

League of American Bicyclists Designating the City of Riverside as a Bicycle Friendly Community

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BACKGROUND

1. In 2009 the City of Riverside was recognized by the League of American Bicyclists as a Bicycle Friendly Community for its demonstrated commitment to improving conditions for bicycling and making a focused investment in bicycling programs and facilities.
2. In 2013 the City also received a Bronze Bicycle Friendly Business award for leading America toward a greener future.
3. The City has proudly held these designations and continued its efforts in cultivating a safer, more widely accessible, bicycle friendly environment for its residents, students, workers, and visitors alike.



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DISCUSSION

1. The American League of Bicyclists has designated Riverside as a Bicycle Friendly Community for the 2017-2021 award period as a result of:
 - a. the Citywide 'Green Conflict Zone' project implemented at 36 intersections;
 - b. addition of 'sharrow' (share the road) markings along University Avenue;
 - c. installation of Class II bicycle lanes along Central Avenue;
 - d. Santa Ana River Trail re-paving;
 - e. The 'connected vehicle' corridor undergoing testing along University Avenue in collaboration with the University of California, Riverside; and
 - f. The collaboration with the Southern California Association of Governments to host a 'Go Human' pedestrian / bicyclist awareness event.



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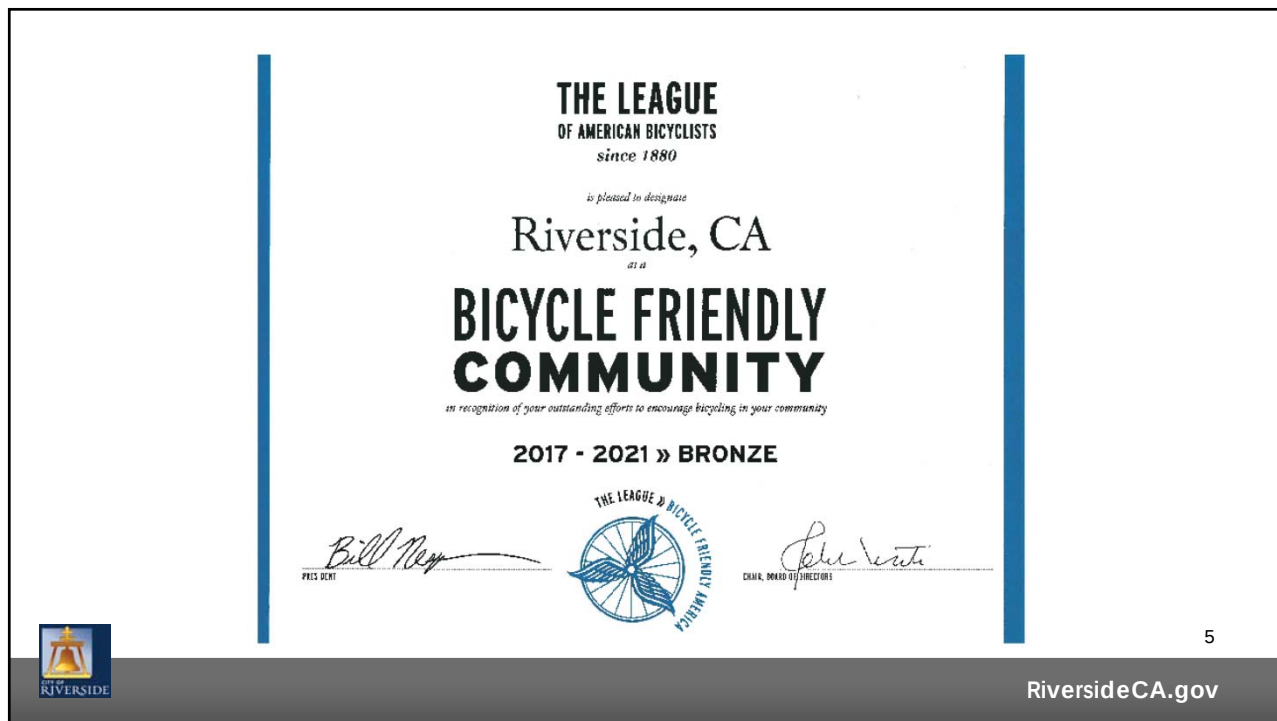
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2. The award also recognizes the over \$2M in pedestrian and bicycle oriented grant-funded projects on the horizon in Riverside, including:
 - a. The Bicycle Share Program;
 - b. New electronic bicycle storage facilities in Downtown and at the Downtown Metrolink Station;
 - c. Installation of several miles of Class IV bicycle lanes;
 - d. Installation of 17 miles of Class II bicycle lanes;
 - e. Installation of additional 'sharrow' markings surrounding Lake Evans within Fairmount Park; and
 - f. The distribution of 700 bicycle helmets, rechargeable bike tail flashers, and head lights to Riverside students.



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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council receive the certificate awarded by The League of American Bicyclists which designates the City of Riverside as a Bicycle Friendly Community for Riverside's exemplary efforts in expanding bicycling citywide.

