



What kind of community do we want to live in?

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Re: **Support for Shasta County's CAP priorities and activities related to 'Unincorporated County' bike lanes and commute trip reduction;
and enthusiastic encouragement to add important activities that maximize the county's ability to improve walkability and bikability of our towns thus reducing auto commute trips**

Shasta Living Streets supports Shasta County's CAP activities related to bike lanes and commute trip reduction. We offer evidence of community support, and suggest that these activities will create additional community benefits, align with existing community goals and priorities, and help further our regions economic development goals for the future.

In addition, we offer suggestions for actions that will improve the ability of the county to truly make a difference in auto commute trip reduction and thus demonstrate the region's real commitment to the state's GHG reduction efforts.

Community Support and Additional Benefits

Shasta Living Streets has collected hundreds of written comments at our open-street events and other activities, as well as through our regular social media venues. We send comments from hundreds of local residents and visitors to show the broad urgency and support for this direction within our community. (see attached)

Reducing auto commute trips by improving the ability to make those trips by active transportation through walking and biking will help address many community challenges, including: traffic congestion, obesity and disease from sedentary lifestyles, economic hardship as energy prices rise, air pollution, inactivity of children and youth, streets that don't support neighborhood retail, neighborhoods that lack livability, and death and injury to people from transit-way crashes.

Additionally, these actions have been highlighted as necessary to support the direction of the *Economic Development Corporation of Shasta County*, because the types of employers and CEO's that are currently being recruited are looking for livable communities - a place that allows safe and inviting walking and biking for everyday transportation for employees and their families. This direction also is in alignment with the results of the *Shasta Forward* community discussion.

CAP, Unincorporated County - Measures and actions

The actions and measures identified in the CAP are intended to increase the number of trips people take by walking, bicycle, or transit. Given the experience of planning and development in other communities around the world, and from direct communication with people in our county – we believe there are additional actions that could be taken to make real, rapid, measurable progress towards achievement of the goals set out in the CAP.

Bicycle Lane Expansion

Commute Trip Reduction

Add: Regional land use policies and planning that support livable communities with walkable and bikable towns, and transit-oriented opportunities

Add: Set appropriate speed limits and provide traffic calming

Add: Increase amount of pavement at the shoulder of roadways, along roadways without bicycle lanes or sidewalks

Add: Provide roadway markings and clear signage to inform people and reduce conflict along travel ways used frequently by people walking or riding a bicycle

Add: Develop trailways and greenways between cities and towns in the county

Add: Urban forest planting prioritized along pedestrian and bicycle travel ways

Regional land use policies and planning that support livable communities with walkable and bikable towns, and transit-oriented opportunities

Coordinated planning and zoning efforts need to support livable community goals in order to have real impact on commute trip reduction. This will support the priorities identified in the CAP at the regional level, but also supports community interest and economic development goals.

We have a strong community of people who live here because they love to be outdoors in this beautiful place – they are increasingly calling for more opportunity for biking and walking in their *everyday lives*. The desire is not new, it is the culture of life in the North State to be outside and active as part of our everyday lives – ranching, fishing, forestry, gardening, boating, hiking – this has drawn and held people here for decades. And at the same time we see that our future economic development is dependent on our ability to draw young people and investment, to draw CEO's who want to move their businesses to an attractive place with active lifestyles to raise their families. Developing livable communities will encourage people to stay and invest in our community, and it will encourage visitors and tourists to spend some time and money here.

In order to create the walkable, bikable communities that people are interested in and that will allow the county to meet the measures in the CAP – the county will need to make this a priority in it's planning and policies and dealings with developers, the business community, schools, families and local groups.

Set appropriate speed limits and provide traffic calming

A low-cost, low-effort way to increase numbers of people walking and bicycling on county roads is to ensure auto speeds are set at appropriate levels for community uses. Many community roads provide the only travel-way for children to visit their friends, for people to take a leisurely walk in the neighborhood, for individuals to bicycle to the local store and to the high school. Unlike the street-grid in a city, these are places where one road is the *only* road for travel by *everyone*.

