Siskiyou County Active Transportation Plan

Appendix C

Walk Audit Summary

# Transportation Commission

# Active Transportation Plan Siskiyou County

Walk Audit Summary & Project Ideas

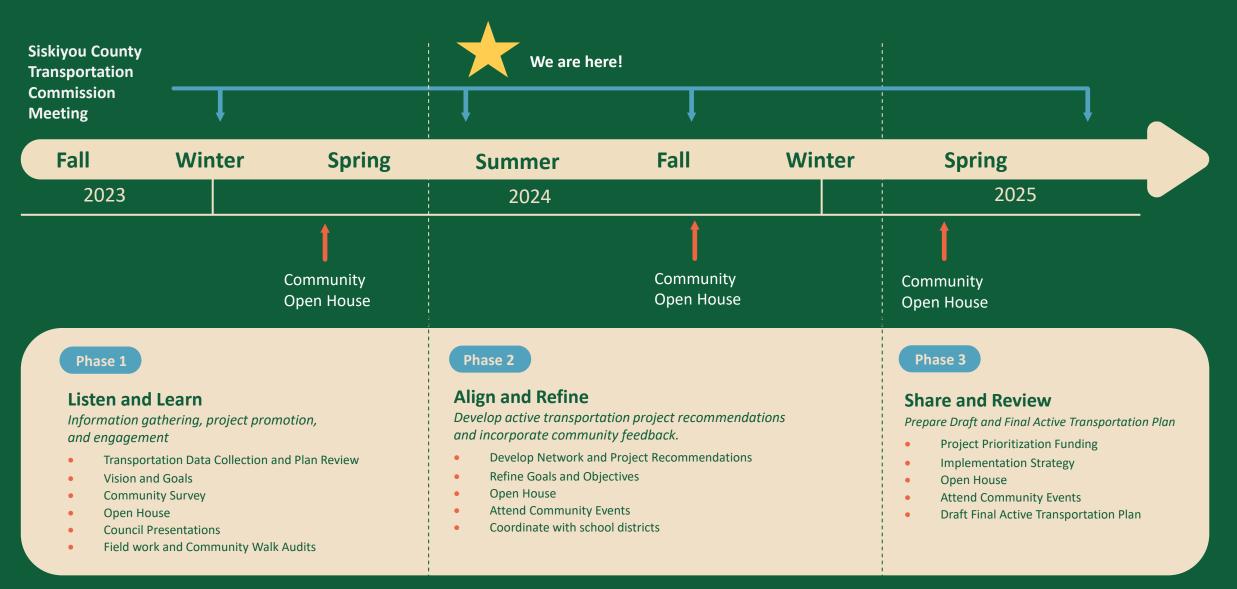
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## Agenda

- Introductions
- Project Timeline
- Active Transportation Plan Vision and Goals
- Walk Audit Summary
- Initial Project Ideas
- Next Steps

## Siskiyou ATP Project Timeline



## **Vision and Goals**



### **1.** Multimodal Connectivity. In each community, and between

communities where feasible, identify and develop a well-connected network of on- and off-street walkways, trails, and bikeways that meets the needs of residents, commuters, and recreational users of all ages, abilities, and skill levels.

### 2. Safety and Comfort. Invest in connected and convenient transportation

infrastructure for all modes, with a focus on improving safety and options for people walking, rolling, and biking.

## 3. Healthy and Just Communities. Better options for walking

and biking encourage active lifestyles and health. Focus active transportation improvements in areas with high numbers of people without access to a vehicle or other equity-priority areas.

### **4. Resilient System.** Increased, varied transportation options can provide safer

evacuation routes during emergencies. All improvements must be designed to function well in the winter with snow on the ground.

## 5. Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions. Active

transportation is essential to meet our climate goals.

## 6. Community Development. Investments in

transportation infrastructure are the backbone of an economically thriving community.

### **7. Implementation.** Take practical steps to leverage state and federal

dollars and collaborate with local communities to build projects from this plan.

## Today: Walk Audit Summary + Project Ideas



- Consultant team conducted 10 walking tours and meetings with local agency staff and interested community members in May 2024:
  - Tulelake
  - Dorris
  - Etna
  - Fort Jones
  - Montague
  - Weed
  - Yreka
  - Happy Camp
  - Mt Shasta
  - Dunsmuir
- This presentation includes a summary of the walk audits and resulting project ideas.

