

**DATE:** February 22, 2023

**TO:** Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

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**SUBJECT:** **Active Transportation Plan Update**

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Receive an update on the Active Transportation Plan process and provide feedback on the draft vision statement.

### **BACKGROUND**

The City of Mountain View's Pedestrian Master Plan (PMP) was adopted on [January 28, 2014](#), and the Bicycle Transportation Plan (BTP) was adopted on [November 17, 2015](#). On November 10, 2020, the City Council directed staff to update the PMP and BTP in an integrated manner to align competing uses within public rights-of-way for key corridors within the City. Taking a more holistic approach to the development of an integrated Active Transportation Plan (ATP) allows for cohesive and efficient planning, ensuring quality transportation options for both modes of travel. Council also directed staff to incorporate considerations related to green streets and habitat corridors arising from the Biodiversity Strategy.

On January 3, 2022, staff released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for all interested parties to provide professional services to aid in the production of the ATP. After a competitive selection process, NN Engineering, Inc., was selected as the preferred consultant for ATP development. The City Council authorized the City Manager or designee to execute a professional services agreement with NN Engineering, Inc., on [May 24, 2022](#), to complete the ATP project scope listed in Attachment 1.

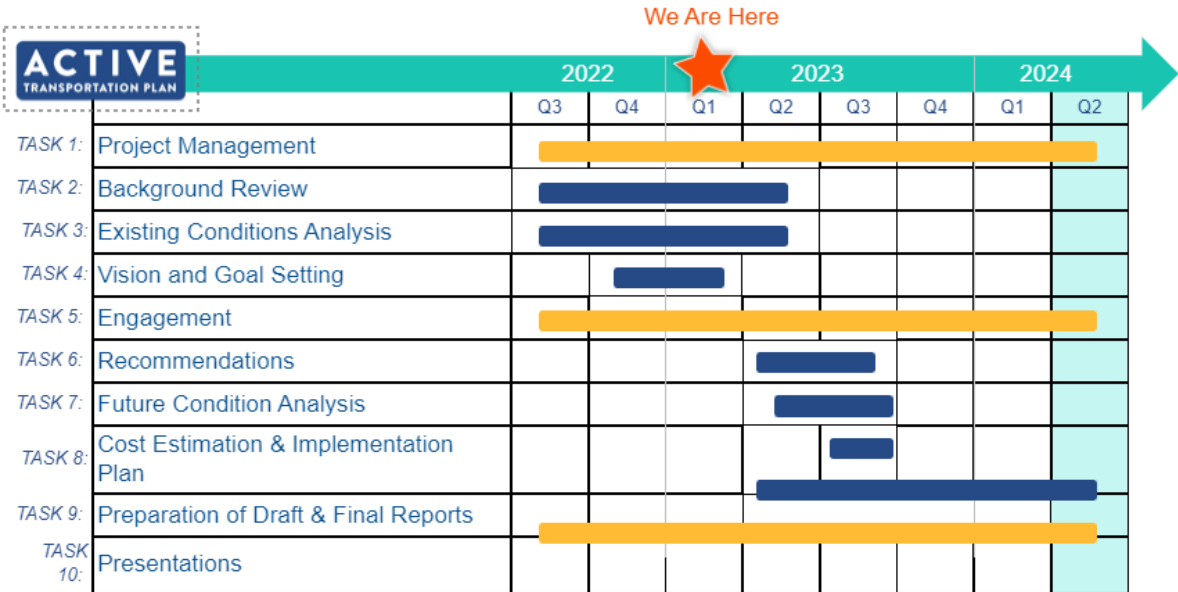
In September 2022, NN Engineering, Inc., commenced the existing conditions review, including data gathering, review of resident requests, and analysis of City policies.

**ANALYSIS**

The ATP aims to further the development of a healthy and sustainable transportation environment in Mountain View for all ages and abilities. The key outcomes of the ATP will include:

- Clear vision and goals in relation to active transportation;
- An interactive online dashboard and recommendations related to outreach, engagement, and educational programming on active transportation;
- Policy recommendations addressing Council policies, Mountain View City Code, internal standards, and organizational protocols;
- Maps and prioritized lists of recommended Citywide pedestrian and bicycle capital projects needed to achieve plan goals;
- Identification of locations (using guidance from the Biodiversity Strategy) to implement green-street design with active transportation improvements; and
- Detailed implementation and phasing plans for achieving ATP-related policy, program, and project recommendations.

Figure 1 below provides a schedule for each deliverable of the ATP process.



**Figure 1: ATP Project Schedule**

## **Internal and Community Engagement**

Staff has assembled an interdepartmental Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), which met in December 2022 to review existing conditions and discuss the ATP's vision, goals, and objectives. An initial draft of the vision and goals for the plan is provided below.

On February 22, 2023, staff also convened the Active Transportation Plan Advisory Committee (ATPAC) to discuss and review existing conditions and provide input on the Plan's vision, goals, and objectives. The ATPAC is an external review committee comprised of representatives from the following member organizations:

- Mountain View Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC);
- Mountain View Youth Advisory Committee (YAC);
- Santa Clara County Public Health Department;
- Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA);
- The Day Worker Center of Mountain View;
- Green Streets for Sustainable Communities;
- Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition;
- Mountain View Streets for All;
- Mountain View Mobile Home Alliance;
- Mountain View Community Services Agency;
- Disability Rights California;
- California Walks;
- Mountain View Chamber of Commerce; and
- Canopy.

The information from the initial ATPAC discussions will be provided to the BPAC during the BPAC meeting. The ATPAC is expected to meet on a quarterly basis for the duration of the ATP development period.

Broader community engagement efforts for the ATP will include:

- A project website and georeferenced online data collection tool;
- Communitywide input meetings (in-person and virtual);
- Updates to the City's BPAC and Parks and Recreation Commission; and
- Council Transportation Committee and Council review of key documents.

## **Vision and Goals**

The ATP vision and goals are currently under development. The vision statement below reflects the input to date:

*“The City of Mountain View will lead regionally by creating an active transportation system that strengthens the community’s access to housing, employment, schools, and other destinations.*

*The Active Transportation Plan will enable the City to intentionally plan with policies that support walkable and bikeable places, programs that create a culture of walking and biking, and projects that produce a connected, low-stress and inviting active transportation network that doubles as corridors of shade, habitat, and public open space. This network of streets and trails will encourage biking and walking, enhance biodiversity, and reduce climate change impacts.”*

## **DISCUSSION**

BPAC input is sought on the draft vision statement for the ATP.

## **NEXT STEPS**

Key milestones in the development of the ATP include:

1. Initial project overview; confirm the vision and goals (spring 2023).
2. Existing conditions and project recommendations (summer 2023).
3. Draft report (winter 2024).

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Attachment: 1. Active Transportation Plan Scope with NN Engineering, Inc.