



CITY OF MERCED

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

Meeting Agenda

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

4:00 PM

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

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, this meeting will be conducted by teleconference and there will be no in-person public access to the meeting location.

WELCOME TO THE MEETING OF THE MERCED BICYCLE AND PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION

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MODIFIED PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS

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Please submit any public comments to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission electronically no later than 12 PM on the day of the meeting. Comments received before the deadline will be provided as part of the record. Material may be emailed to planningweb@cityofmerced.org and should be limited to 500 words or less. Please specify which portion of the agenda you are commenting on, i.e. item # or Oral Communications. Your comments will be provided to the Commission and retained for the official record.

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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 Board/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 Board/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.

[21-35](#) **SUBJECT:** Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Minutes of February 23, 2021

ACTION

Approving and filing the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Minutes of February 23, 2021

F. BUSINESS

[21-346](#) **SUBJECT:** Great Central Valley Bicycle Route Discussion

REPORT IN BRIEF

The Commission will discuss and potentially provide direction regarding the Great Central Valley Bicycle Route.

[21-349](#) **SUBJECT:** Bike Month Proclamation

REPORT IN BRIEF

The Commission will be presented a draft of the proposed proclamation for Bike Month.

RECOMMENDATION

Make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the proclamation for Bike Month.

G. REPORTS

[21-354](#) **SUBJECT:** Information Items

REPORT IN BRIEF

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meetings or other items not requiring action by the Commission at this meeting.

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SUBJECT: Commissioner Comments

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H. ADJOURNMENT



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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

File #: 21-35

Meeting Date: 4/27/2021

Report Prepared by: Michael Hren, Principal Planner, Development Services Department

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ACTION

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ATTACHMENTS

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Minutes of February 23, 2021

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BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION

MINUTES

Via Teleconference
TUESDAY
February 23, 2021

Chairperson FRIEDMAN called the meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Commission to order at 4:02 PM.

(C) ROLL CALL

Present: Greg Friedman (Chairperson)
Lisa Kayser-Grant
Ann Thurston
Tom Hothem (Vice-Chairperson, Arrived 4:08 PM)
Dwight Ewing
Mitch Vanagten (Ex-Officio)

Absent: None
Five Vacancies: (Two Voting, Three Ex-Officio)

Staff Present: Michael Hren, Principal Planner

Others Present: Stephanie Russell, Merced County Public Health Department
Monica Parra, Merced County Public Health Department

(D) PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Public comment was closed at 4:04 PM.

(E) CONSENT CALENDAR

E.1 MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2020

M/S KAISER-GRANT/HOTHEM, AND DULY CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE (2 VACANCIES), TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS EWING, KAYSER-GRANT, HOTHEM,
THURSTON, CHAIRPERSON FRIEDMAN

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE (2 VACANCIES)

ABSTAIN: NONE

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION REQUESTS, INFORMATION ITEMS, AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

(H) BUSINESS

H.1 Walk Audit Presentation from Merced County Department of Public Health

STEPHANIE RUSSELL AND MONICA PARRA from the Merced County Department of Public Health presented the results of a walk audit near Golden Valley High School to the Commission. Ms. RUSSELL and Ms. PARRA made recommendations to improve walking and bicycling safety, and discussed the Active Transportation Program Cycle 5, connecting with citizen groups in the South Merced area, funding for signage, and funding for bicycle racks with the Commission.

H.2 Request to Add Item to Future Agenda

Commissioner KAYSER-GRANT requested that a Proclamation for Bike Month be added to the April meeting.

Commissioner HOTHEM requested that items related to infrastructure that is shared or bordered by both City and County of Merced be focused on and that County Planning be included in future meetings where relevant.

(G) REPORTS

G.1 Applications for Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Principal Planner HREN provided an update on the status of applications to fill vacancies on the Commission.