## Tulelake

April 22, 2024

## **Description and Summary**

- Site Visit: Monday, April 22, 2024
- **Representatives:** City of Tulelake staff
- Where: Meeting at City Hall, walk audit



- **Crossings:** wide streets increase crossing distances at many intersections
- Accessibility: ADA compliant ramps at corners
- Sidewalks: Some key destinations lack sidewalks, such as Otis Roper Park





- **Speeding:** High speeds on Main St from traffic coming into town.
- Traffic Operations: Confusing intersection design at G St/Main St/Fair Grounds, particularly during large events.
- **Other:** Collapsing building on D St prevents students from walking on that road.





## **Key Gaps and Proposed Projects**

#### Modoc St Sidewalks

Complete sidewalks on both sides of Modoc St between A St and 5th St.

#### • E Street School Crosswalk

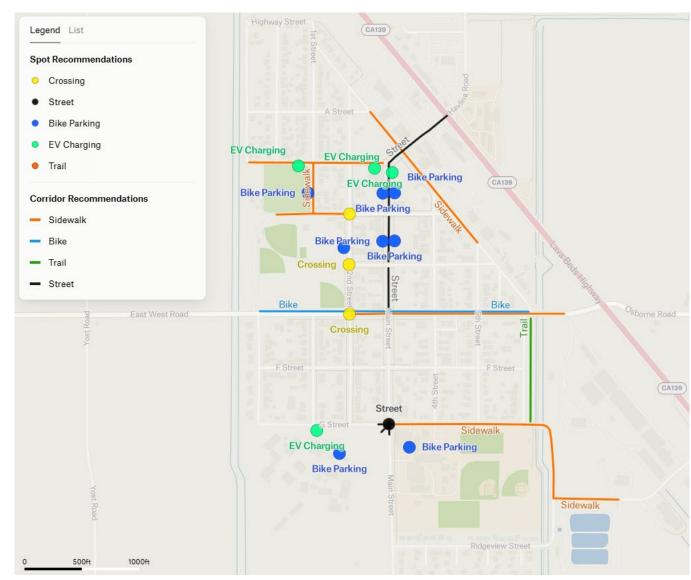
Add high visibility continental crosswalk markings and curb ramps on the west and north legs of the intersection of E St and Second St. Use curb extensions like those at Main St and E St to narrow the crossing distance.

#### Main St/G St Intersection Redesign

Work with the State Fairgrounds and the County to reconstruct the intersection of G St and Main St to be safer for pedestrians. Consider a roundabout and relocating the fairground driveway further south on Main St on the east side of the Fairground property.

To view all project recommendations for Tulelake, view the online map:

#### **All Project Recommendations**



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## Dorris

April 22, 2024

## **Description and Summary**

- Site Visit: Monday, April 22, 2024
- Representatives: Dorris Public Works and Planning staff
- Where: Meeting at City Hall, walk audit



- **Traffic:** Large trucks and high traffic volumes makes Hwy 97/1st St uncomfortable for pedestrians
- Crossings: Only one crosswalk on Hwy 97 between 1st St and 4th St





 Sidewalks: 2nd St connects many destinations, but lacks sidewalks. Some gaps remain on Hwy 97.





## **Key Gaps and Proposed Projects**

#### • 2nd St Sidewalks

Construct a sidewalk on both sides of W 2nd St between Portland St and Main St.

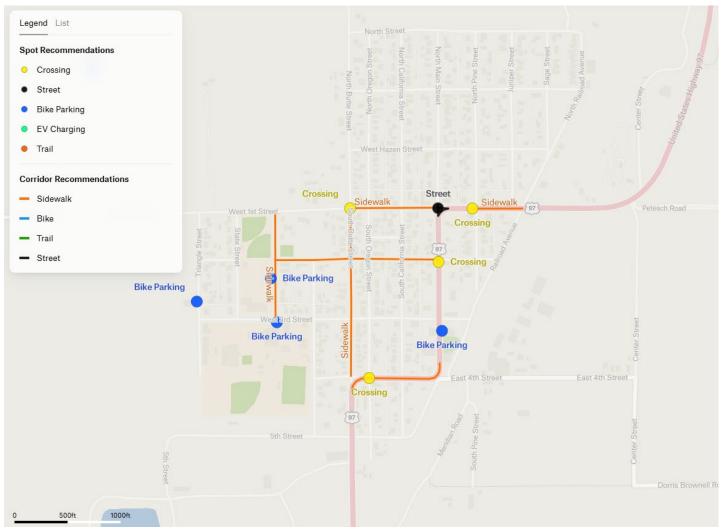
#### • 3rd St Crosswalk

Add high visibility continental crosswalk markings on the south leg of the intersection of Hwy 97/Main St and 3rd St. Install an RRFB. Reconstruct the curb ramps for the crossing and extend them to reduce the crossing distance. Construct a pedestrian refuge island at this location.