On many of these roads the speed of travel by automobile traffic is dangerously fast, noisy and aggressive. The speed limits were often set very high, at a time when there were few, if any, homes

along these roads. Automobiles now travel these roads at highway speeds – and make it virtually impossible for people to commute on these roads for errands, to get to meetings or businesses, visit friends, travel to school or work. We encourage the county to review speed limits in the towns and neighborhoods where short commute trips would be possible by walking or biking – and ensure that the speed limits are adjusted to appropriate levels to make it safe for everyone. And where auto traffic does not respond to speed limits, provide appropriate traffic calming to ensure safety. This is a low-cost, low-effort way to make a significant impact towards encouraging local commute trips by bicycling and walking.

Increase amount of pavement at the shoulder of roadways, along roadways without bicycle lanes or sidewalks

People walking and biking on roadways in our county face many challenges. Bike lanes will help address this, but will not be a realistic option on all county roads. Here are recent comments from one person who bikes to work on county roads:

“On several occasions I have been hit by mirrors on passing trucks in these sections. Due to the one-inch shoulder and 5 to 7 inch drop on the pavement edge I am forced out into the traffic in these sections. Sliding off the edge has caused me to fall into traffic. It is extremely hazardous. There have been several near collisions by vehicles trying to give me a wide berth. I appreciate the consideration [of the drivers] but having someone wreck on account of me while attempting to use an alternate form of transportation seems a bit extreme.”

The conditions described by this bicycle commuter are found on many of our county roads and could be addressed by improved paving practices that recognize these roads are crucial to the livelihoods of our communities and therefore need to support *all* the ways that people get around in their neighborhoods: walking, biking, and driving cars, tractors and trucks. That this is *not* a current concern or priority in the county is shown in another recent example, on Deschutes Road where new paving was just completed. This road is the only community travel-way for commuters, families and children in the area traveling between homes and schools and the downtown area, and yet it is extremely dangerous and virtually impossible for anyone to walk or bicycle due to the lack of shoulder along this road. There is no asphalt at all on the right side of the lane, creating extremely dangerous situations for people walking, biking, or drivers passing someone walking or biking in the area.

Provide roadway markings and clear signage to inform people and reduce conflict along travel ways used frequently by people walking or riding a bicycle

Roadway markings and signage help improve conditions on roadways and streets by keeping everyone informed and aware of conditions on the road. We encourage the county to adopt this low-cost, low-effort option to help improve the safety of everyone on county roadways, whether they walk, bicycle or drive on these roads. This type of safer condition on our county roadways will help people choose walking and biking for local trips – and reduce auto-commute trips in the future as prioritized in the CAP.

There are a number of road markings and methods of communication that would be helpful on roadways where we want to improve the number of people walking and biking – one is commonly called a “sharrow”. Sharrows are used on streets without bicycle lanes that are expected to have a high volume of bicycle use, such as main streets and designated bicycle routes. This helps drivers know they can expect to see many people on bicycles and allows drivers to choose an alternate route, or be prepared to pass safely. Sharrows indicate bicycles belong on this street and give people on bicycles the reassurance that drivers will expect to see them there. They can reduce aggressive behavior from drivers and help bicyclists better position themselves on the roadways.

Develop trailways and greenways between cities and towns in the county

We have significant opportunity in our county to develop greenways and trailways connecting towns to each other, and smaller towns to Redding, Anderson and the City of Shasta Lake. Trails and greenways in our region have proven to be wildly popular with the community, and are used for everyday transportation by people lucky enough to live along the corridors. We urge the county to pursue opportunities to develop these types of greenways that could connect towns and cities – for example, between Redding and Palo Cedro, or Anderson and Igo.

Development of these types of greenways could significantly reduce auto-commute trips in the future and provide real community benefits. Greenways can also provide opportunities to pursue other climate adaptation benefits addressing climate impacts in our region, for example by improving groundwater recharge, providing floodplain opportunities, and/or providing fire breaks.

Urban forest planting prioritized along pedestrian and bicycle travel ways

The CAP plan calls for planting of shade trees in urban areas. We suggest a priority be placed on planting of these trees along pedestrian and bicycle travel ways to help make travel-ways more inviting for people walking and biking, thus increasing the number of trips people take without a car, and further reducing auto commute trips.

