



Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Agenda

February 10, 2025
5:30 PM – Regular Meeting
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

INVOCATION:

- A. Pastor Thomas King will lead invocation.

FLAG SALUTE:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

This is the time for citizens to comment on subject matters within the jurisdiction of the Commission. This is also the public's opportunity to request an item from the Consent Calendar be pulled for discussion purposes or to comment on any item on the agenda. A maximum of three minutes is allowed for each speaker. Please begin your comments by stating your name and providing your residence.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Consent Calendar items are considered routine and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these matters unless a request is made and then the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar to be discussed and voted upon by a separate motion.

DIVISION UPDATES:

- A. Recreation Division Updates
- B. Parks Division Updates
- C. Director Updates
- D. Hanford's Boys and Girls Club Updates-Presented by Unit Director.
- E. Softball Complex Updates-Led by Coordinator Austin Payne

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Parks and Community Services: Approval of 2025 Active Transportation Plan

B. Approval of Tree Permit for 782 Euclid Drive, Hanford, CA 93230

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

ADJOURNMENT:



AGENDA STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 2/10/2025

AGENDA SECTION: DIVISION UPDATES

SUBJECT:

Recreation Division Updates

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation:

Recommended Motion:

BACKGROUND:

Spring Events:

- Spring Camp Enrollment Opens March 1 - Scholarship Funding (free enrollment) Available for City of Hanford Residents who Qualify
- Food Truck Takeover in Civic Park every Wednesday starting March 5 from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM
- Our Carnival Theme Father & Daughter / Mother & Son Dances will take place on April 12 + 13. Each ticket includes food, games, photo booth and face painting. Tickets go live February 10th.

FISCAL IMPACT:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. KIDS SPRING CAMP 2025
2. Food Truck Takeover
3. Father & Daughter / Mother & Son Dances 2025



HANFORD
CALIFORNIA
WHERE TRADITION MEETS TOMORROW

KIDS Spring CAMP

**AGES
5-12**

At The Civic Auditorium, 400 N. Douty Street

Registration Begins March 1, 2025

FEE

\$100/child

payment is due upon registration

April 14-18, 2025

7:30 am- 5:30 pm

Lunch will not be provided

Financial Scholarships Available for City of Hanford Residents Who Qualify

**SPACE IS
LIMITED!**

Register Online



PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

321 N. Douty Street

www.hanfordca.gov / 559.585.2525



FOOD TRUCK TAKEOVER



MARCH - MAY
EVERY WEDNESDAY 11AM - 2PM

**Come Hungry And Enjoy Your Lunch
At Beautiful Civic Park!**

 **400 N DOUTY ST. CIVIC PARK**

City of Hanford
Parks And Community Services
Department
559-585-2525

CARNIVAL DANCE

MUSIC ★ FOOD ★ PHOTO BOOTH ★ GAMES ★ FACE PAINTING

\$50 PER COUPLE

**FATHER &
DAUGHTER
NIGHT**

SATURDAY, APRIL 12
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**MOTHER &
SON
NIGHT**

SUNDAY, APRIL 13
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM



\$20 EACH ADDITIONAL CHILD

Civic Auditorium
400 N. Douty St
(559) 585-2525





AGENDA STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 2/10/2025	AGENDA SECTION: GENERAL BUSINESS
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SUBJECT:

Approval of 2025 Active Transportation Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation: Approve 2025 Active Transportation Plan

Recommended Motion: Motion to approve 2025 Active Transportation Plan

BACKGROUND:

The 2020 Parks and Recreation Master Plan was developed through extensive community engagement. The Plan strongly indicated the priority and need for walking and biking trails, which Hanford lacks. Throughout the past 133 years, the City has been developed as a car-centric community. As the city continues to expand, the need for a comprehensive Active Transportation Plan (ATP) is critical to the city's future growth plan.

In 2022, the City received the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant for \$224,423 to update the 2016 Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan. With unanimous council approval, Alta Transportation + Planning was awarded the contract to develop the ATP through a competitive bid process. Since March 2023, Alta has engaged with the public through community outreach, online and paper surveys, public meetings, a dedicated webpage, and pop-up events. On January 13, 2025, the Draft ATP was presented to the Parks and Recreation Committee for input. The draft ATP will be given to the City Council on February 4th to receive Council input. On February 10th, the ATP will return to the Parks and Recreation Commission as a voting agenda item. The plan will then be returned to the City Council on February 18th to propose the adoption of the plan.

