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Active Transportation Plan

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### CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

#### DESK ITEM

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#### Agenda Item # 9

#### Subject

An update on the development of the Active Transportation Plan, including a summary of Phase 2, explanations of plan edits, revised scoring criteria, and next steps.

#### Recommended Action

Receive an update on the development of the Active Transportation Plan and provide feedback on the agenda packet attachments.

#### Background:

A summary of comments provided by the Bicycle Pedestrian Commission on February 18, 2026, and the Planning Commission on February 10, 2026.

#### *Bicycle Pedestrian Commission Comments*

On Wednesday, February 18, 2026, the Bicycle Pedestrian Commission discussed the Active Transportation Plan (ATP). Throughout the meeting, a consistent theme was that the project prioritization framework could be refined to elevate Vision Zero-related projects. Commissioners emphasized the importance of accounting for the High Injury Network, specifically by either adding consideration of KSI locations or Intersections and Corridors of Concern (the top 7 intersections and corridors listed in the Vision Zero Action Plan). Many felt the School Proximity criteria may be over-weighted, and there was interest in shifting from individual project thinking toward clustering or zone strategies for future project delivery. Commissioners also noted that having to normalize scores due to the Balance criterion might cause confusion when reading the table, and this type of scoring could be simplified. Overall, the Commission was supportive of the presented Plan documents and agreed that the scoring system could be adjusted to elevate Vision Zero Corridors and Intersections of Concern in the project list.

The BPC provided formal comments through the following motion:

MOTION: Chair Gerhard Eschelbeck moved, seconded by Vice Chair Munisekaran Madhhipatla, to approve the ATP draft materials as presented today, with the following set of modifications.

1. Address the inequality or imbalance between the ranking of projects in the ATP and the Cupertino Vision Zero high injury network by reducing the max score for being on a safe route to school to 10 for all three matrices, reducing the goal max score for access from 30 to 20 and increase HIN max scoring to 30.
2. Eliminate 1.25 modifier by making balance in bicycle matrix to a negative score.
3. Consider ATP project clustering as appropriate for future ATP updates.

#### *Planning Commission Comments*

On Tuesday, February 16, 2026, the Planning Commission discussed the Active Transportation Plan (ATP). The Commission noted that making small adjustments to individual scoring criteria could create a whack a mole effect, where changes unintentionally shift project rankings elsewhere. That said, there was general agreement that the Safety and School criteria could be refined to better elevate Vision Zero-related projects. Following prioritization, the discussion shifted to emergency response times and the design of Class IV separated bike lanes. Commissioners acknowledged the importance of this issue but did not agree that these facilities universally worsen response times and concluded that the topic should be addressed through the Program and Policy Recommendations in the ATP.

The Planning Commission provided comments on the ATP through the following individual straw polls:

Lindskog conducted a non-binding straw poll to rebalance the scoring criteria to reduce the weight on the safety of school routes and on cost-effectiveness and increase the weighting on the Vision Zero High Injury Network as well as on the documented serious death and injuries in the accident on Foothill Blvd. (5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)

Kosolcharoen conducted a non-binding straw poll supporting incorporating emergency response times into programmatic recommendations. (3 in favor, 2 opposed, 0 abstentions).

Commissioner Fung conducted a non-binding straw poll to reinstate proximity to parks in addition to proximity to schools. (4 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions).

Attachments Provided with Original Staff Report:

- A. November 04, 2025, City Council Staff Report
- B. Revised Project Prioritization Criteria
- C. Draft Prioritized Project List
- D. Revised Program and Policy Recommendations
- E. Draft Project Impact Evaluation Guidelines
- F. Draft Project Effectiveness Guidelines