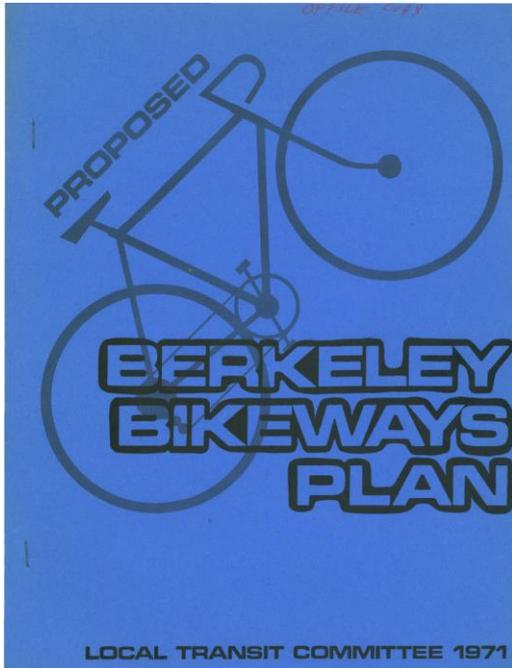


# MEASURE M Streets and Watershed Improvements

## Active Transportation



### Berkeley Pedestrian Master Plan

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Active transportation, such as walking, biking, and taking transit, is a healthy, sustainable, and affordable way to travel throughout Berkeley and the Bay Area. Berkeley has some of the highest rates of bicycling and walking in the country, and was awarded the “Most Accessible City in the Nation” by disability experts in 2007. City plans call for **\$47 million** in infrastructure investments to build a complete network of projects that would encourage more people to walk and bike, and improve the safety of existing bicyclists and pedestrians.

#### The walking and bicycling experience in Berkeley can be improved by:

- 1) **Prioritizing the Bicycle Network.** Many of Berkeley’s bikeways need resurfacing as soon as possible. The current method of repaving streets (“the 5-year paving plan”) uses a formula that prioritizes streets with heavy auto traffic. Some bikeways are captured through this method, but many are missed because they are on residential streets. Approximately **22% of the City’s roadways are existing or planned bikeways.**
- 2) **Building Complete Streets.** The Complete Streets Policy, passed in December 2012, will ensure that all future street repairs are built for all modes of transportation, including biking and walking.
- 3) **Paving roads.** Pavement condition is a key concern of cyclists. Paving a street improves one’s ability to travel more safely and easily by bike.
- 4) **Traffic Calming.** Safety for all roadway users can be improved through added funding for priority traffic calming measures (e.g. neighborhood traffic circles, speed tables, etc.) as streets are repaved.





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## ***Active Transportation Infrastructure Options***

Bicycle Lanes on the heavily-travelled Milvia Street Bicycle Boulevard were widened and refreshed as part of a recent repaving project.



The University Avenue repaving project added High Visibility Crosswalk markings and Advance Stop Bars to improve pedestrian visibility and safety.



### **Projects Eligible for Measure M Funding**

Measure M provides funding for street repaving and rehabilitation and the installation of green infrastructure as part of street work. However, Berkeley's complete streets policy requires that when a street is repaved all "related" improvements to the street must be made. This could include funding for bicycle, pedestrian, traffic safety (calming), and drainage improvements for that street. Measure M does not provide for "related" improvements to be funded on a standalone or individual basis; they must be integrated into a street repaving and rehabilitation project. The city is interested in your opinion to help prioritize street repaving/rehabilitation and related improvements.

### **Plans and policies that guide investments in active transportation:** (see links for more info)

- 1) ***Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plans.*** Guides the development of new bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and the improvement of existing facilities by developing a plan with a list of priority projects for the City. <http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/transportation/>
- 2) ***Complete Streets Policy.*** Ensures that each time the City does construction on a street, it builds a "complete street," or a street that accommodates *all users* and *all modes* of transportation, regardless of age or ability. <http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/transportation/>
- 3) ***Downtown Streets and Open Space Improvement Plan (SOSIP).*** Includes plans to make downtown Berkeley more "livable," by creating features such as pedestrian plazas, improved bicycle connections, and more parks and greenery. <http://www.cityofberkeley.info/sosip/>
- 4) ***Climate Action Plan.*** Calls for an increase in walking and bicycling in order to achieve a significant reduction in vehicle trips in Berkeley, which account for about half of all greenhouse gas emissions. <http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/climate/>

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