

## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



### **COMMUNITY INPUT REQUESTED**

***Please join us to talk about Implementing  
Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Enhancements from  
the adopted Westside and Lower West Active Transportation Plan***

#### **MEET ONLINE:**

**Wednesday, February 2, 2022, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

This session will be held online using the **ZOOM** platform. Participants will be able to watch the presentation and submit questions and comments. No webcams or microphones necessary.

**Register at:** [https://santabarbaraca.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_YgtFoz4TTNWD2eQlQB0\\_pw](https://santabarbaraca.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YgtFoz4TTNWD2eQlQB0_pw)

#### **MEET IN PERSON:**

**Saturday, February 5, 2022, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Bohnett Park, 1201 San Pascual Street.** This meeting will be held outside at the picnic tables next to the playground and will be an open house format with no formal presentation. Please come by to learn about the planning process, view the conceptual plan, and provide your feedback.

#### **WHY THESE IMPROVEMENTS:**

In March 2020, City Council adopted the Westside and Lower West Transportation Management Plan (Plan). The Plan includes several infrastructure safety enhancements to improve walking and biking in the Westside and Lower West neighborhoods. In 2020, Council directed the City to apply for an Active Transportation Program Cycle 5 grant for these enhancements and a conceptual improvement plan was submitted as part of the application. Unfortunately, the grant application was not successful and missed the grant funding cutoff by two points. In December of 2021, Council directed City Staff to apply for the next Active Transportation Program grant cycle, Cycle 6. The enhancements would be a synergy to Westside Community Paseos Project coming soon to construction in Summer 2022 providing bike friendly streets along Gillespie and San Pascual Streets as well as a connection from the Westside to Downtown via Micheltorena, Castillo and Sola Streets.

#### **WHY NOW?**

California will be asking for grant submittals for the Active Transportation Grant Program and Highway Safety Improvement Program in spring 2022. Although not a guarantee, we believe that the draft/concept project proposals shared will have a good chance of being funded through these grants. The online and in person meetings will cover the scope of work for the proposed safety enhancements. Continued community participation is highly

encouraged as strong community support is a requirement for a successful grant application and project.

**WHAT'S NEXT?**

With the support of the community, City Staff will continue working on the grant application. In early spring, City Council will consider increasing City grant matching contributions that may increase the chances for these enhancements to be grant funded by the State.

**CONTACT:**

To learn more or ask questions about the project, please contact **WestsideNTMP@SantaBarbaraCA.gov or (805) 897-2542.**