#### Pine St Crosswalk

Replace the existing crosswalks at the intersection of Hwy 97/Main St and Pine St with high visibility continental striping. Reconstruct and extend the curbs on the northwest and southwest corners of the intersection to shorten the crossing distance and calm traffic on Hwy 97.

*To view all project recommendations for Dorris, view the online map:* **All Project Recommendations** 



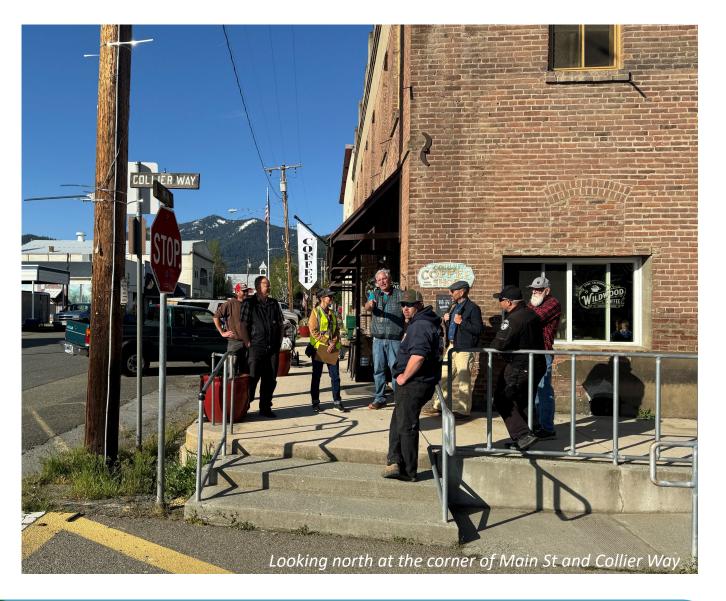
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# Etna

April 23, 2024

## **Description and Summary**

- Site Visit: Tuesday, April 23, 2024
- **Representatives:** Etna City staff, City Council representatives, Police
- Where: Meeting outside Wildwood Coffee, walk audit



- Main St: High curbs create accessibility challenges. Concerns about crosswalk visibility and maintaining parking. Truck traffic via Sawyers Bar Rd passes through.
- Hwy 3 / Collier Way: High-speed traffic mixes with students walking to destinations





- **Diggles St:** Extra-wide road with unhelpful crosswalks (ex: Post Office)
- Howell Ave/Diggles St/Center St: important intersection that connects parks and schools, but lacks delineation



## **Key Gaps and Proposed Projects**

#### • Historic Main Street Redesign

Designate Main St between the museum and Callahan St a historic main street and classify roadway as a shared street, which prioritizes the pedestrian experience over through traffic. We recommend funding a redesign planning and design process for the street to maximize the walkability of the street, placemaking, and minimizes through-traffic speed, OR; rebuild western sidewalk with railing and ramp at Diggles St.

#### • Collier Way School Crossings

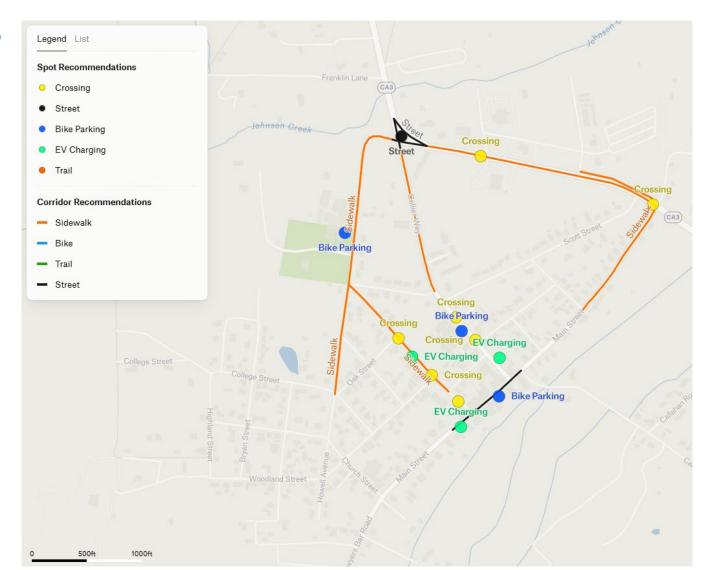
Construct two raised crosswalks on Collier Way between Etna Elementary School on the west side and the parking lot on the east side.

