

Bicycle Program

Sonoma County is a glorious place to bicycle. It is a destination for recreational cyclists and is home to a growing number of people using pedal power as their primary source of transportation.



Safety is a serious concern, especially for bicyclists sharing the roads with motor vehicles. Countywide, there are marketing efforts to promote bicycle safety and awareness.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Vision:

- A fully implemented Countywide Bike Plan, with trails or designated paths that link all cities and are connected to bicycle paths within cities.
- A safe and comfortable system for bicyclists and pedestrians.
- Enhanced opportunities for tourism.
- A linkage from bike paths to rail stations and bus stops; and a path that follows the Northwestern Pacific rail-right-of-way, creating a north-south linkage.

Objectives:

- ▶ Improve bike safety.
- ▶ Create continuity through cities and between communities.
- ▶ Improve intersections of major roads for bicycle and pedestrian traffic.
- ▶ Create grade separated access across Highway 101.
- ▶ Design highway interchanges so that bicyclists and pedestrians may move across them at street level.
- ▶ Implement the countywide bicycle plan with emphasis on bicycles as a transportation alternative.

SCTA Countywide Bicycle Plan:

The purpose of the Bicycle Plan is to act as the comprehensive planning document for bicycle facilities throughout the county. The Bicycle Plan provides information for each of the jurisdictions in the county and identifies existing and proposed bicycle facilities within each jurisdiction.

It is recommended that the Bicycle Plan be updated every 2-3 years to maintain accuracy and as a way of measuring its success.

Policies:

The following policies were drawn from a compilation of policies from all jurisdictions in Sonoma County. These policies are held in common in all of the member jurisdictions. Each jurisdiction must have additional policies pertaining to bicycle and pedestrian facilities, which have been adopted as part of their local bicycle plan or General Plan.

- When road facilities are newly constructed or upgraded careful consideration should be given to include improvements for bicycles.
- Encourage creative development or redevelopment site designs and mixed-use land uses that minimize travel distances and enhance convenience for bicyclists.
- The design of bicycle facilities should adhere to the design provisions as outlined in the Caltrans “Bikeways Planning and Design” chapter (1000) of the Highway Design Manual.
- Planning for non-motorized transportation facilities should consider critical connections to other jurisdictions and closing gaps in existing routes.
- Make use of abandoned railroad right-of-way, natural waterways, flood control right-of way, and public lands or easements for non-motorized transportation facilities where available and appropriate.
- Where available and appropriate make use of railroad right-of-way for non-motorized transportation modes.
- Encourage bicycle safety education programs for adults and youth through schools, law enforcement agencies and other appropriate interest groups.
- Promote safety of multiple user groups such as expanding the “Share the Road” program to make drivers and cyclists more aware of other user’s needs.
- Encourage employers to promote use of bicycles as a viable transportation alternative (e.g. through provisions of economic incentives and shower and bicycle parking facilities).


Consistency and Conformance with other policies and plans:

The Bicycle section of the CTP has been completed with direct support from all jurisdictions within Sonoma County, Caltrans and State and Federal policies. Each jurisdiction discussed bicycle planning either in the circulation element of their general Plans, or in an adopted comprehensive bicycle planning document (or both). Caltrans addresses this issue by considering the needs of all non-motorized travelers (including pedestrians, bicyclists, and persons with disabilities) in all programming, planning, maintenance, construction, operations and project development activities and products. Additionally, the U.S. Department of Transportation encourages the integration of bicycle and walking facilities into all transportation projects. It is recommended that anybody interested in the bicycle/pedestrian facilities in a particular community consult that specific document for details.

Existing Bikeways:

Sonoma County has over 2,300 miles of city and county roads. In addition, there are 250 miles of state roads. Currently, there are over 33 miles of Class 1 (off road) paths and 64 miles of Class 2 on street bike lanes. Local Bicycle Advisory Committees have carefully planned connecting stretches allowing bicyclists to travel more safely to their destinations.

Proposed Bikeways:

Planned Bikeways in Sonoma County North to South. *Note that projects marked  are sponsored by Sonoma County. All other projects are sponsored by the city in which they are located.*

COUNTYWIDE

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Class	Location	Cost
1	Northwest Pacific Railroad throughout County and cities along rail right of way	








NORTH/SOUTH SUBAREA

CLOVERDALE AREA			
Class	Location		Cost
2	McCray Road	Cloverdale city limits to Hwy. 128*	\$257,600
	Cloverdale Boulevard	Hwy 128 to Third Street	
	Cloverdale Boulevard	Lake Street to Sandholm Lane	
	Foothill Boulevard	School Street to Kelly Road (portions already complete)	
	Healdsburg Avenue	Franklin Street to Cloverdale Boulevard	
	Lake Street	Main Street to Cloverdale Boulevard	
	Commercial Street	First Street to Third Street	
	Main Street	Lake Street to Fourth Street	
2&3	Jefferson Street	School Street to First Street	
	Third Street	Commercial Street to Cloverdale Boulevard	
3	Fourth Street	Main Street to Cloverdale Boulevard	
	First Street	Westerly terminus to east city limits	
	School Street	Cloverdale Blvd. to Foothill Boulevard	
	Sandholm Lane	Foothill Blvd to Cloverdale Boulevard	
	Healdsburg Avenue	Franklin Street to Foothill Boulevard	
	Franklin Street	First Street to Cloverdale Boulevard	
	Franklin Street	First Street to Cloverdale Boulevard	
	Third Street	Commercial Street to Cloverdale Boulevard	
Fourth Street	Main Street to Cloverdale Boulevard		

NORTH/SOUTH SUBAREA

HEALDSBURG AREA			
Class	Location		Cost
1	Foss Creek Northwest Pacific Trail	Healdsburg City northern and southern city limits at Healdsburg Avenue along NWP rail line and Foss Creek	\$3,250,000
2	Grove Street	1408 Grove Street to Healdsburg Avenue	\$141,000 \$770,600
	Parkland Hills Blvd	Healdsburg Avenue to Canyon Run	
	Healdsburg Ave.-Lytton Springs	Alexander Valley Road to Geyserville Avenue	
	Dry Creek Rd.	Kinley Drive. to Skaggs Road	
	Front Street	Healdsburg Avenue to Mason Street	
3	First Street	Mason Street to Piper Street	
	Johnson Street	Piper Street to Powell Avenue	
	March Avenue	University Street to Healdsburg Avenue	
	Powell Street	Johnson Street to University Street	
	University Street	Powell Avenue to March Avenue	
	Lupine Road	Solar Way to cul de sac south of Ferrero Drive	
	Solar Way	Lupine Road to Rosewood Drive	
	Rosewood Drive	Solar Way to Paul Wittke Drive	
Paul Wittke Drive	Rosewood Drive to Healdsburg Avenue		
Piper Street	First Street to Johnson Street		
WINDSOR AREA			
1	Starr Creek	Keiser Park	\$87,000
	Railroad Trails	Town limits	\$112,020
	E. Windsor Creek	Franklin Area	
	E. Windsor Creek Tributary	Behind Middle School	\$88,800
	E. Windsor Creek	Railroad crossing	
	Windsor Creek East Bank	Natalie Drive to Brooks Rd. South	
	Faught Creek	Old Redwood Hwy. to Amie Drive	\$97,800
Faught Creek North Bank	Amie Drive to Shiloh Center	\$19,344	
2	Windsor River Road	Starr Rd to Windsor Road	
	Conde Lane	Mitchell Lane to Shiloh Road	
	Shiloh Road	Skylane Blvd to Hwy 101	
	Old Redwood Highway	Hembree Way to Thrushwing Avenue	

NORTH/SOUTH SUBAREA

SANTA ROSA AREA			
Class	Location	Cost	
1	Santa Rosa Creek Trail	Mission to Streamside	\$200,000
	Santa Rosa Creek Trail	Yulupa to Farmers Ln.	\$1,250,000
	Santa Rosa Creek Trail	Fulton Rd. to Guerneville Rd. 	\$644,300
	Joe Rodota Trail	to Prince Memorial Greenway	\$500,000
	Roseland Creek	Ludwig Ave. to Llano Rd. 	\$380,000
	Highway 101 Overcrossing	near the Santa Rosa Junior College	\$5,433,750
	Piner Creek	Santa Rosa Creek to Hopper Ave.	\$1,147,500
	Colgan Creek	Bellevue Ave. to Hearn Ave.	\$250,000
2	Sonoma Ave.	Santa Rosa Ave. to Farmers Ln.	\$100,000
	Humboldt Ave.	Lewis to Sonoma Ave.	\$200,000
	Santa Rosa west east	W. 3rd street to Montgomery	\$1,777,545
	Santa Rosa downtown	W.9th/7th Street/5th Street Dutton to Brookwood	\$272,265
	Mendocino/Santa Rosa	Fountaingrove Pkwy to Hwy 12	\$448,335
	Chanate/Montecito	Mendocino to Middle Rincon	\$299,700
	Coffey Ln./Dutton Ave.	Hopper to Hearn	\$610,065
	Piner Rd./Russell Ave/Bicentennial Wy.	Fulton to Mendocino	\$247,050
	Range/Cleveland/Olive	Piner to Sebastopol Rd.	\$420,323
	Old Redwood Hwy.	Piner Creek to Eastside Rd. 	\$38,900
3	Stony Point Rd.	Highway 12 to Hearn Ave. 	\$200,00
	Stony Point Rd.	Hearn Ave. to Petaluma city limits 	\$358,100
	Todd Rd.	Highway 101 to Highway 116 	\$45,000
3	Fulton Rd.	Hwy. 101 overpass 	



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ROHNERT PARK/COTATI AREA			
Class	Location	Cost	
1	Crossing at E. Cotati Avenue	connecting Laguna de Santa Rosa and Marsh Way bike paths	
	Copeland Creek Undercrossing	Commerce Blvd. to Redwood Drive	\$1,300,000
	Racquet Club Circle	Country Club to Donna Ct	\$250,000
	Hinebaugh Creek Undercrossing	City Center to Labath Avenue	\$1,654,000
	Bike/Ped Bridge over Five-Creek	Between Holly and Fauna	\$100,000
	Copeland Creek/Laguna	Redwood Drive to RP Expressway	\$314,000
	Copeland Creek Overhead Crossing	Over Highway 101	\$3,500,000
	Lanes on State Farm Overcrossing	Commerce Blvd. to Redwood Drive	\$1,000,000
	East Cotati Avenue	Petaluma Hill Road to Snyder Lane	\$502,000
Crane Creek	Snyder Lane to Crane Canyon Regional Park	\$3,000,000	
2	Petaluma Hill Rd.	Old Redwood Hwy. to Yolanda 🌲	\$90,600
	Old Redwood Hwy.	Eucalyptus Ave to Ely 🌲	\$24,800
	Country Club Drive	Fairway to Southwest	\$43,000
	Bodway Parkway	East Cotati Avenue to Camino Colegio	\$29,000
	Commerce Blvd.	East side RP Expressway to Golf Course Drive	\$15,000
	Redwood Drive	City Limit to City Limit	\$44,000
	Rohnert Park Expressway	Commerce Boulevard to Labath Avenue	\$39,000
	Laguna Drive	Redwood Drive to Laguna de Santa Rosa	\$15,000
	Petaluma Hill Rd.	Old Redwood Hwy. to Yolanda	
Old Redwood Hwy.	Eucalyptus Ave to Ely 🌲		
PETALUMA AREA			
Class	Location	Cost	
1	Washington Creek Path		
	Petaluma River Trail Enhancement Project		\$8M
	East Washington Bicycle Pedestrian corridor	from Adobe Road to Bodega Ave.	\$6M
	Adobe Road.	Old Redwood Hwy. to State Hwy. 116 🌲	\$96,000
2	Western - Chilano Valley	Bantam Way to Helen Putnam Park 🌲	\$896,700
	East Washington St.	Adobe Road to Petaluma limits 🌲	\$82,300
	Casa Grande Rd.	Adobe Road to Petaluma limits 🌲	\$205,800
	South Petaluma Blvd.	Rovina Lane to NB Hwy 101 Exit 🌲	\$154,400
3	Bodega Avenue	Paula Lane to Eastman Lane 🌲	\$1,225
	Bodega Avenue	King Road to Ramen Road 🌲	\$1,225