G.2 Information Items

Mr. HREN updated the Commission that R Street has reopened, including striping of green-painted bicycle lanes. Mr. HREN also noted that a presentation from CalBike regarding the Central Valley Bikeways Project was scheduled to appear at the next meeting of the Commission.

G.3 Commissioner Comments

Commissioner HOTHEM informed the Commission that he and Commissioner KAYSER-GRANT met with a number of bicycle coalitions from District 10 and the Active Transportation Coordinator for District 10 recently, and is considering creating a steering committee of District 10 bicycle coalitions. Commissioner KAYSER-GRANT discussed bicycle tourism as a topic that is currently being discussed around the Central Valley and that the Commission should keep abreast of.

(H) ADJOURNMENT

M/S KAYSER-GRANT/HOTHEM, AND DULY CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE (2 VACANCIES), CHAIRPERSON FRIEDMAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 4:58 P.M.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS EWING, KAYSER-GRANT, FRIEDMAN,
THURSTON, CHAIRPERSON HOTHEM

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE (2 VACANCIES)

ABSTAIN: NONE

BY:

APPROVED:

MICHAEL HREN, AICP
PRINCIPAL PLANNER/
COMMISSION SECRETARY

GREG FRIEDMAN, CHAIRPERSON
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

File #: 21-346

Meeting Date: 4/27/2021

Report Prepared by: Michael Hren, Principal Planner, Development Services Department

SUBJECT: Great Central Valley Bicycle Route Discussion

REPORT IN BRIEF

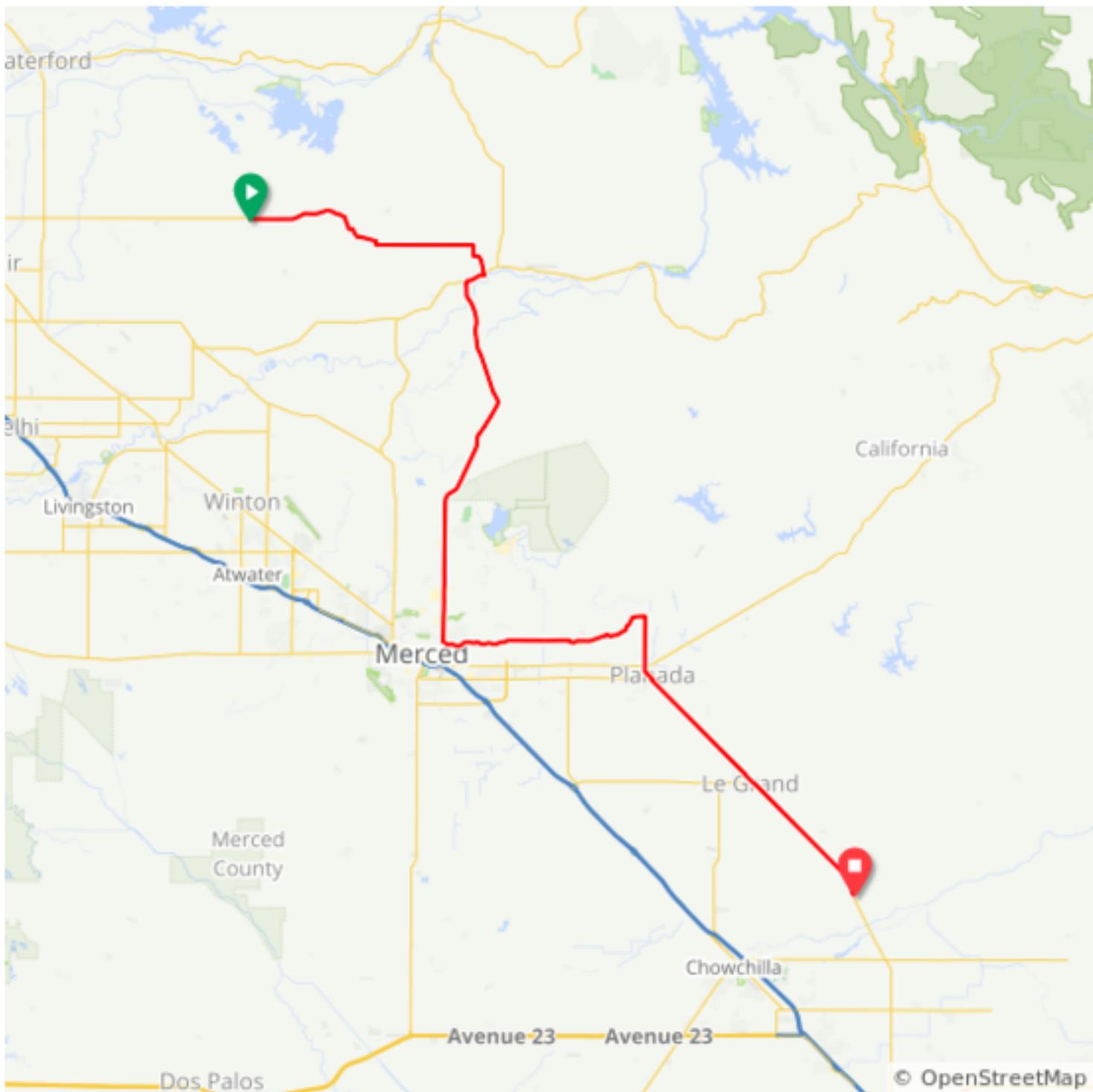
The Commission will discuss and potentially provide direction regarding the Great Central Valley Bicycle Route.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner HOTHEM has requested that the Commission discuss the Great Central Valley Bicycle Route. The steering committee of that project, consisting of ten bicycling advocates from around the valley, is nearing finalization of the map. Discussion topics for the Commission include but are not limited to agreement regarding the chosen route, signage, maintenance, and raising awareness regarding the overall project.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Map of GCVBR Route