#### Highway 3 Roundabout

Reconstruct the intersection of Collier Way and Hwy 3 to include a roundabout and decorative "Welcome to Etna" sign.

*To view all project recommendations for Etna, view the online map:* 

#### **All Project Recommendations**



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## **Fort Jones**

April 23, 2024

## **Description and Summary**

- Site Visit: Tuesday, April 23, 2024
- **Representatives:** Fort Jones Public Works, Fort Jones City Council, Resident
- Where: Meeting outside City Hall, walk audit
- Additional Context: CalTrans Main St project, Fort Jones Community Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Training Summary and Recommendations Report



- Highway 3 / Main St: High traffic speeds, long crossing distances, vehicles making uturns. Concerns with delivery vehicle access to businesses.
- Accessibility: lack of ADA-compliant sidewalks and ramps, high curb heights.
   Concerns for maintaining underground utility access on Main St as other street improvements are constructed.





 Moffett Creek: Potential off-street path connection connecting the north and south ends of town as an alternative to walking on Main St.



## **Key Gaps and Proposed Projects**

#### Highway 3 Speed Limit Reduction

Work with Caltrans to reduce the speed limit on Hwy 3 through Fort Jones to 30MPH.

#### • Moffett Creek Trail

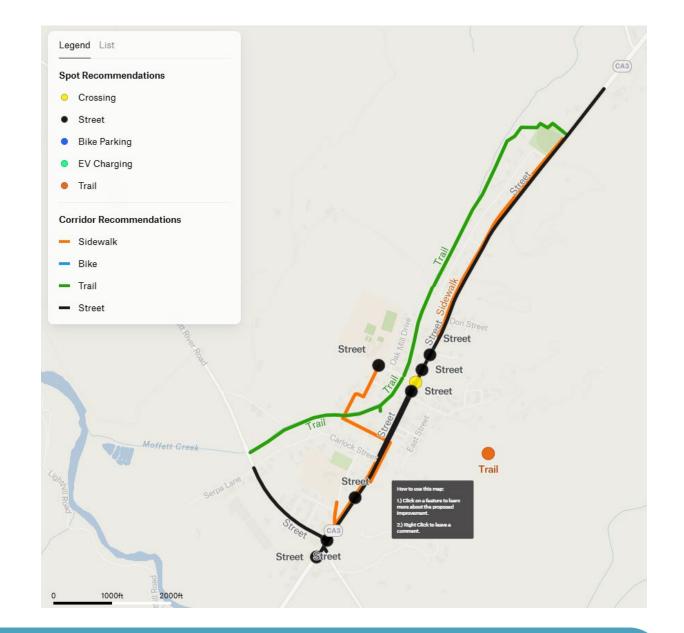
Design and construct a paved multiuse path along Moffett Creek. (Extent TBD – More discussion needed)

#### • Highway 3 Sidewalk

Construct a pedestrian facility on the west side of Hwy 3 between Carlock St and Scott River Rd and curb ramps as needed.

To view all project recommendations for Fort Jones, view the online map:

#### **All Project Recommendations**



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## Montague

April 23, 2024

## **Description and Summary**

- Site Visit: Tuesday, April 23, 2024
- **Representatives:** City of Montague staff
- Where: Meeting at City Hall, walk audit



- **Crossings:** Highway 3 is challenging to cross for students. Lack of biking and walking facilities on Hwy 3 in key areas.
- Sidewalks and Curb Ramps: some streets lack sidewalks on both sides (King St), including several near Montague Elementary School.





- Speeding: Participants noted streets that experience high speeds, including 13<sup>th</sup> St near the park, and 11<sup>th</sup> St (Hwy 3).
- Rail to Trail Opportunity: Railroad spur to Yreka could be an opportunity for a future shared-use path between the two cities.