End of Trip Facilities

We support the development of these things, but ask that the county direct their efforts to rapidly maximizing improvements to infrastructure and safe travel-ways on our streets and roads for people walking and biking for everyday transportation. We ask for this to be the priority and for speeding action of implementation --- because this is what community members say is their number one priority and repeatedly describe lack of safe travel way as the number one reason they will not ride or walk in their community. This focus on safe travel ways by our community members is in alignment to many surveys and data collected around the country, and around the world.

Evidence from many other communities around the world shows that people will walk and ride bicycles in significantly increased numbers if they have safe places to do so. And no amount of other incentives – showers, bike racks, contests, etc. will get people on a bicycle or walking in their neighborhood if they feel threatened by fast and aggressive auto traffic.

IMPORTANT NOTE

We understand the county currently has funding that is about to be rejected and returned. This funding would quickly begin to implement actions and priorities outlined in the CAP; it is designated for the development of safe bicycle infrastructure (bike lanes) between important activity centers.

We understand the City of Redding Public Works Department is ready to work with the County on the connections in the city for this project, but cannot do so if the money is returned and the project is abandoned.

This project along Canyon Road is an important travel way between residential areas in the county and Redding city activity centers and is a priority for many community members who rely on this travel way. It is also a place with significant risk of injury or worse to people who currently use this travel-way on a bicycle. Recent comments from one person who travels this route by bicycle to work include (and already referenced above): *“On several occasions I have been hit by mirrors on passing trucks in these sections. Due to the one-inch shoulder and 5 to 7 inch drop on the pavement edge I am forced out into*

the traffic in these sections. Sliding off the edge has caused me to fall into traffic. It is extremely hazardous. There have been several near collisions by vehicles trying to give me a wide berth. I appreciate the consideration but having someone wreck on account of me while attempting to use an alternate form of transportation seems a bit extreme.”

This is an important project that is in alignment with the CAP priorities and already has funding, is a priority for the community, will prevent serious injury and collisions, and *should absolutely not be abandoned.*

There is much to do to provide safe transportation alternatives for people throughout the county, thus reducing emissions while providing many other community benefits.

We support these actions and look forward to meaningful improvements on our roadways that will make our towns and county a safe and economically viable and vital place to live, work and play.

Thank you.

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Adults and children took time to stop and write their thoughtful responses to our question:

"I want safer and more inviting places to walk and ride my bike - because..."

Compiled here are hundreds of comments from residents and visitors collected by Shasta Living Streets at the open street program on the last weekend in April on Park Marina Drive in Redding.



I want to be able to bike safely to Costco, Target, etc - currently no bike lanes in shopping area.

For my family and myself, to enjoy outdoors in our community. So I don't have to worry about my kids when they bike on their own.

It is one of my favorite things to do with my family. More areas in Shasta Lake.

I'm concerned about getting hit by a car

It's essential to mental & physical health



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I love nature and love feeling safe!

It is good for the community

It can be dangerous to ride, and I want to be more environmentally conscious and ride my bike.

It is fun to ride, good exercise, & we use less gas. Also, you see more!

I have four children!

To enjoy with my children, so they can pass on the beauty of the forest.

We need places to enjoy the outdoors.

It is my main source of transportation

Safety is a priority.

I live in Yuba City. We only have one bike trail. So up here in the Shasta area, we would like to have places to bike!

I enjoy the outdoors

I am afraid of traffic

Walking is good for my health, as is biking and the more places I have to do these activities safely the happier and healthier I am.

I love outdoors and spending time outside

It's healthy and fun!

I enjoy being outdoors and using the trails

Why not - people get hit by cars and killed

Safety is essential

I don't want to get hurt

Safer to ride my bike to work

My life is important. I want to live longer, healthier.

We need places without traffic

My family loves exploring nature's beauty!

We have some wonderful places here. We need to keep them up.

My kids and I enjoy it.

Health and safety



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I love to take the kids out, but it's not very easy

The safety issue led me to stop biking to work

I have kids and want them to be safe.

I like to exercise outdoors with my children

It is an important part of my health and exercise.

Places to ride and walk and we will feel safe.

It allows you to enjoy the great outdoors as it was meant to be.

It's cheap and healthy!

I want to grow strong and healthy. (Age 9)

It brings me peace and health of mind, body, and soul.

Good exercise.

I enjoy the outdoors more than a gym.

I have a stressful job (don't we all) and it's important to have places that are safe to recreate in – more dog friendly as well

I want to live a long, healthy life!

It's safe; helps sustain the environment, and good for our health.

Cars are too big.

I enjoy nature.

I have a 7 year old.

I love nature.

Nobody gets hurt.

Streets in town are too busy.

I don't have a car – I love biking.

I love to walk and ride my bike with my 6 year old.

It is comforting in a busy world.

Safer places to ride - encourages me to ride more.

It's healthy for me and greener.

Absolutely, it's just a more pleasant experience everyday!



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I walk daily.

I enjoy being outdoors - I am director of a walking program at River Oaks Retirement Community.

I grew up here and love it. I want to raise my children here and if it stays as beautiful as it is now – they will too.

I want to have fun without worrying about being safe.

Bad drivers

I'm worth it (heart)

I like to ride my bike safely.

My children like to hike and explore – and they need to be safe in our community.

It is fun and will be nice to have a variety of places.

I treasure the beauty.

I enjoy the outdoors.

I have grandkids.

They are also more disabled friendly - so I can ride my bike, while my husband rides with me in his wheelchair.

I need to walk more.

I don't like cars and want to be away from them.

I want to be in nature.

I have a daughter and I want to teach her to love exercise and appreciate the outdoors.

I would like to bike commute without fear of being hit by a car.

It would be good for the city and people who bike. Redding has a large number of people of all ages who bike and when visitors look at the city with lots of families out and about on bikes, it is good 'publicity'.

To explore the beauty of Redding.

I can't ride to work.

I like to use the outdoors for exercise.

It's great exercise.

It is fun.



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I want to be able to ride around town and commute.

I don't want to get killed. I want to get healthy in a safe manner.

I have two small children that I would like to do family rides with. Thank you!

Because it is fun, social and Healthy. (Longboards too!)

I ride my bike everywhere - I don't want to get hurt doing what I love.

I ride my bike everyday.

To get more people to ride.

We love to bike.

For my kids and I to enjoy.

It's healthier for us and our environment.

It's a healthy way to get around the area.

When I have safer access to areas, I am more likely to get out in the community!

Promotes health and uses less gas

It is funner for kids.

The outdoors are wonderful in this area.

It's dangerous riding near to cars.

I want safer and more inviting places for people to walk and ride for the safety of both the pedestrians as well as drivers

I love to bike!

My family enjoys the outdoors and wants to be safer in traffic.

I like to be outside - and so my kids are healthy.

Biking is fun, and a sustainable and healthy alternative and it saves money.

It's better for the environment to bike and healthier.

It's not cost effective to drive anymore, and with the rise in obesity, we need more exercise. Also, walking and riding feels good for the soul. :-)

I think this is important for families!! And a city in general. It improves life in the city.

I want to get more exercise

It's good for my health and the environment.



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I like to use other forms of transportation, and I would like to feel better about biking with my kids.

Safer places to ride my bike are becoming more few and far between.

I walk a lot for fitness, and feel it is often unsafe due to speedy drivers.

Yes – with a lot less traffic.

It makes it much more enjoyable and fun!

I want to feel safe when riding.

I don't want to drive so much. I like to bike places with my kids.

I would like to enjoy our city more, without the need to drive. I could ride my bike to work and enjoy the benefits of healthy exercise.

SAFETY – a car once tried to hit my bike and me.

I think it will be good for business.

It builds sustainable community, which maintains an inviting atmosphere for citizens and businesses.

We live in a beautiful area and I want my family to enjoy it more.

The streets and sidewalks of Redding are crazy!

We have beautiful weather in Redding, beautiful landscape and they are both such fun ways to exercise.

I don't want to die.

Riding bikes is fun!

