

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-_____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF MERCED, CALIFORNIA,
ADOPTING THE CITY OF MERCED ACTIVE
TRANSPORTATION AND SAFE-ROUTES-TO-
SCHOOL PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Active Transportation and Safe-Routes-to-School Plan is founded on the work of the City of Merced 2013 Bicycle Transportation Plan and that the ideals, data, research, information, and guidance from that document was incorporated into, drawn on, and directly influential in the process of creating the City of Merced Active Transportation and Safe-Routes-to-School Plan;

WHEREAS, the City of Merced expects an increase of active transportation users for both recreational and commuter purposes as the City population and the University of California Merced attendance increase over the coming years;

WHEREAS, active transportation improvements provide a variety of transportation, health, economic, environmental, and social benefits for all and planning for an expanded active transportation system benefits the entire community, enabling freedom of safe, low-stress transportation choice and reducing motor vehicle traffic;

WHEREAS, the City of Merced, recognizing the transportation, health, economic, environmental, and social benefits of active transportation, is intent on continuing its commitment to improving its infrastructure, including but not limited to sidewalks and bikeways;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Staff recommended the adoption of a Statutory Exemption pursuant to Section 15262 of the CEQA Guidelines;

WHEREAS, the City of Merced Bicycle Advisory Commission held a public meeting on April 23, 2019, at which time the Commission provided feedback on a draft of the Active Transportation and Safe-Routes-to-School Plan and unanimously voted to recommend the plan to the City Council, along with any changes that might result from the Commission's feedback or additional public feedback;

WHEREAS, the City of Merced has continued to ensure the involvement of the public in the development of the Active Transportation and Safe-Routes-to-School Plan with public outreach, public meetings, and other efforts, most recently holding a joint meeting on May 22, 2019, of the Technical Advisory Committee and Citizen Focus Group to discuss an updated draft of the Active Transportation and Safe-Routes-to-School Plan and seek additional feedback; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council held a noticed public hearing on July 15, 2019, at which time all those interested in the matter were provided the opportunity to speak or to provide written or oral testimony regarding the City of Merced Active Transportation and Safe-Routes-to-School Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCED DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE, FIND, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The adoption of the Active Transportation and Safe-Routes-to-School Plan is statutorily exempt pursuant to Section 15262 of the CEQA Guidelines.

SECTION 2. Based upon the evidence and testimony in the record at the City Council public hearing, the City Council, exercising its independent judgment and review, hereby approves the Active Transportation and Safe-Routes-to-School Plan.

SECTION 3. By approving the Active Transportation and Safe-Routes-to-School Plan, the City Council directs the City Manager to assist in carrying out the intentions, goals, and guidelines presented in the Active Transportation and Safe-Routes-to-School Plan whenever possible and practical within the financial constraints and priorities of the City to further the quality of active transportation in the City of Merced.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Merced at a regular meeting held on the ____ day of _____ 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members:

NOES: Council Members:

ABSENT: Council Members:

ABSTAIN: Council Members:

APPROVED:

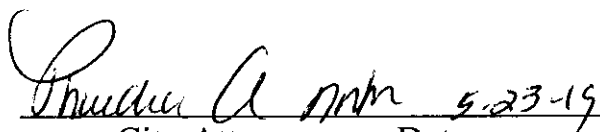
Mayor

ATTEST:
STEVE CARRIGAN, CITY CLERK

BY: _____
Assistant/Deputy City Clerk

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney Date