

## Transportation Planning News

CITYWIDE UPDATES ABOUT PLANS, PROGRAMS, AND PROJECTS  
IN THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO

Brought to you by the City of Sacramento Transportation Planning Team



Welcome to the City of Sacramento Transportation Planning Newsletter. In this newsletter we provide citywide updates about transportation plans, programs, and projects that impact the daily lives of the people of Sacramento.

## August 2024

### Active Transportation Commission

The August 2024 ATC meeting will be held on Thursday, August 15th in Council Chambers at 5:30pm. The agenda includes:

- Two Rivers Trail Phase III
- Street Design Standards Amendment
- Active Transportation Commission 2024 Annual Report

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### Your Transportation Planning Team

The Transportation Planning team serves the city through development of long-range transportation plans, programs, and policy. Our work includes corridor and area plans, serving as the hub group for the City's Vision Zero work, and developing policies for Council consideration, like the Complete Streets Policy.

Community engagement is embedded in all our efforts. You'll find us at grocery stores, libraries, senior centers, farmers markets, neighborhood events, and festivals throughout the city. Our guiding principles include:

- Be experts and share knowledge
- Listen, learn and be curious
- Earn trust and respect
- Set clear, high expectations
- Be action oriented
- Deliver results
- Show up for others
- Celebrate communities
- Be bold, make magic

Our current work is posted on our webpage, under Transportation.

## Learn More

We are also working on:

- Transportation education, including hosting the City's free [Urban Biking and Scooting class](#)
- Implementing current [Transportation Demand Management](#) regulations
- A technical study regarding separated bikeway separation treatments (posts, curb, k-rail, etc.)
- New planning projects that have funding but are just getting started and don't have webpages yet:
  - o Arden Way/Auburn Blvd Vision Zero and Mobility Plan
  - o Fruitridge Road Safety and Mobility Plan
  - o Howe Avenue Transportation and Vision Zero Plan
  - o Norwood Avenue Complete Streets Plan
  - o Publicly available secure bicycle parking pilot
  - o Reconnecting Old North Sacramento
  - o Vision Zero Action Plan update

If you're interested in our work, please continue to read our monthly newsletters and encourage your friends, family, and colleagues to sign up. We'll share information about our work and ways you can engage in transportation planning.



## CivicSpark Fellowship Program

The City of Sacramento, Department of Public Works partnered with CivicWell to host a CivicSpark Fellow. CivicSpark, an AmeriCorps



program, places emerging leaders with local organizations for an 11-month term to support research, planning, and implementation projects for community resilience. Through National Service, the CivicSpark Fellowship contributes to building local public sector capacity to address issues and fosters equitable community engagement to uplift and empower all community members.

Our CivicSpark Fellow, Dylan Samdin, is approaching the end of his 11-month term. We would like to spotlight his contributions to the City of Sacramento and highlight his accomplishments throughout his fellowship!

One of Dylan's main projects throughout his fellowship was identifying updates to the Administrative Procedure for the Shared Rideable Program for better outcomes that continue to closely align with the city's goals on climate, mobility, equity, and education.

Additionally, Dylan led community engagement efforts for the Urban Bicycle and Scooter 101 Class. He organized tabling events throughout the city, promoting the free class and providing the public with bike lights, bike bells, and route planning maps! He also created promotional social media graphics for the class to reach our online community members.

Dylan also assisted the Transportation Planning Newsletter staff. He wrote articles highlighting helpful active transportation tips and has encouraged community members to provide input on developing projects!



Dylan says he is "thankful to have served the City of Sacramento and uplift the communities that make this city wonderful."

## Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Wins!

The Transportation Planning team is excited to share that the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) recently announced the FY 2024-25 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Awards. Among them were two grant applications submitted by our team.



**Arden Way and Auburn Boulevard Vision Zero and Mobility Plan:** Arden Way from Del Paso Boulevard to Ethan Way and Harvard Street/Auburn Boulevard from Arden Way to Marconi Circle. Much of the Arden Way corridor is a Vision Zero Top 10 corridor, representing one of the 10 locations in the city with the most fatal and severe injury crashes. Auburn Boulevard is a predominantly commercial corridor that is part of the Vision Zero High Injury Network (HIN) and a high priority project in the City's Transportation Priorities Plan. This plan will include recommendations to update the infrastructure along Arden Way, Harvard Street, and Auburn Boulevard, promoting investment in an underserved area of the city, which will promote further investments to grow the local economy; reduce GHG emissions to meet climate goals; and promote public health by incentivizing active modes of transportation by increasing safety, mobility, and access to transit, jobs, retail, and community services.

