

## Community Based Transportation Planning Grants

### Trinity County Bikeway Master Plan

- **Grant Recipient:** Trinity County Transportation Commission
- **County:** Trinity

**Project Area** - Throughout Trinity County

**Project Focus** - The Trinity County Transportation Commission would like to develop a Bikeway Master Plan (BMP) that identifies potential bikeway projects and their funding sources. The purpose of the bikeway plan will be to provide a safe, unified bikeways system for bicycling commuters and recreational cyclists with connections to other non-motorized and multi-modal systems. The plan's objective will include developing future bikeways and facilities, promoting multi-modal travel, developing safety and educational programs, as well as other related issues. The new BMP will set the direction and development of a bikeway system that is efficient, equitable, and one that will attract cyclists to explore the beautiful rural scenery of Trinity County.

**Project Goals** – Identification of existing critical elements such as bike routes, bicycle commuters, recreational needs, support groups, activity centers, transportation facilities, demographics, air quality, land use, funding sources, and existing and proposed plans of local, state and federal agencies, as well as traffic laws. Based on a 20-year projection of these critical elements, a bikeways system will be developed that meets both the current and future needs of the non-motorists and will be consistent with other planning efforts within Trinity County. Other tasks include development of safety and educational programs to encourage

awareness and support for the biking community, connectivity of bicycle trails from population centers to federal lands and public input to develop livable community concepts and emphasizes quality of life for everyone.

**Community Outreach** – Public input on bicycle issues in Trinity County was solicited during the 2002 General Plan Update process for the development of the Trinity county Bikeways Master Plan. A Bikeway Plan Steering Committee was created to provide input, collaboration and coordination and to assist with the completion of the BMP. The Committee was comprised of County Planning and Public Works staff, Caltrans staff, Forest Service staff, elected officials, members of Trinity County communities and local agencies, to provided input and support for countywide bicycle projects in Trinity County.

**Project Outcome**- The Trinity County Bikeways Master Plan is primarily a resource document, which prioritized bike projects, identified funding sources, considered land use, established design and maintenance guidelines, developed educational programs, and identified the needs of the biking public. The Plan focuses on developing a safe unified network of bikeways and bicycle facility enhancements that will link users to other multi-modal systems and will provide greater access to locations, such as employment destinations, recreation, shopping, and neighboring communities.

#### **Planning Goals Realized** -

- Planning activities supporting the BMP have been included in the County's Overall Work Plans and the Regional Transportation Plan.
- As Funding becomes available, bike projects are submitted for programming.