

California Transportation Commission Releases Staff Recommendations to Fund \$286M in Walking and Biking Projects

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The California Transportation Commission (Commission) just released their staff recommendations to fund 49 projects in the statewide and small urban/rural components of the Active Transportation Program. These projects will promote walking and bicycling across California, while addressing the state’s transportation inequities. Projects span across 26 different counties, and every project recommendation will benefit a disadvantaged community. The Commission will consider these recommendations at the next meeting in March. Recommendations for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Component (consisting on projects within the ten largest MPOs) will be released in May and considered at the June 2021 meeting.

“These projects will build greater capacity for local walking and biking, increase public health, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions” said Mitch Weiss, Executive Director. “Projects like these help to connect communities and provide access to families, individuals, and kids to safely get to school, work, or participate in their communities. The demand for this program is high, but unfortunately it is underfunded. More funding is needed so we can continue to support more projects like these.”

The Active Transportation Program was established by the Legislature in 2013 to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as biking and walking. It is a competitive program that is essential to achieving California’s sustainability and climate goals. The other goals of the program are to: increase safety and mobility, enhance public health, benefit many types of active transportation users, and ensure that disadvantaged communities fully share in the benefits of the program.

More information about the California Transportation Commission may be found on the [Commission’s website](#).

The California Transportation Commission is an independent public agency responsible for funding the construction of highway, local road, passenger rail, transit, and active transportation projects. The Commission also advises the Secretary of Transportation and the Legislature on state transportation policies and plans.

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