the policy regarding removal.



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## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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**File #:** 26-321

**Meeting Date:** 4/28/2026

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*Report Prepared by: Daryl Jordan, City Engineer, and Laura Ivancich, Management Analyst, Engineering Department*

**SUBJECT:** Engineering Report - Active Transportation Plan Grant Application Project Scope

### REPORT IN BRIEF

Engineering staff to review the project scope for potential Active Transportation Plan (ATP) grant application. The application deadline is June 22, 2026.

# Active Transportation Program (ATP) Safe Routes to Schools Project

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City of Merced  
Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee  
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# Background

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- ❖ Call for Projects issued 3/24/2026
- ❖ Application submission deadline 6/22/2026
- ❖ Proposed “Safe Routes to Schools” grant application
- ❖ Coordinating with multiple school districts and agencies

# Purpose and Goals of ATP

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- ❖ Encourage active modes of transportation like walking, bicycling, and rolling
- ❖ Improve public health by promoting physical activity
- ❖ Increase safety and mobility for people walking and biking
- ❖ Creating connectivity, mobility, and accessibility, especially for disadvantaged communities



# Community Outreach

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- ❖ Critical to the application/project scope process
- ❖ Need resident input on challenges or safety concerns
- ❖ Previous Outreach Meetings
  - ❖ Tenaya Middle School **4/14**, City Hall **4/15**, Farmdale Elementary **4/29**
- ❖ **Engage.cityofmerced.gov**
  - ❖ Project Website for Updates/Feedback

# Proposed ATP Projects



Item	Location	Limits	Mitigation Measure	School and Proximity
A	Santa Fe Ave	Glen Ave. to Green St.	Addition of 8-foot multi use path, curb and gutter street lighting and round about at Santa Fe Ave. and Green St.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Our Lady of Mercy Elementary School - fronting project</li> <li>2. Hoover Middle School - Immediately west of Glen Ave.</li> <li>3. Ada Givens Elementary and Preschool - 2,000 ft north along Green St.</li> </ol>
B	Yosemite Pkwy. (Hwy 140)	at Laurel Ave. and Shirley St intersection	Addition of HAWK system and curb ramp modifications	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Charles Wright Elementary School - 300-feet from Laurel Ave. and 1,891-feet from Shirley St.</li> <li>2. Golden Valley - 3,,200-feet from Shirley St. and 4,800-feet from Laurel Ave.</li> </ol>
C	Childs Ave. and N St.	Manzanita Ave. intersection; Coffee St. to Medieval St.	HAWK system at Manzanita Ave. and 8-foot multi use path, curb and gutter street lighting from Coffee St. to Medevil St.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Weaver Elementary - Adjacent to Multi-Use Pathway</li> <li>2. Golden Valley - Adjacent to HAWK system</li> <li>3. Pioneer Elementary School - 3,000-feet from Multi-Use Pathway</li> </ol>
D	Childs Ave. and N St.	Childs Ave. and "M" St. intersection and "N" St. at Cartmell Dr.	HAWK system at Childs Ave. and flashing beacon at N St. at Cartwell intersections. Both include curb ramp modifications and striping	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Alcia Reyes Elementary School - Adjacent to Flashing Beacon and 570-feet from "M" Street Where HAWK is Proposed</li> <li>2. Tenaya Middle School - 1,395-feet from Flashing Beacon and 1,580-feet from HAWK</li> </ol>
E	West Ave. south of Hwy 140	Around the Gracy Elementary School	flashing beacon at West Ave. and Heritage Dr., HAWK system at 11 St. and V St. and curb ramps within the surrounding area.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Gracy Elementary School - Adjacent to Flashing Beacon and 670-feet from "W" Street Where HAWK is Proposed</li> <li>2. Sheehy Elementary School - 3,000 ft from "W" Street Where HAWK is proposed</li> <li>3. Tenaya Middle School - 4,500-feet from Flashing Beacon and 1-mile from HAWK</li> </ol>
F	Parsons Ave	Parsons Ave and Brookdale Dr. intersection	Addition of HAWK system and curb ramp modifications	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chenoweth School - Adjacent to HAWK system</li> </ol>
G	"G" Street	From Community College Dr. to Cardella Rd.	Addition of 8-foot multi use path, street lighting, curb and gutter	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Merced College - Adjacent to multi-use pathway</li> <li>2. Cruickshank Middle School - 1,900 feet away along Mercy Ave.</li> <li>3. El Capitan High School - 1 mile north on G Street</li> </ol>