It's a great way to get around! Our family would like to spend less time in the car - we'd rather bike cause it feels great, is fun, and better for the environment. It needs to be safer for our kids.

It's a great way to enjoy our beautiful world!

Happy Easter!! :) Great Event!

Our town is in the top 10 cleanest air cities in the nation and I would like to preserve that. We have a beautiful outdoor recreational area to live in, and it should be kept that way.

I want to ride my bike to the grocery store and do errands, and to see my friends and family and for fun and recreation. It's close and I would - but the roads are far too dangerous. I know far far too many people seriously injured or killed by cars while they were obeying the bicycle rules of the road.



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It's better for people and the environment.

I would love for my kids to be able to bike ride safely throughout the area! Too Dangerous from our house to get to any trails

Awesome idea!

Good for the environment and community.

Keep the streets - make them safer

Cool April Bikes very cool. Good start. Cool April Nites began with 200 cars.

I like to feel safe when I ride

Its good for Health & the environment! :)

This is great, keep on having more. Met a lot of great people.

I'm tired of sharing the road with people in cars who don't pay attention to people riding their bicycles on the sidewalk or in the bike lanes

Anywhere possible in the Greater Redding Area!!

There aren't a lot of bike lanes and most of the roads are really narrow and dangerous.

I want to teach my daughter she doesn't need a car and I want it to be as SAFE as possible

* Great Event! *

We have an incredible beautiful area here but we view most of it through the windows of an automobile going in excess of 35 miles per hour. It is an entirely different experience when the wind is blowing through your hair, the air is sweet and pure, and the view is unobscured by metal and individual plants can be viewed. In addition, the exercise from walking and biking is invaluable.

I have a recumbent trike and don't like to ride in the streets, as I am hard to see

I don't like unsafe and uninviting places

I'd like to take advantage of the mild winters and summer to bike to work!

I enjoy the outdoors and would like to get out in a safer fashion. More trees and environment friendly place to walk/run and ride, please make this possible.

I love to commute, shop, and exercise by bike.



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I feel it is safer to be out doors and more fun and close to home rather than driving to a place like Whiskeytown.

IT'S MY COMMUNITY! :)

It's fun! I Like to bike. The End.

This is a perfect place for it! We have so many days of great weather. There should be a network of paths so we can get around safely.

It's healthier for everyone!

It's a healthy way to commute and healthy for our earth.

Because most of Shasta county roads are 12 feet wide with no shoulder

So I can get more exercise and get to where I want to go.

That's why we moved here. We love the outdoors and spending time with our family OUTSIDE!! This is so much fun. Keep it up!

Fuel prices are rising. Bicycling and walking provide inexpensive modes of traveling from point A to B. Additionally, it is a healthy and fun activity :)!

We live in a beautiful area and very convenient.

I want a way to get places without driving a gas guzzling car or buying an expensive electric car.

I'm a kid and I want to be able to ride a bike without traffic.

I LOVE TO RIDE BIKES

It will give children and adults the exercise they need and it will lower the risk of accidents

My husband bike-commutes from West Redding to Foothill High School and there are parts that aren't so bike-friendly. Makes me worry!

Yes

I love to walk and bike for exercise and fun

It is good for the environment, for my health and for exercise

This area is Beautiful and more people should get out and enjoy it then I could commute to and from work by bike.



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I want more friends and family riding their bikes. Healthy Choices improve our health, our family budgets, our community and our environment.

It would lead to a healthier and more active life for my family.

It is good for me and good for our community.

People drive too reckless, and I want to ride to school.

I love my bike, and better access means more people will ride with me!

A healthy community is a happier community!

I would be more apt to walk/bike if I felt safe.

Cars (do not equal) privilege

Walking is Great.

It would be more fun, safe and less polluting. Save more gas. 12 years

I love to walk with my son. He is 4 and loves nature.

We need safe places to ride. More paved trails. Tired of fighting traffic.

I want my daughter to be healthy

It would be really fun and it would be safer! (Age9)

I love being active and would like to feel safer when travelling with my children. Getting from one side of town to the other. Love the new Dana to Downtown Trail!