## **Key Gaps and Proposed Projects**

#### • 9<sup>th</sup> St Crossing

Add high visibility continental crosswalk markings to the north and east legs of the intersection of 9th St and Webb St. Reconstruct the northwest and northeast corners of the intersection by extending the curb to reduce the crossing distance and adding curb ramps. Add an RRFB for the east leg.

#### • King St Sidewalks

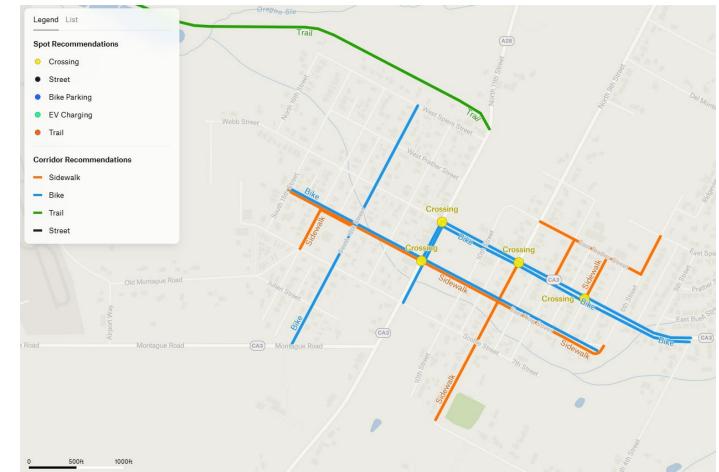
Infill sidewalks for gaps on both sides of King St between 15th St and 6th St.

#### • Montague Rail Trail

Conduct a feasibility study on a rails-to-trail or rails-with-trail project between Montague and Yreka.

To view all project recommendations for Montague, view the online map:

#### All Project Recommendations



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## Weed

April 24, 2024

## **Description and Summary**

- Site Visit: Wednesday, April 24, 2024
- Representatives: City of Weed staff, Police, City Council representatives
- Where: Meeting at City Hall, walk audit



• **Crossings:** Concerns with Main St crosswalks and liability issues. Crosswalk at Boles St is uncomfortable for people walking.





- Sidewalks and Curb Ramps: some streets lack sidewalks on both sides, including several near Montague Elementary School.
- Connectivity: Many students walk on unofficial paths: Division St to Hillside Dr, Davis Ave to Shasta Ave. Students walk through Roseburg Forest Products to reach Broadway Ave. Weed Blvd connects north and south Weed across I-5 and is used by people walking, biking, and driving.





## **Key Gaps and Proposed Projects**

#### Shasta Ave Trail and Staircase

Construct a paved trail between S Davis Ave and Shasta Ave to improve connectivity between the Elementary School and surrounding neighborhoods.

#### • Boles St Crosswalk

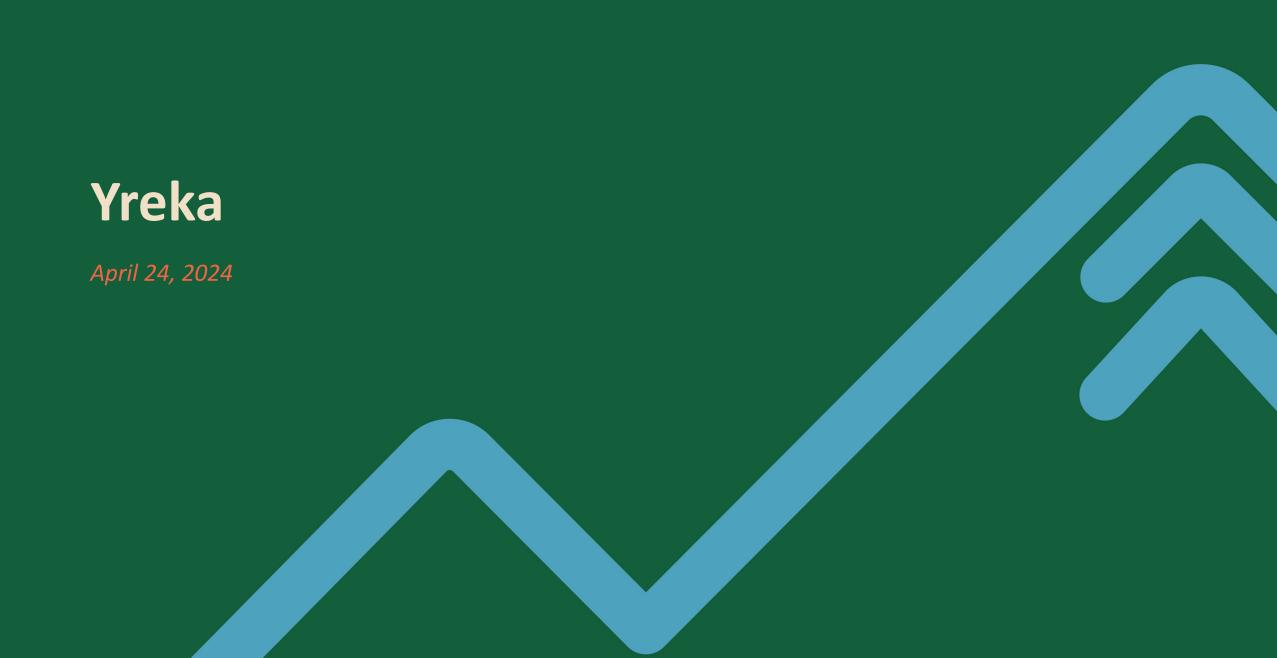
Add high-visibilty continental crosswalk markings on Hwy 97 at Boles St on the northwest leg of the intersection. Extend the curbs on both sides of the crosswalk to reduce the crossing distance and add a pedestrian refuge island.

