

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Phillip M. Demery, Director, Public Works

**STAFF CONTACT:** Bret Stewart, Transportation Division Manager, Public Works  
Matt Dobberteen, Alternative Transportation Manager, Public Works 568-3576

**SUBJECT:** Approval of an Administrative Update to the 2005 Santa Barbara County Bicycle Master Plan.

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## **Recommendation:**

That the Board of Supervisors consider adoption of the administrative update to the 2005 Santa Barbara County Bicycle Master Plan

## **Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 1, An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community.

## **Executive Summary and Discussion:**

The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors has recognized that, as a mode of transportation, bicycling can enhance the quality of life that all Santa Barbara County residents enjoy. Bicycling can reduce traffic congestion, parking demand, noise levels and the use of non-renewable resources. It can also improve air quality and contribute to the well being of those who ride.

The primary purpose of the Santa Barbara County Bikeway Master Plan (Bikeway Plan) is to:

- a) Identify transportation infrastructure improvements needed to enhance conditions for bicycling in the unincorporated areas of the County;
- b) Create a strategy to develop bicycling as a viable transportation choice; and
- c) Maintain the County's eligibility to apply for the State of California's Bicycle Transportation Account grant funding.

The Bikeway Plan is also intended to complement the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments' (SBCAG) efforts to develop a Regional Bikeway Master Plan that includes the County's Plan as well as those from the cities within the County. This regional planning effort is underway with a final plan

scheduled for adoption in Fall of 2005. The regional plan will provide an opportunity to prepare a comprehensive transportation strategy for Santa Barbara County linking major connecting points for bikes, busses and trains. As a part of this new regional planning effort, the public will have an opportunity to suggest new projects and programs that can enhance bicycling as a viable transportation choice. Public outreach efforts will be conducted in the first half of calendar year 2005.

This 2005 Bikeway Master Plan is an administrative update of the County's original 1999 Bikeway Master Plan and does not propose any significant new projects that were not identified in the original 1999 Plan. An update is required at this time due to Caltrans regulations requiring that a local jurisdiction re-adopt the plan every five years. The County Planning Commission received a departmental briefing on October 27, 2004; the Commission did not raise any concerns regarding the proposed administrative update to the Bikeway Plan. Environmental review of any projects proposed in the 1999 Plan, or this administrative update, will occur when projects are actually proposed for implementation or construction.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

Board adoption of the Bikeway Plan will not result in changes to County mandates or service levels.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

As noted above, Board adoption of this administrative update to the Bikeway Plan maintains the County's eligibility to apply for the State of California's Bicycle Transportation Account grant funding.

**Special Instructions:**

Please provide a certified stamped Minute Order approving this action via inter-office mail to Matt Dobberteen, PW Transportation Division.

**Concurrence:**

N/A

**Attachment:** 2005 Santa Barbara County Bicycle Master Plan.