



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

**Monday, June 22, 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. Report of Alternates for PROSC and Planning Commission Appointees (brief item)**
 - a. Jason Laub, Planning Commission Alternate**
 - b. PROSC Alternate Appointment**

- 2. Next Steps Community Survey Results / Needs Analysis Update (20 minutes)**
 - a. Survey Results Presentation**
 - b. Needs Analysis Update**

- 3. Policy Development Introduction (30 Minutes)**
 - a. Developing Vision, Goals, Objectives and Policies**
 - b. Setting the Path**
 - c. PAC Questions and Discussion**
 - d. Next Steps**

- 4. Upcoming Events (brief item)**
 - a. Next PAC meeting, Monday July 27, 2015 – Policy Discussion**
 - b. Second Citywide Workshop, July 30, 2015 – Hands-On Policy Development**
 - 5:30pm, Centre Concord, 5298 Clayton Road, Concord, CA**

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

COMMITTEE MEMBER CONSIDERATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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

June 22, 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 Survey Results, Needs Analysis & Policy Development

Community Survey Results

The surveys have been tabulated and the results are in! Staff will provide a brief presentation with highlights from the survey results at the June 22, 2015 PAC meeting. We received a total of 640 surveys. Of those, 132 paper surveys were submitted and 488 were completed online.

Who responded to the survey?

- Adults between 35 and 44 years of age (23 percent)
- Adults over 45 years of age (60 percent)
- Roughly equal numbers of men (46 percent) and women (54 percent)

How do survey participants typically travel?

- 64 percent reported using transit
- 94 percent reported walking
- 64 percent reported bicycling

- BART was the most commonly reported transit service used by survey respondents (352 responses), followed by County Connection buses (104) and LINK accessible paratransit (6).

- The most commonly reported purpose for walking trips in Concord was for exercise or recreation, including walking a dog. Most walking trips are less than one mile.

- The most commonly reported purpose for bicycling trips in Concord was also exercise or recreation, although 70 people indicated they commute to work by bicycle regularly. Almost half of all bicycling trips are more than two miles.

Vision, Goals, Objectives and Policies

The next phase of the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Safe Routes to Transit Plan's progress will focus on the formation of goals, objectives, and policies. At this meeting we intend to provide the PAC members with an introduction on forming goals, objectives and policies and how they are used to guide future decision making (Attachment 1).

- A strong **Vision** serves as an inspirational guide over the life of the Plan.
- **Goals** are broad statements that express general priorities. Goals are formulated based on the identification of key issues, opportunities, and problems that affect walking, bicycling and transit access. What are our goals for the plan?
- **Objectives** are more specific than goals and are usually attainable through strategic planning and implementation activities. Implementation of an objective contributes to the fulfillment of a goal. What do we want to achieve?
- **Policies** are the rules and courses of action used to ensure plan implementation. Policies often accomplish a number of objectives.

The plan's goals, objectives and policies should address the identified community needs.

Needs Analysis Findings

Walking needs identified include:

- A pedestrian network that provides connectivity between residential areas and community destinations.
- Additional separation between pedestrians and vehicle traffic on higher-speed or higher-volume arterials.
- Improved pedestrian crossings.
- Improved access for pedestrians with mobility impairments.
- Improve access to and amenities at transit stops.

Bicycling needs identified include:

- A bikeway network that provides continuous dedicated bicyclist space on arterials, or key 'spokes.'
- A bikeway network that provides connections on low volume low streets.
- Improved access to BART.
- Improved bikeways at freeway ramps.
- Traffic calming on some collector and local streets
- Maintenance of paths and removal of debris in bikeways.
- Bicycle parking at key destinations.
- Bikeway wayfinding.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Suitability Index

Alta Planning + Design developed a Bicycle and Pedestrian Suitability Index (BPSI) model for the plan. The BPSI provides a general understanding of potential demand (bicycle and pedestrian activity) by quantifying a number of different factors that generate bicycle and pedestrian movement. A copy of the overall Composite Demand map from the model has been identified in the presentation attached with this memo. Supporting data produced by the BPSI will be used to support the plan.

Next Steps

The next scheduled PAC meeting will be on Monday, July 27, 2015 at 5:30pm in the Permit Center Conference Room. We will continue our discussion on goals, objectives, and policies for the plan as well as preparations for the workshop on July 30th.

The next community workshop will be hosted at Centre Concord on Thursday, July 30th at 5:30pm. The workshop will be an interactive, moderated discussion that focusing on policy development. The workshop seeks to get feedback directly from participants on policies they would like to see in the plan. Centre Concord is located at 5298 Clayton Rd. County Connection Bus Route 10 connects Centre Concord with the downtown Concord BART station every 30 minutes on weekday evenings.