I'd like to make more trips on my bike, which I would do if the streets were safer-because I'd like to take my children with me.

The outdoors is a place that everyone should enjoy for always! We all need to pitch-in and be good to Mother Earth

I vote for safer streets in Redding.

I want to have a healthy family

So that I can ride my bike to Dutch Brothers for hot chocolate

I live close enough to bike to grocery stores, farmers market, library, parks, Sundial Bridge, Sac River Trail. Thanks for the bike route across 44 really helps to connect me to the "other" side of the river safely.



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Because of the freedom it gives up to enjoy our community

It's good for you and the environment!

We love to hike!

It will promote the community feeling and that will in turn, foster a true sense of belonging and purpose for people in the community. The true community will then be able to make positive changes toward sustainability. Safe places to walk and bike also means healthy people in our community.

I like to walk for exercise and save gas.

I want safer options for my family and neighbors. I'd love to see more people making healthy choices for themselves and our environment.

It increases awareness and improves general health and personal well-being.

I like to ride on sidewalks so I'm safe.

I love to ride my bike.

This is one of our favorite things to do as a family. We have some great ones already, but it would be nice to have some in the Shasta Lake City area.

Some of the places are really busy with cars and stuff.

Walking on the street with all the exhaust is unhealthy.

My children and I need a safe place to play and explore.

We enjoy it and love meeting our neighbors. Keep it up!

Help the environment and survive gas prices.

I think it's great!

Being in nature is great for the soul and encourages people to appreciate and care, and exercise also is key to a happy life.

It makes my community physically and mentally more healthy. It encourages everyone to walk and bike instead of driving cars.

We all deserve the most beautiful life, wherever we are in our lives on earth.

So I can drive less!



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The weather is nice and it would promote better health and cleaner air. Need connectors from eastside to the west trails.

It promotes healthy activities and living.

I have kids that like to ride bikes.

It is a great way to get outside year-round.

Kids can walk/bike to so many schools in our city. Without safe sidewalks and bike trails, parents or kids hesitate to make it a habit.

I want to stay in shape and enjoy nature safer.

I want safety. I think Old Alturas over Clear Creek bridge is very dangerous for pedestrians and bikes.

I want places to take my children and be able to feel safe knowing that they are learning and developing a life long love of the outdoors. It is important that they don't have the fear.

We need places for children to get outdoors and be in touch with nature as well as get exercise to aid in the fight against childhood obesity.

It makes us feel safer by getting to know our neighbors and I will walk and bike more by having more areas available. Let's make Redding more green!

Being out in nature is good for the soul and walking and biking is great for health. More trees, more public transport and less motorized individual transports.

I really enjoy being outside. I have four children that I am raising and I moved to the downtown Redding area 1 year ago from Red Bluff because of the beauty of the downtown area. Previously, I lived in Sacramento in the suburbs but was dissatisfied with the lack of parks and beauty and people whom wanted to spend time outside due to lack of tree's (shade) and comfortable outdoor spaces. Downtown Redding has many trails, trees, yet still more would be wonderful. **Encouraging people to get out and about in their community encourages people to want to put more pride and invest more money into the community and city. This benefits the city and other community members and is a positive result for all.** Please continue to make beautiful spaces for the people and visitors to Redding to enjoy and share with each other. With community and happy people working together, we all win.

My children and grandchildren live here in Redding near us, and they love to walk on the river trail and have places to take our dogs too. We live in Quail Run subdivision, near the radio station.

That's what makes life livable and beautiful.

Great idea, close off street for riding, walking, and skating. Many bike paths on side of roads are too narrow and close to the passing cars.



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I like to ride my bike.

I want to use my car less and I want to be able to go places with my family on our bicycles.

The trails have become the new town square.

So my children will not get hurt.

Thank you!

To save energy and the environment. I need safe place to bike and walk.

Because I do walk and bike!

The closer to nature we are, the closer we get to each other.

It makes life better!

I would prefer to walk a block or two than drive or else I would like to bring my bike to town to cover more ground!

I like to ride or walk in safety.

I enjoy the outdoors and would enjoy more safer places to enjoy and walk, bike, without the hassle of "Traffic Safety."

