

Community Based Transportation Planning Grants

Menlo Park Comprehensive Bicycle Development Plan

- **Grant Recipient:** City of Menlo Park-
Transportation Division
- **County:** San Mateo

Project Area - Throughout the City of Menlo Park

Project Focus - The Comprehensive Bicycle Development plan Project aims to establish a Bicycle Plan that provides a comprehensive vision, strategies, and action elements for the City of Menlo Park (City). The Bicycle Plan Project that will be executed with a large degree of community participation will consist of multiple components: inventory of existing conditions, identification of deficiencies, development of improvement measures, and preparation of the implementation plans. The Bicycle Plan will enable the City to manage all of the bicycle improvement measures in an efficient manner in order to establish a bicycle friendly environment.

Project Goals - The Comprehensive Bicycle Development Plan will enable the City to conduct and manage bicycle improvement measures in a more comprehensive and coordinated manner, thereby facilitating increased bicycle use in Menlo Park. A bicycle friendly environment will also contribute significantly to the development of mixed-use urban structure that doesn't rely so heavily on the automobile.

Community Outreach - A steering committee comprised of City Park staff, Bicycle Commission, Transportation Commission representatives, and local residents was convened to discuss and review key work products on the Bicycle Development Plan. A survey form was prepared to gather information from Menlo Park residents on their current bicycling habits. The survey was distributed to local bike shops, cycling groups, and the City's website. The Bicycle Plan process included a series of public workshops to receive community input. The first meeting was to gather information on existing bicycling conditions in Menlo Park, and asked participants to discuss what routes they currently ride and how those facilities are working. The second workshop was held to present the draft Bicycle Plan. Following a 30-day public comment period, the Draft Plan and proposed network map were revised to reflect public input. At the third public meeting, the Final Comprehensive Bicycle Development Plan was presented.

Project Outcome- The Comprehensive Bicycle Development Plan identifies existing network needs and recommends projects that will further enhance and improve bicycling conditions in Menlo Park for all levels of riders. Projects identified in this plan were evaluated according to priority criteria including safety, connectivity, and network needs.

Planning Goals Realized -

- Reduce dependence on single occupant vehicle trips;
- Foster neighborhoods and project designs that enable more walking and biking;
- Reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality.