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Menifee Receives Over \$220K from Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant

The City of Menifee is one of three agencies in Riverside County to be awarded funding through Caltrans' grant program that will help fund the City's Complete Streets Plan

MENIFEE, CA – This week, the City of Menifee was awarded \$221,325 from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to develop a Complete Streets Plan which will enable the City to identify opportunities to accommodate all modes of travel within Menifee safely and comfortably. The funding came from Caltrans' Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant, which supports transportation projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve the state highway system, enhance access to safe walkways and bike paths, and increase natural disaster preparedness.

The City's Complete Streets Plan will identify potential projects that will improve safety, mobility, air quality, sustainability, and support the local economy through multi-modal transportation. The plan is necessary to identify rural and underdeveloped areas throughout Menifee with existing gaps in access and prioritize them for complete street improvements. The Complete Streets Plan also proposes to expand on the existing [Active Transportation Plan \(ATP\)](#) by incorporating street improvements in addition to the identified pedestrian and bicycling improvements in the existing ATP. Upon completion of the Complete Streets Plan, the City anticipates the incorporation of identified priority projects into the City's 5-year [Capital Improvement Plan \(CIP\)](#).

The public's input will also be sought during the development of the Complete Streets Plan. The City will hold community and stakeholder meetings to present the purpose of the plan, request feedback from residents, and engage the public in the creation of the plan. Input collected through community engagement will be utilized to create goals and objectives for the plan which will also be available for public review. Opportunities for public comment and review will be shared with the Menifee community as they become available.

"The Complete Streets Plan is a valuable tool that will identify priority projects that will help improve the safety and viability of all modes of transportation throughout the city," said City of Menifee Public Works Director Nick Fidler. "By incorporating complete street improvement projects into the City's CIP, we can help reduce pedestrian and bicycle-related collisions, as well as encourage the use of active transportation, provide access to areas with existing connectivity gaps, and connect the Menifee community to major commercial areas and employment hubs."

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ABOUT MENIFEE: *Situated in the heart of southern Riverside County along Interstate 215, Menifee is a vibrant, new city of more than 100,000 residents who enjoy a pleasant year-round climate, abundant recreational offerings, reasonably priced housing, and convenient proximity to some of Southern California's premier attractions and employment centers. Within its 50 square miles, Menifee's business, retail, and entertainment outlets are starting to shape the community's character and this growing economic base is also contributing favorably to the city's strong financial position. Menifee's growing family-oriented population values the city's ongoing commitment to public safety, community events, and smart growth for the future. All of these elements are working together to support the city's strategic vision to make Menifee one of the state's most promising new cities.*