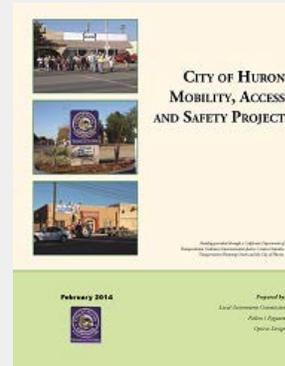




City of Huron Mobility, Access and Safety Project

City of Huron

Environmental Justice
FY 11-12 Grant Cycle
District 6
Grant Award Amount: \$ 108,000



Project Summary:

The City of Huron, Valley Latino Environmental Advancement Project (LEAP), and the Local Government Commission (LGC) organized a highly participatory multi-lingual planning effort, with a special emphasis on engaging underrepresented residents, to develop a vision and a plan to identify low-cost, easy-to-implement solutions and long-term strategies to improve the safety, access, and mobility for all users of the streets.

Community Outreach

- An advisory committee (residents, City staff, and Caltrans) met three times on issues and goals.
- Bilingual flyers were distributed to churches, schools, health clinics, housing, youth groups, day care, family groups, markets, and stores.
- Public service announcements/interviews were provided to Spanish-speaking radio stations.
- The project team held meetings with stakeholders, including the Technical Focus Group (Caltrans, City staff, and the design team) and Youth LEAP, and the City's Traffic Engineer.
- Three bilingual public workshops were held.
- A walking tour and design workshop were held.

Environmental Justice Community Outreach:

- LEAP enhanced the outreach to underrepresented residents with bilingual meetings and informational materials & media.

Project Outcome

- A conceptual planning document that identifies short-, medium-, and long-term strategies to improve safety and mobility choices for residents of all ages and abilities.

Successes & Next Steps

- Develop a plan to implement the strategies and potential projects identified in this report.
- Seek funding.
- Short-term safety projects could begin soon, such as the City restriping side streets.
- Coordinate with Caltrans District 6 to pursue Lassen Avenue construction projects, such as roundabouts; develop and finalize construction designs; identify sources of funding and work with Caltrans to pursue.
- Consider designs with corner radii to accommodate heavy industrial and agricultural vehicles using the corridor.
- Coordinate with Caltrans ADA Program when installing sidewalks or curb extensions.