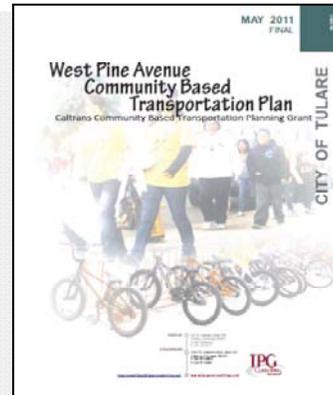


West Pine Avenue Community-Based Transportation Plan

City of Tulare

Community-Based Transportation Planning
FY 09-10 Grant Cycle
District 6
Grant Award Amount: \$75,000



Project Summary:

The goal of the West Pine Avenue Community-Based Transportation Plan (WPACBTP) is to identify improvements, through community participation, that assist the area in becoming safer for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized transit. The WPACBTP includes an evaluation of most frequent routes of travel, identification of infrastructure deficiencies, an evaluation of complete pedestrian/bicycle/transit linkages, and development of a community-based education plan for safety and outreach.

Community Outreach

- Formed a Project Steering Committee to assist in organizing the Walk-to-School Day and the Bicycle Rodeo events. The committee also served as additional means of providing stakeholder feedback.
- Held a Community Open House at the start of the project.
- Organized a Walk-to-School Day and administered surveys on that day to gather community and student feedback.
- Provided an educational component as a stand-alone tool to be utilized by school districts and surrounding neighborhood communities and residents.

Project Outcome

- A plan to remove barriers for non-motorized travel in the study area.
- A conceptual example of a Maple Elementary School Walking/Bicycle Route Plan.
- A prioritized action plan of recommended improvements.
- Probable cost estimates for recommended improvements.
- A marketing program and lesson plans to promote sustainable healthy living through walking and bicycling.

Successes & Next Steps

- This grant included a Walk-to-School Day event which included over 800 participants.
- Adoption of this plan will allow the City of Tulare to take the next steps necessary to program, fund, and initiate construction of a range of improvements for a more balanced, comprehensive, multi-modal transportation system.
- The City is currently under contract with approximately \$210,000 of CDBG funding to implement phase 1 of the improvements which are listed in Chapter 5 of the Plan. The project is currently under construction.