If adopted, the ATP provides the framework to improve the safety and well-being of Hanford residents by enhancing their active transportation options. The ATP strategically positions the City with the ability to apply for grant funding to support the Plan's implementation financially. The Administrative Draft of the ATP is attached for your review. Below is the Executive Summary of the Draft ATP.

Executive Summary

Hanford is well positioned to increase walking and bicycling for transportation. The city has a flat topography, and most destinations are within a 20-minute bicycle ride. The many quiet, tree-shaded streets offer pedestrians and cyclists shade from the intense summer heat. City has initiated efforts to

improve pedestrian safety in the Downtown area and commenced planning for a cross-city trail, The People's Trail, with a bike and pedestrian crossing over Highway 198 linking north and south Hanford. The future High-Speed Rail station and the Cross Valley Corridor will be transformative projects that will significantly expand mobility options, and the Plan recommends non-motorized connections to those anticipated stations.

These future investments and natural assets provide the foundation upon which the City can continue to build a high-quality citywide network for walking and bicycling – accessible and comfortable for everyday use by residents and visitors of all ages and abilities.

Developed through a robust two-phase engagement process, the Plan Update 2024 is organized around four overarching goals:

1. **Access, Connectivity, and Multi-modal Consistency:** Provide a well-connected multi-modal transportation network that offers safe, comfortable, and convenient mobility options for all residents and visitors of the City of Hanford.
2. **Health, Wellbeing, and Sustainability:** Advance public health, environmental quality, and economic prosperity by providing inviting sidewalks, bikeways, and trails that encourage frequent usage and improve access to other non-vehicle modes of travel.
3. **Public Safety and Comfort:** Provide a safer and more comfortable environment for people walking, bicycling, and using other active modes.
4. **Collaboration and Community Partnerships:** Develop a network of pedestrian and bicycle facilities through a collaborative process that builds and maintains community trust.

The Plan Update 2024 calls for a significant expansion of Hanford's existing bicycle network and pedestrian infrastructure, using a data-driven approach using the bicycle- and pedestrian-involved collision data and active travel demand data.

Nearly 93 miles of new bikeways are proposed in the Plan Update 2024, which would be triple the current 31 miles of bikeways in the City. The proposed bike network projects significantly enhance the existing bike network by adding Shared-Use Path (Class I) – including the People's Trail) – Buffered Bike Lanes (Class IIB) and Separated bikeways (Class IV) facilities in the city. The Plan Update 2024 also recommends improvements to the pedestrian infrastructure at 59 locations centralized around 3 Pedestrian Priority Zones in North and South Hanford and Downtown Hanford.

Four Pedestrian Priority Corridors are recommended for sections of Hanford Armona Road, E Lacey Boulevard, 11th Avenue, and N Douty Street. The Plan calls for these improvements to be phased over time. Phase 1 improvements include a backbone network of 16 miles of enhanced bikeways and 33 locations where pedestrian improvements are urgently needed.

In addition to infrastructure improvements, the Plan Update 2024 recommends policies and programs to support active transportation. Among these recommendations, an expanded partnership between the city's school districts and Safe Routes to School programs for K-12 children would be beneficial.

At the same time, temporary car-free street events, a bike lending library, and bicycling skills courses could encourage more Hanford residents to walk or bike to their destinations.

FISCAL IMPACT:

ATTACHMENTS:

None



AGENDA STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 2/10/2025

AGENDA SECTION: GENERAL BUSINESS

SUBJECT:

Approval of Tree Permit for 782 Euclid Drive, Hanford, CA 93230

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation: Approve the permit request for 782 Euclid Drive, Hanford, CA 93230

Recommended Motion: Motion to approve the permit request for 782 Euclid Drive, Hanford, CA 93230.

BACKGROUND:

Permit will be available on the day of the meeting and in Parks Department Offices.

FISCAL IMPACT:

ATTACHMENTS:

None