It allows me and my family to enjoy the city to the fullest without having to worry about safety. I am more willing to spend time outside and more frequently if the community has inviting places. I think Redding has done a good job thus far with walking paths, I do wish the city was more bike friendly.

I feel it's necessary to have this available so people will be more encouraged to get out and exercise. There are far too many people who drive cars and hate bike riders.

To save energy and exercise!

Bicycling is a fun way to get around, it helps me stay healthy. I like to bike to work and for errands and fun. Sometimes it's not so safe and I worry about that.

When I get outside in the fresh air and move and admire the beauty of nature and the earth it rejuvenates my heart and my soul and renews my sense of energy and hope. I feel ready for daily life again.

My family and I enjoy being outdoors and want to feel safe in our activities

We need to be healthy and walk, bike and run.

It reduces the pollution and it is healthier.



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Safety and fun!

We like to bike!

It's nice to have a safer place to bring my children.

Would like a safe place to ride to reduce injury from cars, poor road conditions and debris on bike lanes.

I have young kids and want them to be able to be out and about more often.

I believe in good health and staying active.

I would be safer bike paths for my kids to ride on.

For a better place for my family to have healthy happy active lifestyle.

It gets people out and exercising, especially for kids. It saves on gas and pollution as well.

It is very healthy fun thing to do, also it saves lots of gas. It is safer so you don't get hurt.

I want to feel the freedom to pedal from my front door without worry of being hit by a car. I would love to bike to work, to the market and on errands.

It would encourage a more sustainable environment to do outdoor activities.

It is so beautiful, just the way nature intended.

There are not enough sidewalks in town I ride a long way everyday I need more safe areas to ride.

Than more people will exercise and because of that there street levels will go down and because of that it would be easier to communicate to people and because of that we can live a happier life and more forward inefficiency, sustainability, and green energy.

So I don't feel like my life is in danger while trying to get out and about.

So I can spend quality family time with my family in a healthy family.

I want to use less gas to get around short distances in my town. And we should get out and get more exercise by walking, great for the whole family.

I walk my dogs everyday and need to feel safe while walking. We all want to stay alive and healthy!

It's important to reduce car emissions and get more exercise!



Community Members respond to our question:

"I want safer and more inviting places to walk and ride my bike - because..."

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Somewhere for me and my children to be able to go without having to worry about injuries.

Because we're worth it!

The gas prices are high and the bus system around here isn't sufficient. It's better for the environment.

It is healthy!

Streetlights on the street, some streets do not have them.

I would ride to school if it was safer to ride.

Riding bikes is my favorite thing to do, but the streets tend to be dangerous.

It is close to home and I do not have to drive more than two miles.

I ride everyday!

I'm trying to save the planet! How can we do that when the only safe form of transportation are motor vehicles. Having safer places to walk and bike would allow people to appreciate the earth more and realize that sustainable transportation is possible, healthy and fun.

These comments are specifically directed at this question:

"What specific improvements would make Redding city streets more inviting and safe for cycling and pedestrian transportation"

- Room for bikes is big issue. And you can't get there from here if you get hit.
- I like that they finished the connectivity of the bridges
- Take in consideration – more people biking. More people would, if it was safer and easier to access.
- Bike lanes – shade – more trees.
- A bike lane for Airport road – Our street only connects to Airport and it is way too narrow and traffic travels too fast
- More education about biking for DRIVERS!
- Large Yellow lines that can be seen. And reflector lights, etc. So cars can see where bicycles are.
- Wider lanes or bike lanes.
- Clearer markings for passing traffic to observe.
- Better lights and sidewalks down around the Freebridge, Parkview, and Smile area.
- Better separation from traffic
- Not sure – the trails are wonderful – but I don't walk much on city streets
- More bike lanes
- Bike lanes, especially the length of Placer Street.
- More car-free areas
- Larger bike lanes and bike lanes where none exist (east Bonnyview)
- Bike lanes
- More bike lanes on Churn Creek North
- Better trailed (paved) and lighting
- Better lighting
- More cross walks
- Better bike lanes
- I enjoy being out and not being in a car and love to walk and bike and hike whenever possible.
- More sidewalks in outskirts
- More bike lanes and wider ones on streets like Eureka way and Placer Street
- More bike specific pathways.



