Atascadero City Council
Staff Report – Community Services Department

Bicycle Transportation Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

City Council and Parks and Recreation Commission review and comment on the Draft Atascadero Bicycle Transportation Plan and provide direction as necessary.

DISCUSSION:

A “bike plan” is a formal planning document that works in coordination with the City’s General Plan circulation, land use, and safety elements. It identifies policies that will aid in the continued development of a safer and more comprehensive bicycle system and provides the guidance necessary to continue to improve infrastructure, the economic environment and health of the community. Enhancing safety for cyclists is the most effective way to encourage citizens to use bicycles for transportation. The plan accounts for connections with other communities outside City boundaries as well. Additionally, a comprehensive and approved bike plan will enable the City to access major State and Federal funding for infrastructure grants.

While preparation of a city-wide Bicycle Transportation Plan has not been budgeted for FY 10/11, the City Council identified preparation of a bike plan a goal in their strategic planning sessions. Therefore, City staff has been in the process of preparing the plan in-house, and with a team of dedicated volunteers. The Bike Plan Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) consists of:

Dan Rivoire, San Luis Obispo Bicycle Coalition
Geiska Baker, SLOCOG
Callie Taylor, City of Atascadero
David Athey, City of Atascadero
Mike Zappas, Volunteer
Len Colamarino, Volunteer
Doug Marks, Volunteer
Bill Wachtel, Parks and Recreation Commissioner
Tom Zirk, Parks and Recreation Commissioner
Jennifer Fanning, City of Atascadero
Brady Cherry, City of Atascadero
The environmental review period is now open with a Negative Declaration for the plan having been prepared by the Community Development Department.

Staff has prepared a PowerPoint presentation, which will outline the specific plan features, as well as identify priority projects to guide the City for the next 5 – 15 years.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Plan development costs have been absorbed by the Community Services, Public Works and Community Development Departments. Capital Improvement costs and other costs indicated in the Bike Plan are not funded nor budgeted. The plan is not a spending initiative, and does not require the City to build any of the projects identified in the plan. The Bike Plan is a planning document that will allow the City to be eligible for a number of State and Federal funding opportunities. The City’s ability to obtain grants and other outside funding sources is directly linked to having an adopted Bicycle Transportation Plan.

**ATTACHMENT:**

[Attachment A – Draft Bicycle Transportation Plan](attachment_a_draft_bicycle_transportation_plan)