**Fruitridge Road Safety and Mobility Plan:** Fruitridge Road/ Seamus Avenue from I-5 to Stockton

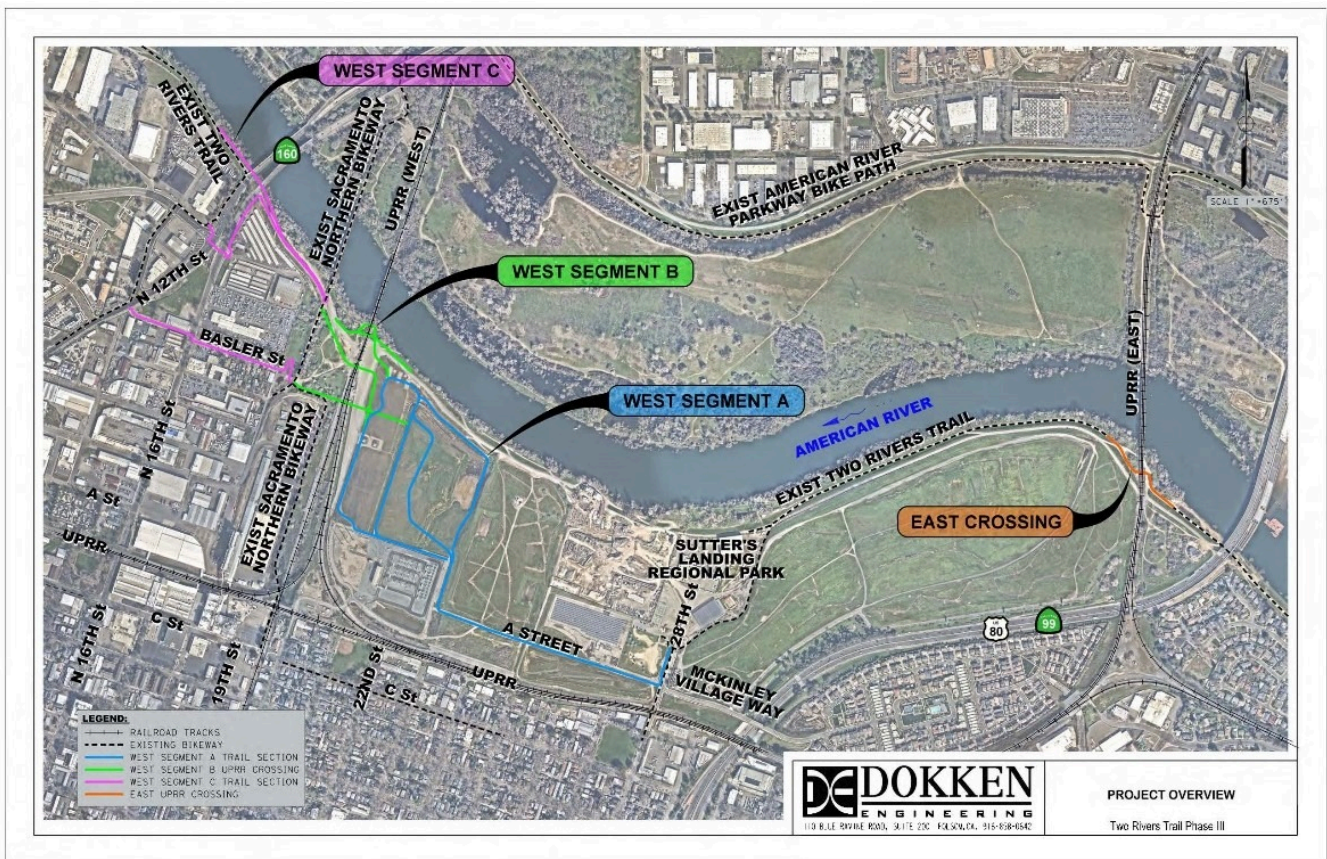
Boulevard. A major east-west connector across the City and County of Sacramento and part of the City's Vision Zero HIN, this plan will work to improve connectivity to several local and regional funded efforts including the Del Rio Trail Project and the Sacramento Regional Trail Network, the Franklin Complete Streets Project, and the Fruitridge Road Improvements Project to improve local and regional connectivity and access daily destinations. This plan aims to improve active transportation, transit access and operations, and multimodal safety and accessibility.

The Caltrans grant program is highly competitive. Unfortunately, we were not awarded grant funding for the Elder Creek Road Safety and Mobility Plan or the Citywide Walking and Bicycling Wayfinding Project, which were also submitted during the same grant cycle. The City of Sacramento is committed to improving transportation safety and will continue to strategize ways to advance projects like these in the future.

## Two Rivers Trail Phase III Public Feasibility Study Kicks Off

The feasibility study and preliminary engineering for the Two Rivers Trail Phase III Project is underway. The feasibility study will inform the design that completes the Two Rivers Trail system.

Phase III will extend the trail within Sutter's Landing Park at 28th Street west, approximately one mile, to a loop around the Old City Landfill, just east of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks. West of the UPRR tracks, the trail will connect to the Sacramento Northern Trail and continue west to join the Phase I Trail. The project will also explore alternatives to cross UPRR and State Route 160 to connect with the Two Rivers Trail Phase I project. Environmental clearance, design and construction of the UPRR and State Route 160 crossings will likely be addressed in a future project.



### Anticipated Timeline

Efforts in each of the areas included in Phase III are underway concurrently, but due to unique constraints in each area the timelines are slightly different. The anticipated general timeline is as follows:

- Spring 2024 – Summer 2025 - Feasibility Study & Preliminary Engineering
- Winter 2024 – Fall 2025 - Environmental Technical Studies & Permitting
- Fall 2025 – Spring 2026 - Final Design

Summer 2026 – Summer 2027 - Construction, funding dependent

## Public Involvement

Take the survey to provide your feedback on potential alternative routes:

[Take Survey](#)

**Visit the project webpage to connect with the project team or learn more:**

[Learn More](#)

## Going Back to School or the Office? Try New Ways of Getting There!

Did you know that 57% of Sacramento’s greenhouse gas emissions are from transportation? Did you also know that on average, it costs [\\$0.72 per mile to operate and maintain](#) your car, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation? You may also have to pay for parking at work. These daily costs can add up. But there are ways to save money.



If you are a student or are a parent with children in school, there are ways to get to school other than driving – like a [walking school bus](#), a [bike bus](#) or an actual [SacRT bus](#).

Getting to school these ways can be fun! Walking, bicycling and scooting are ways to get in some physical activity and build a sense of community. If you live further away, taking transit to school is another great option. Sacramento Regional Transit (SacRT) offers students’ grade K-12 free transit. Students enrolled in [Sacramento State and Los Rios Community College District](#) are also eligible for [free and discounted SacRT fares](#).

If you are coming back to work after working remotely, you may want to try bicycling or taking transit. If it’s been a while since you’ve biked or want tips on how to plan routes or carry things on a bike, the City offers a free Urban Bicycle and Scooter 101 Class:

[Register Here](#)

Transportation benefits aren’t just for students!

Through your employer, you may be eligible to receive transportation benefits. This may include discounted or free transit passes, bicycling incentives, and more. Additionally, Sacramento has three Transportation Management Associations (TMA), such as [Jibe](#), and the [South Natomas TMA](#). TMAs offer benefits such as field trips to learn how to use transit, or guaranteed ride home programs.



## Tip of the Month



# SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT

As Sacramento students head back to class and more state workers return to the office, it's the perfect time to consider using transit for a low-cost and efficient commute.

Here's a quick rider tutorial from the Sacramento Regional Transit District:

- **Easy Commute Planning:** Transit service in Sacramento is simple, even for first-timers. SacRT will help you plan your trip. [Get started here.](#)
- **Convenient Fare Payment:** Paying fares is a breeze. Use cash, credit cards, the ZipPass mobile app, or the Connect Transit Card. [Learn more here.](#)
- **Free Rides for Students:** All students in TK through 12th grade ride free with our RydeFreeRT program. Passes are available at schools. [Discover more here.](#)
- **Transit Passes for College Students:** Sacramento State and Los Rios Community college students enjoy unlimited SacRT bus and light rail service. [Learn more here.](#)
- **Transit Subsidies for State Workers:** Good news for state employees—you're eligible for transit subsidies. [Find out more here.](#)
- **Paratransit Services:** If you have limited mobility, SacRT GO paratransit services might be the right ride for you. [Learn more here.](#)

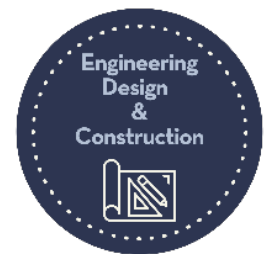
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