

Executive Summary

BACKGROUND: 2017 PLAN

The 2017 State Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan (SBPP): *Toward an Active California* was California's first statewide policy- plan to support those walking and bicycling through 4 objectives, 15 strategies, and 60 implementation actions. The plan was developed with support from a Technical Advisory Committee represented by Caltrans, state agencies, regional and local transportation agencies, and partners in related fields.

PROGRESS REPORT FOCUS AREAS

The State Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan (SBPP) Progress Report highlights California's efforts since the release of the Plan in 2017. There are three focus areas of the progress report: how California did as a state to implement the 2017 Plan actions, highlight current active transportation efforts, and gather input on key topics and concepts to be considered for the future update to the Plan.

The progress report shows how active transportation planning and implementation has evolved over the years, while proactively preparing for future efforts.

DATA GATHERING

Critical to the development of the Progress Report was the input received from the SBPP's extensive network of stakeholders. Input was gathered through the following means:

- Management briefings
- Stakeholder meetings in conjunction with other Caltrans Modal Plans
- Focused group discussions
- Statewide webinar
- Presentations to various technical advisory committees
- Stakeholder survey
- Web research



Figure 1 (above) – The Four Objectives of the 2017 *Toward an Active California*



IMPLEMENTATION SUCCESSES

One of the core focus areas of the Progress Report is highlighting active transportation efforts that have been delivered since the release of the 2017 Plan. The reporting of efforts submitted by each lead agency during the data gathering stage were divided into (1) those that directly align with each of the sixty 2017 Plan Implementation Actions and (2) active transportation efforts that were related to the Plan's four objectives (*Safety, Mobility, Preservation, and Social Equity*) but did not necessarily align with the implementation actions. Many of the actions have numerous delivered efforts spread across a multitude of lead agencies. There were also delivered efforts that spread across multiple actions as well. The following are examples of such efforts:

- **Caltrans District Active Transportation (CAT) Plans:** Each of the twelve Caltrans districts completed its own active transportation plan, using both statewide and local/regional methods to reflect its unique context and values. For each of these plans, district staff charted a public process that focused on increasing social equity, strengthening community partnerships, and improving connections between the state and local networks. These plans provide Caltrans with tools to use in collaborating with regional and local partners to identify, fund, construct, and maintain pedestrian and bicycle projects.
- **Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI):** Although not a direct response to the 2017 SBPP, CAPTI plays a critical role in detailing how the state recommends investing billions of discretionary transportation dollars annually to aggressively combat and adapt to climate change while supporting public health, safety, and equity.
- **Funding Availability and Technical Assistance:** The availability of funding and the diversification of programs that fund active transportation activities has increased since the release of the 2017 Plan. Efforts throughout the state have taken place to not only strategically invest these funds in communities that need them the most, but also provide the technical assistance necessary to access the funds themselves. Refer to the appendices for a list of funding resources.
- **Guidance:** The development of new or updated guidance, such as those related to design, safety, or emerging mobility options, has led to the development of transformative active transportation infrastructure. Implementation examples are highlighted throughout the Progress Report.

CURRENT ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION EFFORTS

A major goal of this Progress Report is to track the evolution of active transportation in California. Current and planned efforts that further implement the objectives, strategies, and actions identified in the 2017 Plan have been outlined in their respective sections. Many of the current and planned active transportation efforts in this progress report have also been identified in the 2022 Complete Streets Action Plan (CSAP). The (CSAP) is a coordinated effort identifying key high-priority efforts needed to implement the new Director's Policy for Complete Streets (DP-37) over the next two years.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR FUTURE PLAN UPDATES

Public engagement and outreach are key components of this progress report effort. Stakeholder input was gathered regarding topics that should be considered for further development. The input received will not only help inform the future Plan update, but also acts as an assurance check for the active transportation efforts that are either planned or currently in progress. Suggested concepts were compiled into the following categories:

- Policy
- Guidance
- Tools and Training Resources
- Funding Assistance
- Equity and Outreach
- General Comments