# Proposed ATP Projects

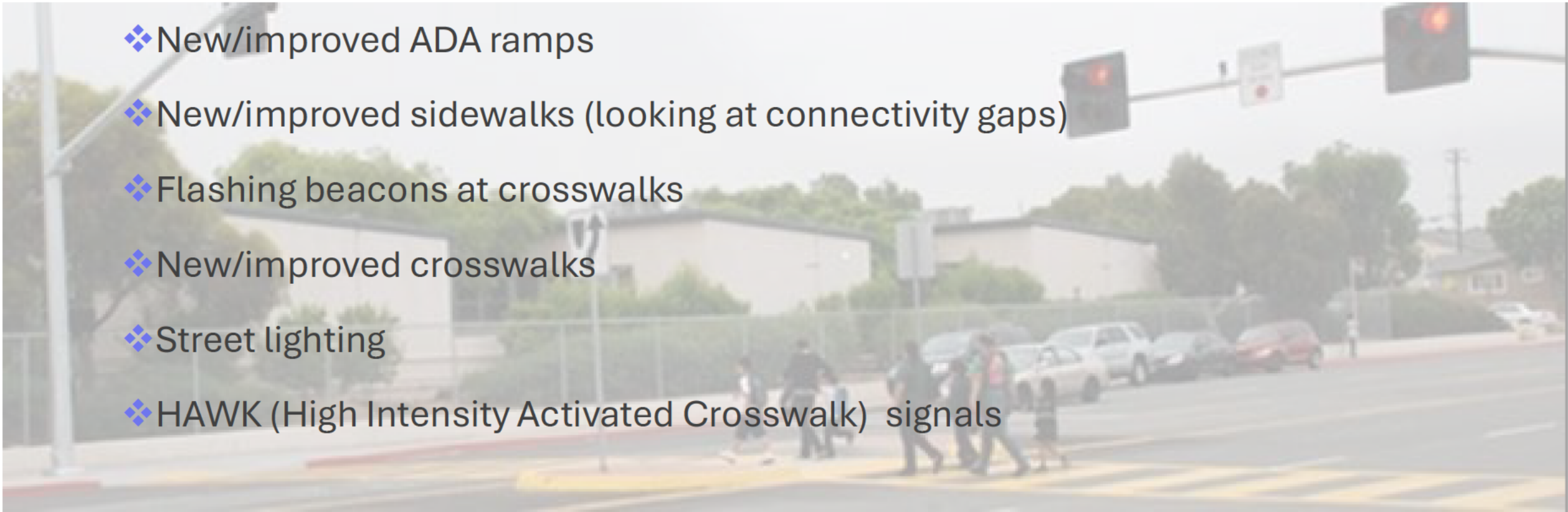


Item	Location	Limits	Mitigation Measure	School and Proximity
H	Around Hoover/OLM Schools	Surrounding area of Hoover Middle School and OLM School	curb ramps, sidewalk, curb and gutter, flashing beacons and striping around Hoover Middle School and Our Lady of Mercy Elementary School	1. Hoover Middle School - Adjacent to project 2. Our Lady of Mercy Elementary School - Adjacent to project
I	"G" St.	"G" St. and 23rd St. intersection	Addition of HAWK system and curb ramp modifications	1. Hoover Middle School - 2,000 feet from HAWK system 2. Our Lady of Mercy Elementary School - 4,300 feet from HAWK system 3. Yosemite High School - 1,200-feet from HAWK system 4. John Muir Elementary School - 2,200 feet from HAWK system
J	Parsons Ave	Cross Bear Creek	Pedestrian Path over Bear Creek	1. Ada Givens Elementary School - 850 - feet from proposed bridge 2. St. Paul Lutheran School - 2,600 feet from bridge 3. Our Lady of Mercy Elementary School - 3,200-feet from bridge 4. Hoover Middle School - 1.0-mile from bridge
K	Parsons Ave	Bear Creek to Teak Ave.	Addition of 8-foot multi use path, street lighting, curb and gutter	1. Ada Givens Elementary School - 920 - feet from proposed bridge 2. St. Paul Lutheran School - 2,600 feet from bridge 3. Our Lady of Mercy Elementary School - 3,200-feet from bridge 4. Hoover Middle School - 1.0-mile from bridge
L	Around Chenoweth	Olive to El Portal around Chenoweth	Curb Ramps around Chenoweth School	1. Chenoweth School adjacent to project improvements
M	Rahilly Park	Rahilly Park to Parson Ave	Connect bike path from Rahilly park to school	1. Chenoweth School adjacent to project improvements
N	Cardella Rd	G Street to Lake Road	Addition of 8-foot multi use path, street lighting, curb and gutter	1. UC Merced - adjacent to proposed improvements 2. El Capitan High School - 700-feet from proposed path
O	Childs Ave.	"B" St. to De Long St.	Addition of 8-foot multi use path, street lighting, curb and gutter	1. Stowell Elementary School - 2,100-feet from proposed path 2. Golden Valley High School - 4,700-feet from proposed path 3. Farmdale Elementary School - 1.2-miles from proposed path

# Types of Pedestrian Improvements

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- ❖ New/improved ADA ramps
- ❖ New/improved sidewalks (looking at connectivity gaps)
- ❖ Flashing beacons at crosswalks
- ❖ New/improved crosswalks
- ❖ Street lighting
- ❖ HAWK (High Intensity Activated Crosswalk) signals



# What is a Hawk System?

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- ❖ HAWK – High Intensity Activated Crosswalk
- ❖ Activated by push button
- ❖ Sequence of flashing/solid, yellow & red lights
- ❖ Driver mandatory stop required by law



# Share Your Ideas

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- ❖ Visit our project website **[Engage.cityofmerced.gov](https://engage.cityofmerced.gov)**
  - ❖ Email directly to grant administrator
  - ❖ Submit feedback directly on website
- ❖ Next Outreach Meeting
  - ❖ Farmdale Elementary – Wednesday April 29<sup>th</sup> 6PM



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