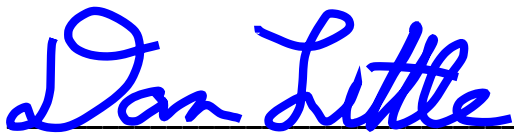


STAFF REPORT



MEETING DATE:	February 23, 2021
SUBJECT:	Caltrans District 2 Active Transportation Plan Update
AGENDA ITEM:	18
STAFF CONTACT:	Daniel S. Little, AICP, Executive Director

It is recommended that the board of directors receive a presentation from Caltrans Senior Transportation Planner Tamy Quigley regarding the Caltrans District 2 Active Transportation Plan Update.


Daniel S. Little, AICP, Executive Director

Attachment: July 2020 Announcement from the Caltrans Director Tom Omishakin

Caltrans District 2, Active Transportation Plan

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July 2020 Announcement from the Caltrans Director Toks Omishakin -
“Caltrans District Active Transportation Plans are underway”

Caltrans District 2 Active Transportation (AT) Plan is being developed in the District 2 Complete Streets and Livable Communities Office and is being prepared in partnership with the local agencies, community and business sectors, tribal governments, and stakeholders with all areas of the district.

What is the District Active Transportation Plan?

It is a plan to identify active transportation asset needs on, across, or parallel to the State Highway System (SHS) that will create multimodal networks, which in almost all cases, will link SHS segments with segments of the local street system. All plans will be prepared with a focus on equity and done in full partnership with local agencies, tribal governments, stakeholders, community business organizations, advocacy groups and beyond where we can and is needed.

The AT Plan final products will align much like the adopted GoShasta AT Plan in that it will identify existing conditions, address gaps and barriers, and include proposed needs as well as a toolbox of complete street countermeasures and recommended treatment types to address short- and long-term active transportation needs.

The final AT Plan will be the anchor resource for pursuing funds to develop projects from. For example, it will support the new asset management priorities in the Caltrans SHOPP and be the primary resource to draw projects from for development. The AT Plan will also be the main resource Caltrans will use to identify and prioritize complete streets needs on its State Highway System as well as a vital tool to include such needs in our projects when coordinating with our agencies to develop and build projects in partnership. Another reason the AT Plan valuable is it will allow Caltrans and its partners to seek funding through other programs such as Highway Safety Improvement Program or the various other state and federal programs that are available for complete streets and active transportation efforts that have been identified through this effort and prioritized by Caltrans, Partner Agencies, the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) and Stakeholder outreach and engagement efforts.

Work to date and current efforts -

The last few months have been mostly an internal effort that consisted of asset inventory to develop the existing conditions report as well as the outreach and engagement plan.

External efforts have begun on two areas. The first are the Public and Partner Location Based Map Survey's with the press release going on February 3, 2021, with the Public Survey launching on Caltrans social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter and the Partner Survey being sent out on February 5, 2021. The second is the development of the TAG.

What are the Surveys –

Both the Partner and Public Surveys will allow you to give feedback on biking and walking issues and needs on the State Highway Systems with a quarter mile reach on major collector local roadway networks.

Surveys taken as a Partner do not include demographic information and will allow Caltrans to track and identify comments as partner inputs on the back end so Caltrans will be able to categorize comments / needs by our partner agencies apart from <https://clowder.tierraplan.com/caltrans/2>

Surveys taken by the public include demographic questions (that are optional) and allow Caltrans to categorize comments from the public. <https://survey.catplan.org/Home?sid=2>

What is the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) -

The TAG will include representatives from each county in D2, consisting of the Regional Transportation Agencies, interested local public agency partners including public works and public health departments, Tribes, and community-based organizations or individuals with demonstrated interest in active transportation.

The purpose of the TAG is to guide the context-sensitive development of the AT Plan. Members will be responsible for “ground truthing” draft documents, providing input on linkages to local planning efforts, advising on outreach to disadvantaged communities, and promoting public participation.

I am pleased to report that local representation on the TAG consists of SRTA, Shasta County, and all three Cities, Shasta Living Streets and Shasta County Public Health / Healthy Shasta.

Next Step -

Finalization the Existing Conditions Report and TAG development. Survey’s launched early February with that data collection process taking place on comments given, which specifically feed into the identification gaps and barriers and Needs Analysis. Additional Outreach and Engagement will be taking place as needed over the next 3-4 months. Then efforts will move towards Prioritize Needs before developing a draft plan.

The goal is to have a draft AT Plan for public comment September 2021 with a final AT Plan by the end of 2021.