Attachments:

1. PAC Presentation



City of Concord Bicycle, Pedestrian and Safe Routes to Transit Plan

Plan Advisory Committee

Needs Analysis Summary Vision, Goals, Objectives and Policies



June 22, 2015

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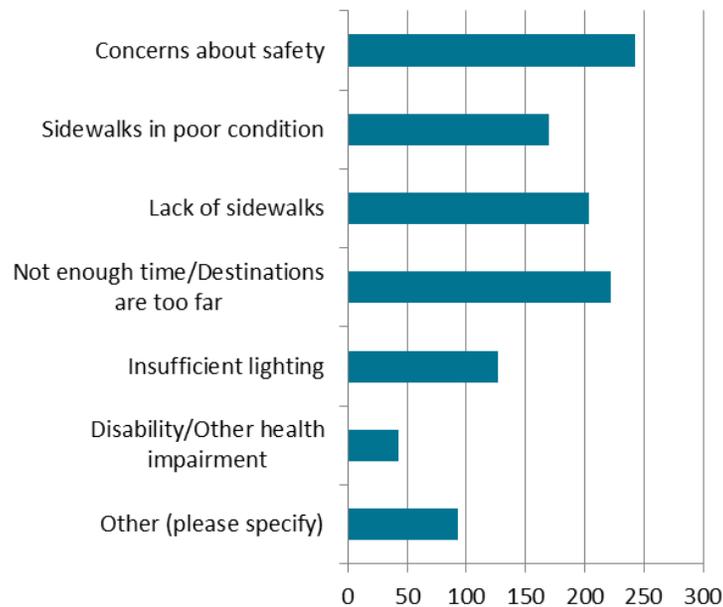
How do respondents travel?

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 - BART: 352
 - County Connection: 104
 - LINK: 6
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- 64 percent reported bicycling