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The Commission will be presented a draft of the proposed proclamation for Bike Month.

RECOMMENDATION

Make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the proclamation for Bike Month.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Recommend to City Council for Approval, as recommended by staff; or,
2. Recommend Denial; or,
3. Continue to a future meeting (date and time to be specified in the motion).

DISCUSSION

Staff has prepared a proclamation of the City Council declaring May 2021 as Bike Month throughout the city and Thursday, May 6th, 2021 as Bike-to-Work and Bike-to-School Day. The Commission is asked to review the proclamation and make a recommendation to the City Council, which would act on the recommendation at its May 3rd, 2021 meeting.

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1. Proclamation of Bike Month, 2021



Proclamation

WHEREAS, for more than a century, the bicycle has been an important part of the lives of many Americans, and, today, millions of Americans engage in bicycling to commute to work or school; to achieve and maintain physical fitness; and to recreate with family and friends; and,

WHEREAS, the education of cyclists, pedestrians, and motorists as to the proper and safe interaction of traffic is important to ensure the safety and comfort of all roadway users; and,

WHEREAS, in 2009, the City established a *Bicycle Advisory Commission* to serve as an advisory body to improve conditions for bicyclists; to promote bicycling as a means of transportation; to improve safety conditions for bicyclists; and to help implement policy, programs, and bikeway infrastructure for all ages and users; which now acts as a *Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission* serving users of all modes of Active Transportation in Merced; and,

WHEREAS, the *Merced Bicycle Coalition* and independent cyclists throughout our City are promoting greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education in an effort to reduce accidents, injuries, and fatalities for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATT SERRATO, Mayor of the City of Merced, on behalf of the City Council, and the City of Merced Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2021 as BIKE MONTH throughout the City, and further proclaim Thursday, May 06, 2021, as BIKE-TO-WORK DAY and BIKE-TO-SCHOOL DAY, and urge all Citizens of Merced to recognize the importance of bicycling for transportation and recreation, and urge everyone to be more aware of cyclists using our public streets.

Signed this 3rd day of May, 2021.

Matt Serrato, Mayor of Merced



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