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SOUTHEAST SUBAREA

SONOMA/SONOMA VALLEY AREA			
Class	Location	Cost	
1	Central Sonoma Valley Trail	Verano Ave. to Flowery School 	\$2,850,000
	Sonoma - Schellville	Lovall Valley Rd. to State Hwy. 121 	\$637,500
	South Nathanson Creek	East MacArthur to Fine Ave./Dewell Dr. on east side of creek	\$60,000
	Lovall Valley Rd.	to RailRd. right-of-way	\$10,000
	Safeway parking lot	to Eraldi Park & 4th St. West	\$16,000
	Along Sonoma Creek	West Napa St. to Leveroni Rd./Fifth St. West	\$20,000
2	Fifth St. West	West Napa St. to Leveroni Rd.	\$6,000
	BRd.way	MacArthur & Napa Rd.	\$4,000
	Second St. West & Third St. West	between Napa St. & Andrieux St.	\$4,000
	East MacArthur	BRd.way to 8th St. East	\$7,000
	Newcomb St.	at Fryer's Creek crossing	\$50,000
	Arnold Dr.	Country Club Dr. to Petaluma Ave. 	\$2,060,100
	State Highway 12	Los Alamos Rd. to Boyes Blvd. 	\$93,800
	Petaluma Ave. - Riverside Dr.	Arnold Dr. to Highway 12 	\$366,900
	Leveroni Rd.. - Napa Rd..	Arnold Dr. to Highway 121 	\$39,500
	RailRd. Ave.	Verano Ave. to Boyes Blvd 	\$7,400
	Verano Ave.	Sonoma Creek to Arnold Dr. 	\$9,700
	Fifth St. West	West Napa St. to Leveroni Rd.	\$6,000
	Studley & Oregon St.s	between 5th & 7th St.s west	\$3000
	Fifth St. East	MacArthur to East Napa St.	\$4000
	Lovall Valley Rd.	inside City Limits	\$3000
	Seventh St. West,	jog onto West Spain, to Junipero Serra to Palou St.	\$80000
	West MacArthur St.	BRd.way to Fifth St. West	\$5000
Denmark St.	High School to Fifth St	\$1000	
Fifth St. East	East MacArthur to Napa Rd.	\$4000	
Hillside edge of Montini property	between Verano Ave. & bike path at 4th St. West	\$3000	

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WEST SUBAREA

FORESTVILLE AREA		
Class	Location	Cost
2	River Rd. Old Redwood Hwy. to Armstrong Woods Rd. 	\$161,100
	Mirabel Rd State Highway 116 to River Rd. 	\$500,000
SEBASTOPOL AREA		
2	Redwood Forest Bike Path connects Joe Rodota Trail to West County Trail	\$200,000
	Street Smart Sebastopol Downtown Sebastopol	
	Gravenstein Highway South Lynch and Fircrest intersection improvements	
	Gravenstein Highway North Covert Lane intersection improvements	
	High School Rd. Dei Rd. to Occidental Rd. 	\$12,500
3	Bodega Hwy. Water Trough Rd. to Valley Ford-Freestone 	\$4400
	Sanford Rd. - Hall Rd Occidental Rd. to Willowside 	
WEST SANTA ROSA AREA		
2	Wright Rd. (South) Ludwig Avenue to Lancaster 	\$362,000
	Guerneville Rd. Country Manor Drive to Highway 116 	\$52,300
COAST AREA		
1&2	Highway 1 in Bodega Bay Salmon Creek to Doran Beach Rd. 	\$1,250,000

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