



## CITY OF BANNING STAFF REPORT

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Douglas Schulze, City Manager

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**MEETING DATE:** June 11, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Banning Active Transportation Plan (ATP)

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Discuss the list of toolbox items, priority projects, and recommendations presented in the Active Transportation Plan (ATP) and provide feedback to assist in the preparation of the final draft.

### **BACKGROUND:**

In 2019, the City of Banning embarked on a project to add bike lanes throughout the City. However, a comprehensive ATP is needed to guide active transportation decisions affecting local streets and roads, sidewalks, ADA compliance, school routes and business corridors and improve transportation infrastructure for pedestrians and bicyclists. Active Transportation Plan On March 31, 2022, SCAG staff released a Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 22-050 for the project through the electronic bidding system "PlanetBids" and directly to SCAG's Solicitation Management System website. In response to these efforts, forty-four (44) firms downloaded the RFP, and three (3) proposals were received. The RFP included: a detailed Consultant Scope of Services/Tasks, submittal requirements, and a description of the evaluation criteria and selection process for the RFP. The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) consisted of four staff members: two from SCAG, one from the City of Lynwood and one from the City of Banning's Engineering Division of Public Works. The PRC evaluated each proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the proposals, the PRC interviewed all three (3) offerors. The highest ranked consultant was KTUA and SGAC approved Contract No. 22-050-C01 in an amount not-to-exceed \$448,056, with KTUA, to develop one comprehensive Active Transportation Plan (ATP) for the City of Banning among other projects administered by SCAG with this award. This project was entirely funded by SCAG.

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

The purpose of this project is to create a comprehensive citywide Active Transportation Plan. While the planning effort was comprehensive and evaluated bike/pedestrian infrastructure citywide, there are specific focus areas of concern. These include school routes, crash and injury hot spots, and the eastern portion of town that lacks infrastructure to support walking and biking. The Consultant identified and created maps for proposed pedestrian and bicycle facilities and non-infrastructure programs based on community, stakeholder, and stakeholder advisory committee feedback. The planning process identified improvements for active transportation, safe routes to schools, and ADA compliance including sidewalks, roadway safety improvements (high visibility crosswalks, markings, speed cushions/tables) and Class I, II, III and IV bicycle facilities/routes. Through stakeholder workshops and evaluation of current conditions, the assessment phase of planning resulted in a better understanding of where critical barriers to mobility and infrastructure gaps exist. The draft Plan includes a practical implementation strategy

with preliminary design schematics and concepts, and data that can be used in grant applications for fifteen (15) priority projects, including six (6) safe routes to schools projects. Additionally, existing conditions, public outreach and grant funding opportunities are summarized in the Plan. The Consultant coordinated with City staff to create an extensive and effective public participation approach engaging the community with proven approaches for finding consensus amongst stakeholders, which is essential to public policy development and long-term implementation of the Plan. All residents of Banning were encouraged to attend community meetings. The purpose of this ATP is to provide the City of Banning with a comprehensive document outlining the existing inventory of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and travel habits of the community. An analysis of the City's current infrastructure highlights areas of opportunity to be prioritized for future improvements and recommendations are presented within this plan as fifteen (15) priority projects. This ATP will guide the development and implementation of active transportation infrastructure programs and policies for the City.

The consultant prepared a Community Engagement Plan in order to provide outreach activities that included participation from the public and from key stakeholders to ensure the Plan's concepts reflect the community's needs and wishes. The outreach activities engaged local and regional representatives to obtain feedback, provided presentations covering the project background, goals, scope, preliminary and draft concepts, and the final Plan, as the project progressed. The purpose of project stakeholders' meetings was to advise key stakeholders of the goals of the project, and keep them informed on the project progress, while also allowing the stakeholders to provide input on the Plan and concepts. Nine (9) project Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) meetings occurred with the final meeting held on April 29, 2024. Additional outreach activities, including three (3) community events, a project website, surveys, and social media posts are included. In total, the following activities have been completed: October 27, 2022 Engagement Day Community pop-ups at Banning High School, Nicolet Middle School, and Central Elementary School Banning Civic Center Open House April 15, 2023 Disaster Expo, presentation boards soliciting community feedback May 5, 2023 Market Night, Kit of Parts demonstration of five infrastructure elements November 7, 2023 ATP Plan Update and Public Outreach: Sun Lakes HOA presentation Banning Civic Center Open House March 19, 2024 Community Workshop/Open House at Banning Public Library May 7, 2024 Sun Lakes HOA Presentation #2 Nine bimonthly Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) Meetings Public Surveys and Project Website Presentation of the Draft ATP May 1, 2024 Planning Commission Workshop Meeting May 7, 2024 Second Sun Lakes HOA presentation The Planning Commission presentation led to a discussion about Nicolet Middle School and the cycle track, regarding the merits of a one way versus a two way traffic cycle track. The Sun Lakes presentation led to a discussion regarding parking along Sun Lakes Boulevard.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No fiscal impact.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

No alternatives. Discussion item only.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. [DRAFT\\_Banning\\_ATP\\_042524.pdf](#)
2. [DRAFT\\_Banning\\_ATP\\_Appendix\\_042324.pdf](#)
3. [Banning\\_ATP\\_Workshop\\_Flyer\\_-\\_Banning\\_Civic\\_Center\\_\\_updated\\_\\_Page\\_1.pdf](#)
4. [Banning\\_Planning\\_Commission\\_Meeting\\_Slides\\_for\\_May\\_1.pdf](#)
5. [Presentation\\_-\\_City\\_Council\\_ATP\\_Workshop.pdf](#)