

# *City of Merced*

## 2013 Bicycle Transportation Plan





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## **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

### **CITY OF MERCED BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION**

The City of Merced Bicycle Advisory Commission (BAC) was established by the Merced City Council through Ordinance No. 2323, which was introduced on February 2, 2009, and passed and adopted on February 17, 2009. Work of the BAC is guided by Chapter 2.52 of the Merced Municipal Code, which declares its purposes are to serve as an advisory body to the City Council on matters having to do with bicycle transportation within the City of Merced, with the intent to:

- Improve conditions for bicycles;
- Promote bicycling as a means of transportation;
- Improve safety conditions for bicyclists; and,
- Help implement policy, programs and bike routes for all ages.

To accomplish these purposes, the BAC was given several responsibilities:

- 1) Review and advise the City Council, as directed by the City Council or requested by staff, on the design of capital improvement projects, street improvements, and parking facility projects as they relate to bicycling, except for matters pertaining to pedestrian issues;
- 2) Review and advise the City Council, as directed by the City Council or requested by the staff, on changes and updates to the Bicycle Master Plan, General Plan, Municipal Code, and other policy documents which relate to bicycling;
- 3) Promote bicycling as a viable form of transportation;
- 4) Assist in the development and dissemination of bicycle safety awareness and education materials to the community;
- 5) Initiate requests to City Staff from the community on issues of concern related to bicycling; and,
- 6) Other duties as the City Council may proscribe.

### ***Bicycle Advisory Commission Members (2013)***

Patrick Bauer (Ex-Officio member)

Jules Comeyne

Lisa Kayser-Grant

David Guzzetta (Chairperson)

Kara Middlebrooks

David Noble

Julianne Sims-Culot

Robert Tyler



## TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Members of the *Technical Advisory Committee* consisted of Staff from the City of Merced and the Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG), and included:

**Ty Phimmasone** -- MCAG Planner (MCAG)  
**Matt Fell** -- MCAG Transportation (MCAG)  
**Natalia Austin** -- GIS Technician (MCAG)  
**Bill King** -- Principal Planner (City-Development Services)  
**Kim Nutt** -- Planning Technician (City- Development Services)  
**Julie Nelson** – Associate Planner (City-Development Services)  
**Julie Sterling** – Associate Planner (City-Development Services)  
**Isai Palma** – Planning Department Intern  
**Haley Parker** – Planning Department Intern  
**Mark Hamilton** – Planner (former)  
**Ken Elwin** -- City Engineer (City- Development Services)  
**John Sagin** -- Senior Architect (City- Development Services)  
**Mike Conway** – Assistant to the City Manager  
**Ruthanne Harbison** – City of Merced, GIS Specialist  
**Nancy Lee** – Secretary, Public Works Department  
**George Sanchez** – Public Works Supervisor-Parks/Trees, Public Works Department  
**Mike Miller** – Public Works Manager- Tax Services, Public Works Department  
**Norm Andrade** -- City of Merced Police Chief  
**Vance Walker** – Field Training Officer, Merced Police

## AGENCIES AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Various agencies and community stakeholders have an interest in the outcome of the plan, and represent bicycle advocates, government entities that provide services to populations that utilize bicycle facilities; bicycle recreationalists; public health issues; and transportation providers. The stakeholders for the *City of Merced 2013 Bicycle Transportation Plan (2013 BTP)* include:

- Merced Bicycle Coalition
- Building Healthy Communities
- Merced/Mariposa Asthma Coalition
- UC Merced Transportation and Parking Services (TAPS)
- Merced County Public Health Department
- Merced City School District and Merced Union High School District
- Golden Valley Health Center

