



City of Sunnyvale

Agenda Item

16-0547

Agenda Date: 2/3/2017

2017 COUNCIL STUDY ISSUE

NUMBER

DPW 17-04

TITLE Update Bicycle Master Plan Every Five Years

BACKGROUND

Lead Department: Public Works
Support Department(s): N/A

Sponsor(s):

Board/Commission: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

History:

1 year ago: N/A
2 years ago: N/A

SCOPE OF THE STUDY

What are the key elements of the study?

This study would investigate the feasibility of updating the City's Bicycle Master Plan every five years instead of every ten years.

What precipitated this study?

BPAC recommends increasing the frequency of updating the Sunnyvale Bicycle Master Plan to every five years instead of ten years. As alternative modes of transportation such as walking and bicycling gain more users, it becomes more important to update these plans more frequently. Updating the Bicycle Master Plan every five years would aid in making necessary course corrections due to more frequent plan updates. In addition, more frequent updates will assist with achieving a higher level Bicycle Friendly Community class designation by the League of American Bicyclists.

Planned Completion Year: 2018

FISCAL IMPACT

Cost to Conduct Study

Level of staff effort required (opportunity cost): Major

Amount of funding above current budget required: \$50,000

Funding Source: Will seek budget supplement

Explanation of Cost:

The cost associated with this will be for consultant services. The consultant will need to gather and evaluate the existing city and neighboring jurisdictions bike plans and policies to determine the level of need the City might have and how often other Cities' bike master plans are updated. The Consultant will also need to review the capital projects delivery schedule to determine the need to update the Bicycle Master Plan every five years.

Cost to Implement Study Results

Unknown; study would include assessment of potential costs.

EXPECTED PARTICIPATION IN THE PROCESS

Council-approved work plan: No

Council Study Session: No

Reviewed by Boards/Commissions: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Position: Drop

Explanation: Updates to the Bicycle Master Plan depends upon the number of bike related capital projects completed in a given time period and by significant changes in policies and standards. Given the existing bike capital project delivery schedule, recent updates to the City's bicycle policies (as part of the upcoming LUTE), guidelines (such as when to use green color bike lanes) and standards (such as buffered bike lanes), and the proposed update to the Bicycle Master Plan as part of the upcoming Capital project cycle, staff does not recommend the Study Issue. However, staff does recommend that as part of the new Bicycle Master Plan, staff will evaluate the appropriate frequency for future updates.

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