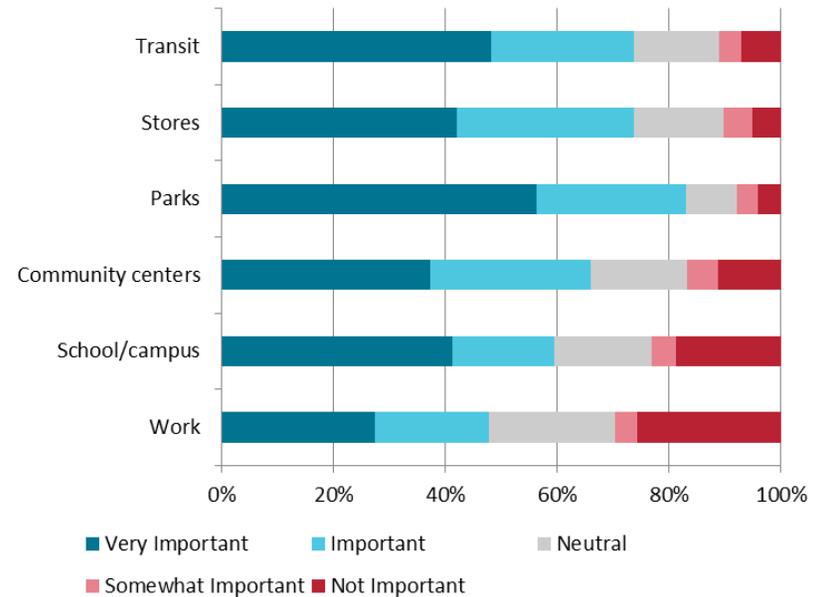


Community Survey Results

Factors that Discourage Walking



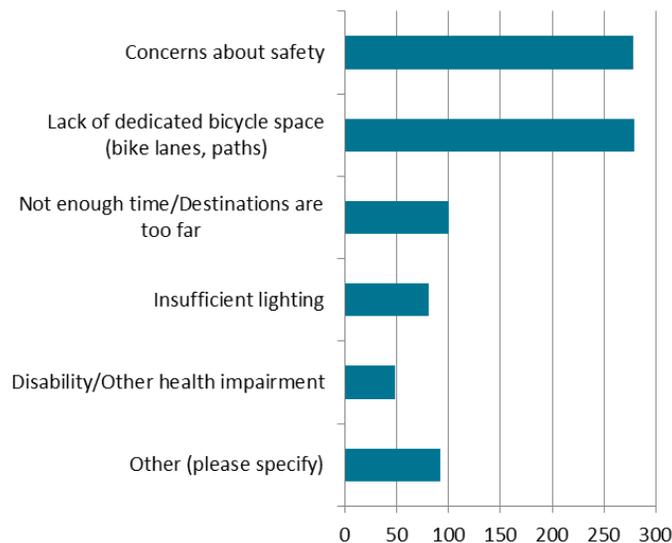
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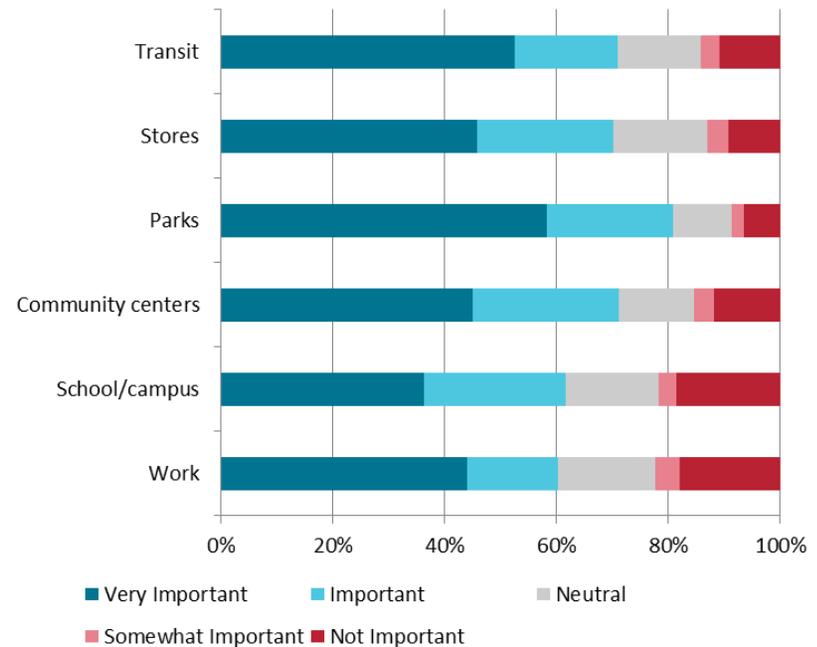


Community Survey Results

Factors that Discourage Bicycling



Important Bicycling Access Destinations



Community Input Summary

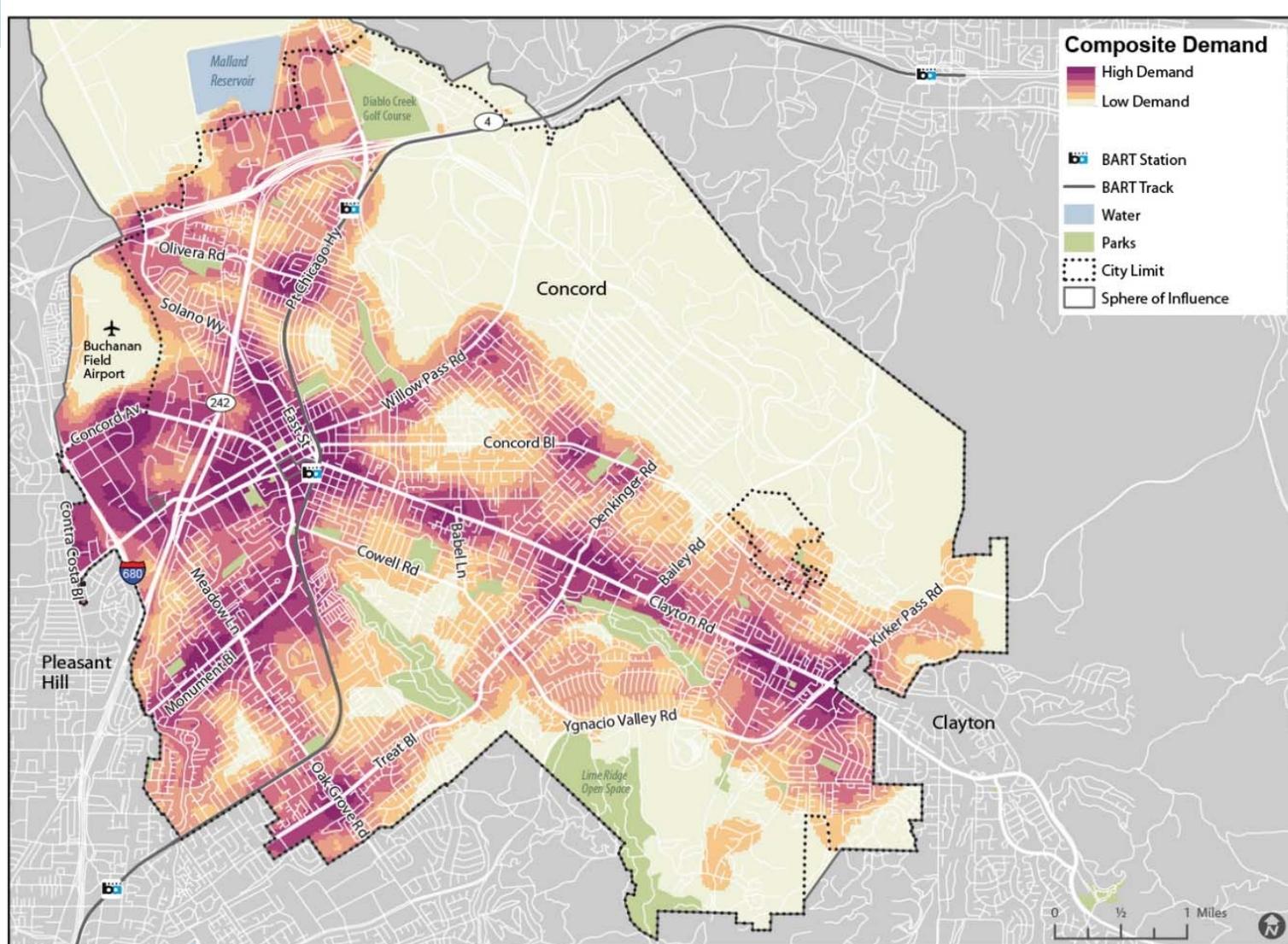
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Demand Analysis Findings



