

Kings County Regional Bicycle Plan Goals and Policies

Goal 1: Provide a well-developed, safe and convenient, interregionally connected system of bikeways complete with support facilities.

Policies: Design bikeways with adequate width to safely accommodate bicycles by conforming to Chapter 1000 of the Caltrans *Highway, Caltrans Design Manual, Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), and the MUTCD California Supplement.I.*

Exploit all available funding sources to develop and enhance bikeways which include, but are not limited to, Transportation Development Act, Article 3, Bicycle Transportation Account, Proposition 111, State Highway Account for bicycle facilities, Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act for the 21st century of 1991 (ISTEA-21), Safe Routes to School, Federal Transit Administration, and the SJVAPCD REMOVE II Program.

Ensure that the bikeway system is consistent with the availability of funds to construct, operate, and maintain. Also identify responsibility for each of these functions.

Identify, where possible, desirable alternative routes to those with high traffic volumes and high accidents as well as to take measures to make high traffic volume routes safer.

Design bikeways to ensure safe passage of cyclists (lighting, removal or trimming of foliage adjacent to the bikeway, etc.).

Define logical project limits for bicycle routes which ensure continuity between routes, especially across jurisdictional boundaries within the County and encourage links with other counties.

Goal 2: Future public and private development should support and facilitate the expansion, improvement, and maintenance of the bikeway system.

Policies: Bikeways will be planned as part of new developments and be consistent with the comprehensive regional bicycle system.

Identify and preserve right-of-way for identified future bikeways at the earliest possible date.

Encourage land use planning which will promote bicycling and other alternative modes of transportation. This would include shopping centers within walking/bicycling distance of homes and offices, schools situated so that children do not need to cross major roads, parks near homes, higher density homes near commercial areas and transit hubs, parking lots with bicycle parking included, pedestrian and bicycle bridges over major streets and highways, and reduced setbacks to promote pedestrian travel.

Goal 3: Provide on-going bicycle safety education and information programs.

Policies: Work with law enforcement, school officials, and private organizations to develop, coordinate and offer school and/or public bicycle safety programs.

Present public service announcements on local TV/Cable that promote safe bicycle travel.

Present bicycle safety programs in local schools; both public and private.

Seek funding sources/special programs to enhance local bicycle safety programs.

Publish a pamphlet which shows suggested bicycle routes by level of bicycle expertise for distribution in bicycle shops, schools, transit centers, libraries, local government offices, and tourist information packets.

Goal 4: Bikeways will connect educational facilities, major employers, and recreational areas.

Policies: Provide safe bicycle routes between residences and schools. These routes should avoid major streets, heavy traffic flow, and poor pavement whenever possible.

Provide safe and convenient bikeways linking residential areas to employment areas where bicycle demand can be reasonably expected.

Identify canals that may be covered and establish bikeways on the existing right-of-way.

Provide bikeways to and between significant recreational areas.

Goal 5: Encourage partnerships between private, non-profit, governmental, and citizen's groups.

Policies: Inform employers of options which increase bicycle usage by employees and potential benefits to their business.

Encourage local jurisdictions to adopt "street standards" which include bikeways as an option.

Encourage private organizations to assist in the maintenance and patrol of bicycle facilities.

Encourage local law enforcement officials to present bicycle safety and educational programs at the local elementary schools.

Work with Caltrans to add "Share-the-Road" signs on all open state highways in the county.

Goal 6: Encourage the use of bicycles to enhance air quality and improve the health of the rider.

Policies: Participate in local health fairs and the County Fair, to promote bicycling (including providing information on routes, etc.).

Establish a public-relation campaign to promote the benefits of bicycling.

Continue to encourage communications with the transit providers in Kings County to encourage move toward the placement of bicycle racks on future buses as well as continuing to purchase benches as benches that facilitate bicycle parking.

Publish and distribute a pamphlet which explains the benefits of bicycling, including potential air quality, and health benefits.

Other Suggestions and/or comments