#### Inez St Sidewalk

Construct sidewalks on both sides of Inez St between Park St and Butte St.



*To view all project recommendations for Weed, view the online map:* **All Project Recommendations** 



### **Description and Summary**

- Site Visit: Wednesday, April 24, 2024
- **Representatives:** City of Yreka staff
- Where: Walk audit, Public Open House
- **Context:** 2006 City Bicycle System Plan

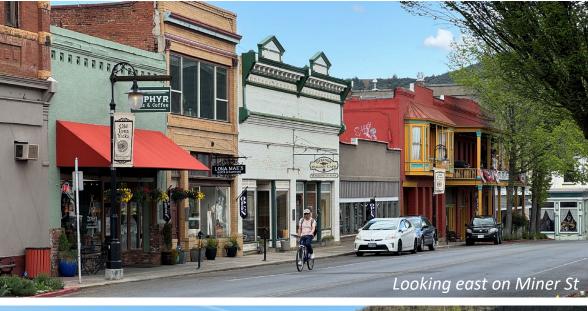


- Crossings: Highway 3 can be challenging to cross and is the street with the most fatal collisions and injuries. Major redesign is currently under construction.
- Safe Routes to Schools: Oregon St is a key route for students walking and biking to Yreka High School and Jackson Street Elementary School.





- Downtown Walkability: Miner St is both a destination and a thoroughfare. Improving traffic operations and placemaking amenities is a balance.
- Access to Greenhorn Park: Greenhorn Park is a major destination for walking and biking, but getting there can be uncomfortable or difficult to navigate.





#### Jackson St Crosswalks

Extend all four curbs at the intersection of Oregon St and Jackson St and add high visibility continental crosswalk markings on all four legs of the intersection.

#### • Greenhorn Rd Sidewalk

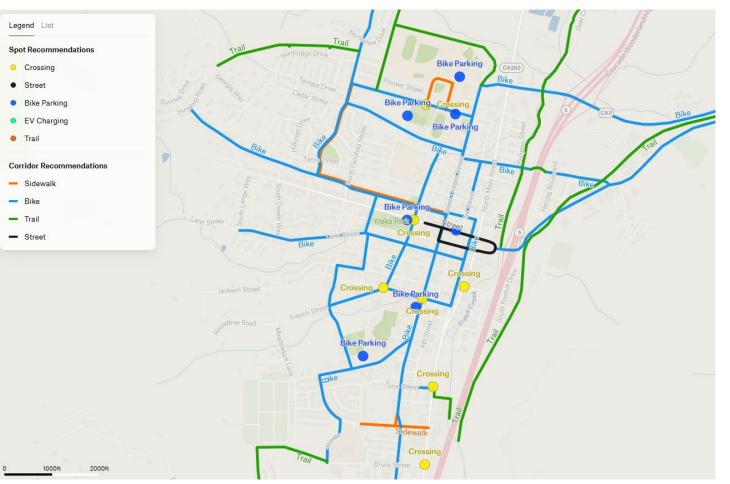
Construct a sidewalk on the south side of Greenhorn Rd from Lucas Rd to Greenhorn park entrance.

