

Active Transportation Program (ATP) Safe Routes to Schools Project

City Council Meeting
June 1, 2026



Attachment 4



Background

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

Purpose and Goals of ATP

- ❖ 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

- ❖ Critical to the application/project scope process
- ❖ Collected resident input on challenges or safety concerns

Dates	Outreach Meetings
April 14 th	Tenaya Middle School Outreach Meeting
April 15 th	City Hall Outreach Meeting
April 28 th	Presentation to Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee
April 29 th	Farmdale Elementary Outreach Meeting
May 6 th	Presentation at Rivera Middle School Family Engagement Night
May 12 th	Presentation & Resolution Adoption at MCSD Board Meeting

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & INPUT MEETING

Help Shape Safer Walking & Bike Routes for Our Students & Community

MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS

- Tenaya Middle School**
760 W 8th Street, Merced
📅 Tuesday, April 14th
🕒 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
- Merced Civic Center – Sam Pipes Conference Room**
678 W. 18th Street, Merced
📅 Wednesday, April 15th
🕒 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Share concerns
about traffic safety, sidewalks, crossings, and bike routes near schools

Engage
with city staff and project planners

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- ✔ Parents and students
- ✔ School staff
- ✔ Community members
- ✔ Anyone interested in safer walking and bike routes near school sites

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For more information, please visit engage.cityofmerced.gov

Proposed ATP Projects



Location	Limits	Mitigation Measure	School and Proximity	Estimates
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"> 1. Our Lady of Mercy Elementary School - fronting project 2. Hoover Middle School - Immediately west of Glen Ave. 3. Ada Givens Elementary and Preschool - 2,000 ft north along Green St. 	\$ 1,118,400.00
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"> 1. Charles Wright Elementary School - 300-feet from Laurel Ave. and 1,891-feet from Shirley St. 2. Golden Valley - 3,200-feet from Shirley St. and 4,800-feet from Laurel Ave. 	\$ 1,160,720.00
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 Medieval St.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Weaver Elementary - Adjacent to Multi-Use Pathway 2. Golden Valley - Adjacent to HAWK system 3. Pioneer Elementary School - 3,000-feet from Multi-Use Pathway 	\$ 1,547,300.00
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"> 1. Alicia Reyes Elementary School - Adjacent to Flashing Beacon and 570-feet from "M" Street Where HAWK is Proposed 2. Tenaya Middle School - 1,395-feet from Flashing Beacon and 1,580-feet from HAWK 	\$ 229,000.00
West Ave. south of Hwy 140	Around 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"> 1. Gracey Elementary School - Adjacent to Flashing Beacon and 670-feet from "W" Street Where HAWK is Proposed 2. Sheehy Elementary School - 3,000 ft from "W" Street Where HAWK is proposed 3. Tenaya Middle School - 4,500-feet from Flashing Beacon and 1-mile from HAWK 	\$ 559,800.00
Parsons Ave	Parsons Ave and Brookdale Dr. Intersection	Addition of HAWK system and curb ramp modifications	1. Chenoweth School - Adjacent to HAWK system	\$ 507,850.00

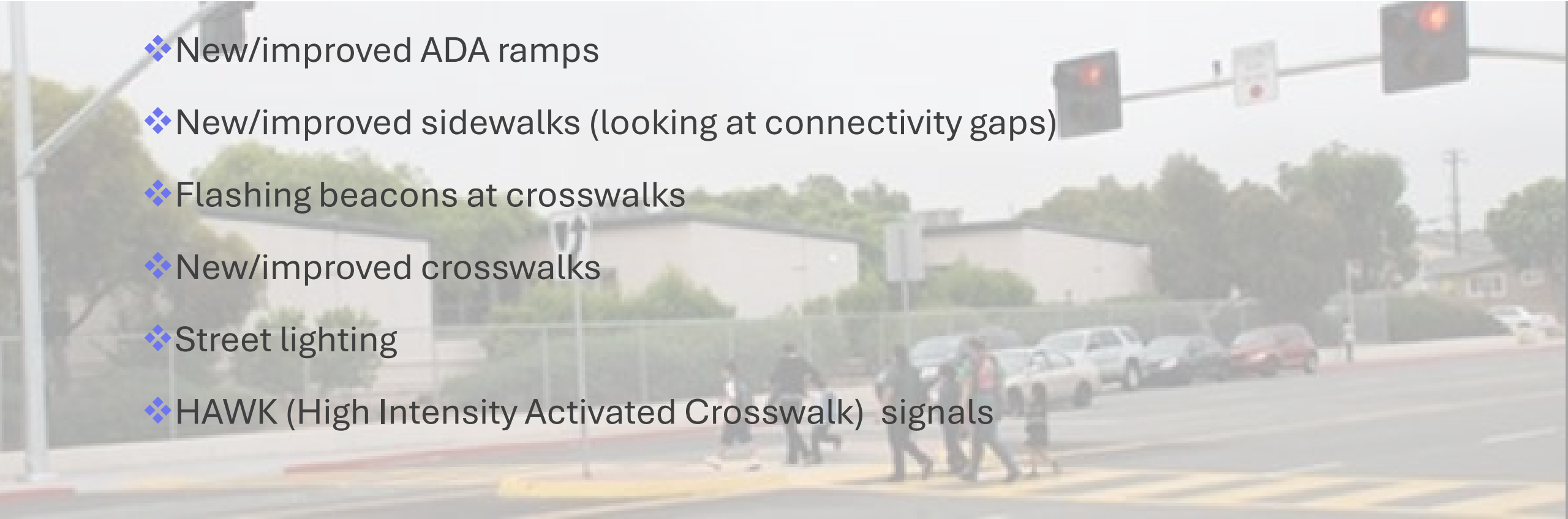
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"G" St.	"G" St. and 22nd St. Intersection	Addition of HAWK system and curb ramp modifications	1. Hoover Middle School - 2,000 feet from HAWK system 2. Our Lady of Mercy Elementary School - 4,300 feet from HAWK system 3. Yosemite High School - 1,200-feet from HAWK system 4. John Muir Elementary School - 2,200 feet from HAWK system	\$ 523,480.00
Parsons Ave	Cross Bear Creek	Pedestrian Bridge 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	\$ 1,832,240.00
Parsons Ave	Bear Creek to Teak Ave.	Addition of Class 4 bike lane	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	\$ 738,000.00
Winder Ave.	at "G" St. Intersection	Speed Table/Traffic Calming	1. Farmdale Elementary School - adjacent to project improvements	\$ 102,680.00
Gerard Ave.	From Alfarata Blvd. to Coffee St.	Sidewalk, curb/gutter, curb ramps and crosswalks	1. Pioneer Elementary School - adjacent to project improvements 2. Golden Valley High School - 2,700-feet from proposed improvements	\$ 533,880.00

Types of Pedestrian Improvements

- ❖ 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?

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



Staff Recommendation

- ❖ Adopt Resolution Authorizing staff to Apply for the California Transportation Commission 2027 Active Transportation Cycle 8 Grant