Policies: Setting the Path

Vision

- How do we envision a future Concord?

Goals

- What are our priorities?

Objectives

- What will be accomplished?

Policies

- How will we accomplish this?

Vision

A strong vision statement serves as an inspirational guide over the life of the Plan.

Example:

This Plan envisions the City with a transportation system that supports sustainability, active living and community where bicycling and walking are an integral part of daily life.

Goals

Goals should support the City's vision and describe the most important aspects of priorities and attitudes.

Examples:

1. Develop a comprehensive bikeway network.
2. Improve bicycling and walking safety and comfort.
3. Increase the number of commute, recreation and utilitarian bicycling and walking trips.
4. Increase the number of high quality support facilities to complement the bicycle network and walkway facilities.
5. Increase education and awareness of the value of bicycle and pedestrian travel for commute and non-commute trips.

Objectives

Objectives should direct the way public improvements are made, where resources are allocated, how programs are operated, and how City priorities are determined.

Examples:

1. Increase the mileage of transportation bikeway facilities miles by 10 percent by 2020.
2. Provide high quality facilities based on best practices.
3. Increase the number of bicycle and pedestrian support facilities.
4. Reduce bicycle and pedestrian related collisions, injuries and fatalities.
5. Increase the number of bicycle and pedestrian support facilities.

Policies

Policies are actions that guide agencies to achieve the objectives and goals.

Example 1:

Goal 1: Develop a comprehensive bikeway network.

Objective 1.1: Increase the mileage of transportation bikeway facilities miles by 50 percent by 2020.

Policy 1.1.1.: Develop a 20-year implementation strategy for the Concord Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Safe Routes to Transit Plan.

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Example 2:

Goal 2: Improve bicycling and walking safety and comfort.

Objective 2.1: Provide high quality facilities based on best practices.

Policy 2.1.1.: Develop facilities through the use of standard and appropriate innovative treatments as provided in the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices or the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) Urban Bikeway Design Guide and other such guidelines and standards.

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Discussion: Setting the Path

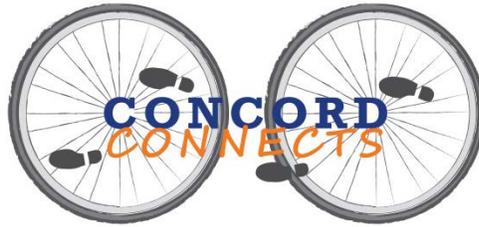
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- Policies?



Next Steps

- July 27, 2015: PAC meeting
Continue Goals, Objectives, Policy Discussion
- July 30, 2015: Community workshop
Policy Development
- Add project timeline for after workshop





Join us at a Community Workshop for the City of Concord's Bicycle, Pedestrian and Safe Routes to Transit Plan

Thursday, July 30, 2015

5:30 to 7:30pm

Centre Concord

5298 Clayton Road, Concord, CA

Participants will discuss and help formulate policies for a more walkable and bikeable Concord. Your policy ideas will help shape our future programs - join the discussion!

Spanish translation services and a light meal will be available. Accommodations for persons with disabilities are available upon request a minimum of 5 business days prior to the event. For more information, please contact the City of Concord's Planning Division at (925) 671-3152.



Find out more online

Learn more about the City of Concord's Bicycle, Pedestrian and Safe Routes to Transit Plan at:

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