



STAFF REPORT
9/9/2020

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Gabriel Martin, Economic Development Director

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 2020-53 Adopting the City of Coachella 2020 Active Transportation Plan (ATP)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution No. 2020-53 adopting the City's 2020 Active Transportation Plan (ATP).

BACKGROUND:

An active transportation plan prepared by a city may be integrated into circulation element of its general plan or a separate plan which is compliant or will be brought into compliance with Complete Streets Act, Assembly Bill 1358 (Chapter 657, Statutes of 2008). The City of Coachella has developed an Active Transportation Plan (ATP) that incorporates bicycling, walking and safe routes to school. This ATP establishes a vision for the City and will guide the community toward a future where active transportation is a viable option for all ages who live, work, and play within Coachella and the greater Coachella Valley.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

In order to receive regional and state funding for roadway improvements, the City is required to have Pedestrian and Bikeway Master Plans approved by City Council and on record with Caltrans. The 2020 Active Transportation Plan serves as a combined update to both the Pedestrian and Bikeway Master Plans, with a goal to promote and upgrade pedestrian and bicycle transportation connectivity within the City in accordance with complete streets principles.

The objective of the 2020 Active Transportation Plan (Plan) is to review and make recommendations on how the current bikeway/pedestrian network within the City can be updated to best suit the needs of the City in the future. The planning efforts include the integration of various modes of transportation including transfers between modes at transit centers and park-and-ride facilities.

The bicycle goals include:

- To provide a bicyclist the opportunity to ride to any chosen destination, thereby making the bicycle a viable transportation alternative.
- To provide a system of bicycle routes with maximum possible safety.
- To provide facilities and services necessary for the bikeway system.
- To foster the development of an interconnecting bikeway system throughout the region.
- To support healthy lifestyles among residents through increasing opportunities for regular physical activity.
- To provide efficient multi-modal access and connections to and between activity centers.
- To promote alternative modes of transportation, which are intended to encourage a healthy lifestyle and reduce reliance on the automobile, and support the viability of transit through land use distribution and design.

The pedestrian goals include:

- To guide the way the City plans and implements pedestrian improvements considering the City's focus ensuring safe routes to schools.
- The Plan will implement the urban form and neighborhood quality policies by facilitating pedestrian improvement projects that will enhance the pedestrian environment, safety, and mobility options throughout the City.
- The Plan will establish a comprehensive plan for identifying, prioritizing, and implementing pedestrian projects and programs to improve the pedestrian environment and increase walking as a mode of transportation Citywide.
- The Plan will identify and prioritize potential pedestrian improvement project locations and provide descriptions of the types of improvements needed to improve the pedestrian environment.
- By identifying and prioritizing potential pedestrian improvement projects, the Plan will promote an orderly implementation of citywide pedestrian improvement projects

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Revise Active Transportation Plan, per City County comments and feedback

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE(S):

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution No. 2020-53 adopting the City of Coachella 2020 Active Transportation Plan (ATP)

Attachments: Resolution No. 2020-53 – Adopting the City of Coachella 2020 ATP
2020 Active Transportation Plan (ATP)