To: Members of the Active Transportation Commission

Subject: Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities Program Active Transportation Potential

Location/Council District: Council Districts 3 and 4

Recommendation: Receive and Comment

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Background:

The Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program is a grant program funded by Cap-and-Trade revenue. The AHSC Program furthers the purposes of AB 32 (Chapter 488, Statues 2006) and SB 375 (Chapter 728, Statutes, 2008) by investing in projects that reduce GHG emissions by supporting more compact, infill development patterns, encouraging active transportation and transit usage, and protecting agricultural land from sprawl development.

The AHSC Program provides grants and/or loans to projects that achieve GHG emission reductions and benefit Disadvantaged Communities, Low-Income Communities, and Low-Income Households through increasing accessibility of affordable housing, employment centers and Key Destinations via low-carbon transportation resulting in fewer vehicle miles traveled (VMT) through shortened or reduced vehicle trip length or mode shift to transit, bicycling or walking.

Three Project Area types have been identified to implement this strategy: 1) Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Project Areas, or 2) Integrated Connectivity Project (ICP) Project Areas, or 3) Rural Innovation Project Areas (RIPA).
Eligible applicants are:

1. Locality, public housing authority, redevelopment successor agency, transit agency or transit operator, Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA), local Transportation Commission, Congestion Management Agency, Joint Powers Authority (JPA), school district, facilities district, University or Community College District.
   a. For STI or TRA components only, an applicant may provide an executed agreement with a specific Locality or transportation agency non-applicant for the completion of the STI or TRA components of the AHSC Project for which funding is sought.

2. A Developer or Program Operator.

3. A Federally Recognized Indian Tribe whose Project meets requirements listed in detail in Appendix B.

The Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) is considering this grant for the Twin Rivers Transit Oriented Development. As part of their grant, they have invited the City to include some active transportation projects as part of the grant.

The active transportation projects must:

- Be within the approved project area (half mile from project/transit);
- Be included in an approved plan; and
- Have been environmentally cleared by time of fund disbursement.

Staff will discuss potential projects with the Commission. See Bicycle Master Plan map with project area and planned bikeways on the following page.
Figure 1: Bicycle Master Plan AHSC Area