

WHAT IS THE SANTA ROSA BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN?

The Santa Rosa Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP) is a tool used to evaluate current and long-term development plans specifically for the pedestrian and bicycle modes of transportation. Because a city that offers a variety of mobility choices is a viable and desirable city to live in, it is important that the requirements for new or improved developments and their associated streets, including the reconstruction of existing streets, be anticipated and routinely and consistently conditioned for these other modes of transportation - walking and bicycling. The BPMP is a critical tool for guiding city staff and the development community in building a multi-modal transportation system that is pedestrian and bicycle “friendly” and encourages residents to use these modes of transportation. The ultimate goal being a modal shift from driving the single occupancy vehicle to more walking and bicycling “as a normal part of life.”

The BPMP process provides opportunities for elected and appointed members of the City’s Boards, Commissions and the public to participate in the development process of the BPMP by evaluating, commenting and suggesting ideas for the BPMP, and then using the BPMP as a guide for future input on specific projects.

The BPMP provides a programmatic description of proposed projects and priorities for implementation, past expenditures and future funding needs, crash analysis, goals and objectives, data collection, standards, design guidelines, best practices, and demonstrates coordination with other jurisdictions and consistency with the General Plan and other planning documents. It helps in determining the future needs and programming of pedestrian and bicycle facilities. It also includes addressing safety and education programs.

The BPMP addresses facility needs over a 25 year horizon. Updates to the BPMP are necessary as a progressive city is rarely static, and the needs of a viable city are dynamic. At a minimum the BPMP should be reviewed annually to update maps, project lists and priorities as facilities are completed and to keep pace with the development landscape. The BPMP is prepared to support and guide the city toward pursuing and maintaining a pedestrian and bicycle friendly city and offering its residents a variety of mobility choices. Choices make a city attractive.