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City Council Adopts Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Plans

Focus on Improving Safety, Usability and Overall Connectivity of Network

PLEASANTON, Calif. — The City Council voted Tuesday evening to adopt an I-580 Overcrossings Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Conceptual Plan and a Foothill Road Bicycle Corridor Plan, both of which are City Council priorities. The City's Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee (BPTC) served as the steering committee for the development of the plans.

As included in the 2017 update to the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan (BPMP), enhancing the pedestrian and bicycle network at the I-580 overcrossings at Hopyard Road, Hacienda Drive and Santa Rita Road ranked among the top three improvements identified. The plan intends to better and more safely accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists by providing dedicated space and safe intersection crossings. The designs will now be forwarded to Caltrans for review and upon approval scheduled for future funding and construction.

Also ranked among the top three improvements in the BPMP, the Foothill Road Bicycle Corridor Plan creates an all ages and abilities corridor and provides both on street and off street facilities for cyclists. Short-term corridor improvements such as striping and minor concrete/asphalt work are included in the plan, as are long-term improvements that would require right-of-way

acquisition and/or major infrastructure reconstruction. The plan will be implemented as funding becomes available or when development of adjacent property advances.

In response to residents' concerns about a segment of sidewalk on Foothill Road between Muirwood Drive and Puri Court, City staff developed a short-term improvement that would replace the asphalt sidewalk and install a pedestrian/bicycle railing until the roadway can be widened to accommodate a buffered bike lane and multi-use trail. The railing is scheduled for installation over the school district's winter break, and the sidewalk is anticipated to be replaced over the summer along with other planned engineering projects.

The funding for both plans was provided by Measure B and BB Bicycle and Pedestrian funds, with future projects to be budgeted in the City's Capital Improvement Program.

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