



*City of Arts & Innovation*

# Mobility & Infrastructure Committee

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**TO: MOBILITY & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE      DATE: AUGUST 13, 2020**  
**FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT                      WARDS: ALL**  
**SUBJECT: RIVERSIDE PACT UPDATE - DIRECT SUBMITTAL**

**ISSUE:**

Receive a presentation on the progress of the Riverside PACT planning effort.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Mobility & Infrastructure Committee receive and file an update provided on the Riverside PACT planning effort.

**BACKGROUND:**

On November 18, 2016, the Public Works Department submitted a grant proposal to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) to prepare a Citywide Active Transportation Plan. On July 24, 2018, the City Council authorized Public Works staff to submit a second grant proposal through the State Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to prepare a 'Pedestrian Target Safeguarding Plan'.

In early 2019, SCAG informed Public Works that both requested projects could be combined into a single planning document and accommodated with an allocation of \$250,000 in SCAG funding, plus a City match of \$125,000.

On May 7, 2019 the City Council voted to approve the SCAG proposal, and accept a grant award in the amount of \$250,000 for the collaborative development of a combined Active Transportation Plan and Pedestrian Target Hardening Plan.

Following negotiations between SCAG and City Staff, SCAG agreed to include a Complete Streets Ordinance as part of the City's planning efforts. On December 17, 2019 the City Council approved an appropriation of funds to further add the Trails Master Plan update.

The set of four documents are being prepared simultaneously and form the Riverside PACT (Pedestrian Target Safeguarding, Active Transportation Master Plan, Complete Streets

Ordinance, and Trails Master Plan) – which represents the City of Riverside’s combined commitment to comprehensive active transportation & recreation.

## **DISCUSSION:**

### *What is PACT?*

The Riverside PACT is a first for the City of Riverside, in that it is an integrated active transportation & recreation planning effort combining streets, plazas, sidewalks, trails, and streetscape design.

The Pedestrian Target Safeguarding Plan is oriented towards areas of high pedestrian traffic, with the objective of providing residents and visitors with safe pedestrian spaces for gatherings, events, civic engagement, and recreation. Specifically, this plan seeks to prevent both accidental and intentional vehicular collision in public spaces.

The Active Transportation Plan aims to improve biking and walking connections and will be used by the Public Works Department as a roadmap for prioritizing and funding improvements.

The Complete Streets Ordinance is a document to be integrated into the Riverside Municipal Code that will create design standards that are mindful of all roadway users, including pedestrians, cyclists, transit users, and motorists. These new design standards will change how roadways are constructed as part of both public and private improvements.

The Trails Master Plan update, overseen by the Parks & Recreation Department, aims to create a connected urban and rural trail system to boost quality of life in Riverside. This plan will envision and prioritize the expansion of our existing trails system, and investments that can be made to improve existing trails.

Since the plans and documents are being prepared by a single consultant team, and because engagement for each component is shared, each document informs and supports the others. Residents engaging in the plan preparation can see how the on-street bicycle network connects to the trail system and can make recommendations for both simultaneously.

### *Plan Progress & Target Dates*

Thus far, the PACT team has conducted outreach in both physical and virtual formats and has reached thousands of residents. Separate technical advisory committee meetings (TAC) are ongoing for the Active Transportation and Trails Master Plans. A draft Active Transportation network will be shared at an upcoming TAC meeting and distributed to residents and organizations engaged in the process. The Draft Complete Streets Ordinance will soon be shared with residents and the business community. Staff aims to bring a draft plan to the Infrastructure & Mobility Committee in October 2020, and to have the plan approved by City Council in December 2020.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this update on the Riverside PACT planning effort.

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Attachment: Presentation