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CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION ADOPTS 115 BIKING AND WALKING PROJECTS IN NEW ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

SACRAMENTO—The California Transportation Commission (CTC) has adopted 115 biking and walking projects, as part of the state's \$368 million 2014 Active Transportation Program (ATP), making it the nation's largest non-motorized transportation program. The CTC will allocate \$133.6 million to the projects at its future meetings.

"The Active Transportation Program, the nation's largest state commitment to bicycling and walking, helps establish California as a national leader in multimodal transportation," said California State Transportation Agency Secretary Brian Kelly. "Through this successful partnership between state and local government we are increasing transportation options for all Californians while reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving public health and safety."

The adopted projects come from California's eight largest Metropolitan Planning Organizations: Fresno Council of Governments; Sacramento Area Council of Governments; Southern California Association of Governments; Metropolitan Transportation Commission (Bay Area); San Joaquin Council of Governments; Stanislaus Council of Governments; Tulare County Association of Governments; and Kern Council of Governments.

Click [here](#) to view a list of all 115 ATP projects the CTC adopted. Detailed information about the ATP can be found on [Caltrans' website](#).

In August, the CTC adopted 148 active transportation projects, comprising two components of the ATP: the Statewide Program (\$183.8 million for 126 projects) and the Small Urban/Rural Program (\$37.3 million for 22 projects). [Click here](#) to view a list of all 148 ATP projects adopted in August.

Last year, Governor Brown signed legislation ([Senate Bill 99, Chapter 359](#) and [Assembly Bill 101, Chapter 354](#)) creating the ATP. The new program combined several small bike and pedestrian-related grant funds into a comprehensive program.

"Safe mobility for everyone—including pedestrians and bicyclists—is part of our mission to provide a sustainable transportation system that will help make California a better place to live and enhance our economy," said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. "Our Active Transportation Program supports a healthy lifestyle that also helps achieve California's greenhouse gas reduction goals."



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Here are some of the significant local projects adopted under the new active transportation program:

- City of Fontana Safe Routes To School—ATP funding \$1,624,000. This project will install 2.2 miles of sidewalk and bicycle facilities on Arrow Boulevard from Adler Avenue to Maple Avenue, and on Fontana Avenue from Randall Avenue to Poplar Avenue. The project will create pedestrian and bicycle pathways to enable student to more safely walk or bike to school.
- City of Barstow's Active Transportation Plan—ATP funding is \$300,000. This Active Transportation plan will consist of creating goals, policies and an implementation plan for safe routes to schools, pedestrian corridors, bicycle routes, alternative transportation/non-motorized transportation pathways and transit utilization, that will include Complete Streets considerations. The plans goals will be to increase bike and pedestrian access, increase travel by cycling and walking, improved bicycle and pedestrian safety.
- Riverside—Iowa Avenue and Martin Luther King Boulevard Bike Improvements—ATP funding is \$268,000. This project will construct Class II bicycle lanes on Iowa Avenue between Martin Luther King Boulevard and University Avenue as well as the construction of a 2-way multi-use path on the north side of Martin Luther King Avenue between Canyon Crest Drive and Chicago Avenue. The project will complete a much needed bicycle connection between University Avenue and resident and students living in the Canyon Crest area.

A recently released California Household Travel Survey revealed that, statewide, 23 percent of household trips are made via non-car transportation, which has doubled from 10 years ago.

In an effort to increase the construction of multimodal local streets and roads, Caltrans recently endorsed National Association of City Transportation Officials guidelines that include innovations such as buffered bike lanes and improved pedestrian walkways.

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