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- Fix the roads, make them safer and smoother, fix pot holes and pumps in the streets.
- Continuous bike lanes, traffic calming.
- Take care of potholes.
- Have more round-about.
- Bike Lanes.
- Bike lanes – consistent
- Safer shoulders on the road – actual bike lanes.
- Widen the bike lanes, maintain striping.
- More water stations.
- Continual awareness that people do ride bikes in Redding.
- (I think there has been excellent improvement over the last decade.) Drivers that respect the cyclists right to be on the road.
- Bike lanes.
- More marked bike lanes.
- Larger bike lanes ALL OVER THE CITY !
- More bike paths on the side of roads.
- More bike lanes.
- Forget bike trails – make wider sidewalks and ask bikes to share with pedestrians.
- Traffic – drivers – off of cell phone.
- Better bike lanes.
- Longer bike lanes.
- More signs.
- Larger bike paths.
- Education for drivers to share the road.
- MORE BIKE LANES !!!
- I love the fact that I can commute from Hilltop to downtown on your bike trails.
- Colored bike lanes.
- Curb bump-outs.
- Awareness of the pedestrians. More bike lanes, more room between the street and places for bikes and walkers.
- Bike lanes.
- More trails.



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- Better bike lanes.
- Corners for easier access and no cracks.
- Lake Redding Park is sketchy!
- Bike lanes more places.
- Lighting and call boxes.
- More coverage in local media. More events like this one – which was a fine one!
- A BMX bike park.
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- Public Awareness
- More safe trails.
- More bike lanes and longer crosswalk lights.
- More bike lanes.
- Bigger sidewalks and bigger bike lanes.
- Streets that have no sidewalks should have them.
- Able to get from downtown to Hilltop Mall area.
- Definitive bike-only lanes throughout the city streets. Lets spare a little road paint please!!!
- More bike lanes! Better motorist education for sharing the road.
- More bike and longboarding lanes!
- Cleaner, wider bike lanes, more bike paths.
- More sidewalks.
- Eastside – Old Alturas, Churn Creek & Hilltop --- need wider bike lanes!
- Getting rid of all the homeless/parolees off the streets so it is safe for my family.
- Committed bike lanes.
- More room on sidewalks and walkways.
- More room to bike.
- Isolated walking / biking trails --- away from traffic
- More sidewalks and bike lanes
- Safe route to school
- More water fountains on paths, sidewalks and parks.
- Larger sidewalk so there is room for everyone.
- Get ride of the unconstitutional photo lights that are a hazard and put the money into riding trails that span the whole town.



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- Get rid of the potholes!
- Slow the Cars Down !
- Better connecting bike lanes – i.e., Old Alturas.
- More bike trails and well lit
- Clearer markings and larger shoulders.
- More bike lanes.
- We need bike lanes like in Davis, CA along with bike lights and paths.
- Downtown street more bikeable!!! Please! Good sidewalks with trees, etc. to feel comfortable especially for families.
- People making the world a better place. (young child)
- Slow traffic on main downtown streets! i.e., court.
- Better and more bike lanes.
- Wider sidewalks.
- Good Buenaventura Bike Path!
- Speed bumps on South Street in the Garden Tract. Would love to see a "River Walk" along Park Marina.
- The roads repaired so that they are safer to ride on. 2) More bike lanes.
- More bike lanes in Enterprise area (churn creek)
- Routinely including bike and pedestrians in all transportation projects.
- Wider bike lanes, sidewalks along both sides of the streets for pedestrians.
- You are getting better --- you are finally starting to hook the streets together. Thank you.
- 3 feet to pass bikes!
- More bike paths – a prime example is the Dana to Downtown path.
- Wider bike lanes and just a general understanding and appreciation for bicycles and pedestrians.
- Wide bike lanes, and more of them.
- More bike lanes and to be protected from traffic in shopping area.
- More sidewalks and areas to cross to street more frequently. Such as on upper Hilltop.