



**MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONCORD
BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN AND SAFE ROUTES TO TRANSIT
PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Monday, April 27, 2015
5:30 p.m., Regular Meeting
PERMIT CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM
1950 Parkside Drive, Bldg. D**

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Plan Advisory Committee Members

Laura Hoffmeister, Chair and City Council Representative
Carlyn Obringer, Planning Commission Representative
Mark Sinclair, Parks Recreation and Open Space Committee Representative
Sergio Huerta, At-Large Representative
Clair Linder, At-Large Representative

AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - NON-AGENDA ITEMS

ADDITIONS/CONTINUANCES/WITHDRAWALS

STAFF REPORTS / DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1. Selection of Alternates for PROSC and Planning Commission Appointees**
- 2. Community Needs Assessment**

Staff from Alta Planning + Design will be giving a presentation to the Plan Advisory Committee and is seeking comments and feedback from the Committee members.

- 3. Recent and Upcoming Events**
 - Report on Recent Workshops and Events:**
 - April 8, 2015 Community Workshop
 - April 18, 2015 Walking and Bicycling Tour
 - Upcoming Events:**
 - Bike to Work Day, May 14, 2015
 - Second Citywide Workshop, July 30, 2015 – Policy Focus

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

COMMITTEE MEMBER CONSIDERATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **PAC Meeting to be cancelled for May 25, 2015**
2. **Next PAC Meeting to be held on June 22, 2015**

ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

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***BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN AND SAFE ROUTES TO TRANSIT
PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM***

April 23, 2015

TO: **Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Safe Routes to Transit Plan
Plan Advisory Committee (PAC)**

FROM: Andrew Mogensen, Principal Planner
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SUBJECT: **Community Needs Assessment**

The Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Safe Routes to Transit Plan will serve as a roadmap to improve the safety and connectivity of Concord's existing transportation network so that walking and bicycling can serve as viable options for commuter and recreational trips.

Alta Planning + Design Presentation

Staff from Alta Planning + Design will be giving a presentation to the Plan Advisory Committee regarding the Community Needs Assessment and is seeking feedback from the Committee members.

Community Survey

The City had a successful response to the Community Survey, which ran from mid-February through April 12. The survey was available in Spanish and English, posted online and distributed in paper format. The City received a total of 640 surveys. Of those, 132 paper surveys were submitted and 488 were completed online. The surveys are currently being tabulated and will be used in the preparation of the Community Needs Assessment portion of the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Safe Routes to Transit Plan.

Community Workshop

Planning staff hosted a successful and well-attended Community Workshop for the City's Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Safe Routes to Transit Master Plan at the Willow Pass Center on the evening of Wednesday, April 8th. Over 60 people attended the workshop. The event provided the opportunity for residents to discuss challenges to walking, bicycling and transit access. Participants were able to view maps and information about the current state of the city's non-motorized infrastructure and provide feedback through map exercises hosted at different tables. They also had the opportunity to participate in the survey and submit comment cards. Staff from BART were also in attendance, hosting a booth with graphics focusing on the upcoming Concord Station Modernization Project. Staff from Alta Planning

+ Research, BART, and the Planning division all provided an overview of the project and held a brief question and answer session. The workshop garnered valuable feedback and was considered to be very successful.

Bicycling and Walking Tour

The City hosted a successful Bicycling and Walking Tour on Saturday, April 18th with about 5 residents attending the downtown walking tour and 16 people attending the bicycling tour. Both tours began at the downtown Concord BART station and were led and facilitated by project consultants from Alta Planning + Design and Kimley-Horn. Participants had the opportunity to discuss and review conditions in the field and provide feedback about the different issues presented. Participants were provided with tour booklets to take notes, which were returned to the consultant after the tours were over. Feedback from the tours will be used to prepare the Community Needs Assessment portion of the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Safe Routes to Transit Plan.

Next Steps

Once the Community Needs Assessment is completed sometime in late May, staff will begin working on developing policies and programs for the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Safe Routes to Transit Plan. A second community-wide workshop to focus on policies is currently being developed for Thursday, July 30th. This second workshop will be held in the eastern portion of the City at Centre Concord. Staff will notify the PAC once the date and time has been finalized.

The next regularly scheduled PAC meeting set for May 25 will be cancelled due to the Memorial Day holiday. No meeting will be held in May, as staff will still be working on the Needs Assessment portion of the plan. The next PAC meeting will be scheduled for 5:30pm in the Permit Center Conference Room on Monday, June 22, 2015.