• Highway 3 Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon

Construct a pedestrian refuge island for the crosswalk on the north leg of the intersection of Main St/Hwy 3 and Turre St. Add a pedestrian hybrid beacon at this location.

#### • Safer Oregon St

Add bike lanes (Class IV) on Oregon St between 4H Way and Yreka High School. The design should utilize a through lane width of 11ft in both directions, allowing the bike lanes for as much of the corridor as possible, though the curb-to-curb width will constrain the buffer space for the bike lanes in some areas.



*To view all project recommendations for Yreka, view the online map:* **All Project Recommendations** 

## Mt. Shasta

April 25, 2024

#### **Description and Summary**

- Site Visit: Thursday, April 25, 2024
- **Representatives:** City of Mt. Shasta staff
- Where: Meeting at City Hall, walk to Ivy St
- Context: Recently completed Walk, Bike, Ride Mobility Plan (2022). Recommendations from the Mobility plan are included here.



- Walk, Bike, Ride Momentum: Need to build on the plan and align on its priorities, especially for projects on County roads and downtown couplet concept.
- **Chestnut St/Mt. Shasta Blvd:** The couplet project remains a high priority for the city.



- Regional Shared-Use Paths: With high proximity to major recreation destinations, there is a need for shared-use paths or on street facilities to access them.
- Old Stage Rd/W A Barr: Popular bike routes on county roadways – the mobility plan calls for Class II bike lanes.



Old Stage Rd at UPRR Crossing (looking north)

#### • Downtown Couplet Design Phase

Design and implement the Chestnut St/Mt. Shasta Blvd couplet per the Walk Bike Ride Mt. Shasta Plan.

#### Ivy St Access Bridge

Study the potential for an Ivy St or Field St bike and pedestrian bridge over the railroad that could also function as an emergency vehicle accessway.

#### • Headwaters to Lake Trail Study

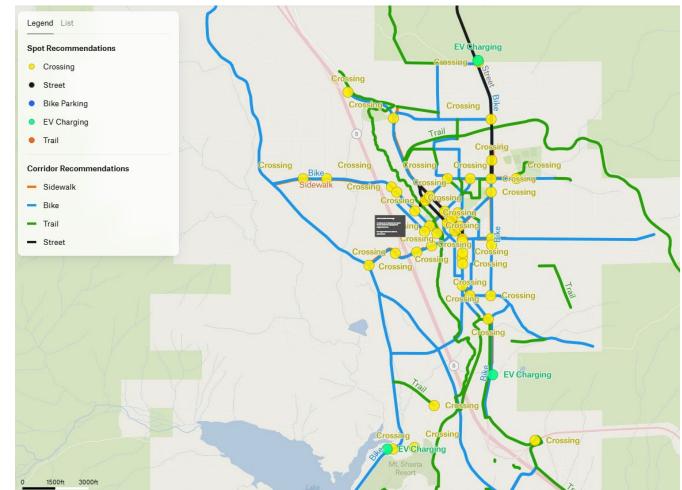
Design a trail that connects City Park to Lake Siskiyou.

• McCloud Railroad Trail Study

Design a trail that connects Mt. Shasta and McCloud.

#### • Winter Maintenance Program

Identify solutions for improved winter maintenance of Everett Memorial Highway and Castle Lake Road.



To view all project recommendations for Mt. Shasta, view the online map:

All Project Recommendations (includes recommendations from Walk Bike Ride Mt Shasta Mobility Plan 2022)

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## Dunsmuir

April 25, 2024

### **Description and Summary**

- Site Visit: Thursday, April 25, 2024
- Representatives: City of Dunsmuir
  Staff
- Where: Meeting at City Hall
- **Context:** Recently completed the Dunsmuir Active Transportation Plan (2023). Recommendations from the City ATP plan are included here.



- Active Transportation Plan Momentum: Need to build on the plan and align on its priorities, especially for projects on County roads (ex: Mott Rd).
- Assistance with grant administration: City staff highlighted the need for the SCLTC's role in pursuing and administrating grants.
- Proximity to recreation: Dunsmuir is close to many recreational resources and wants to build on those attractions as well as promote new ones, such as mountain biking.



#### • Dunsmuir ATP Priority Projects 1-5

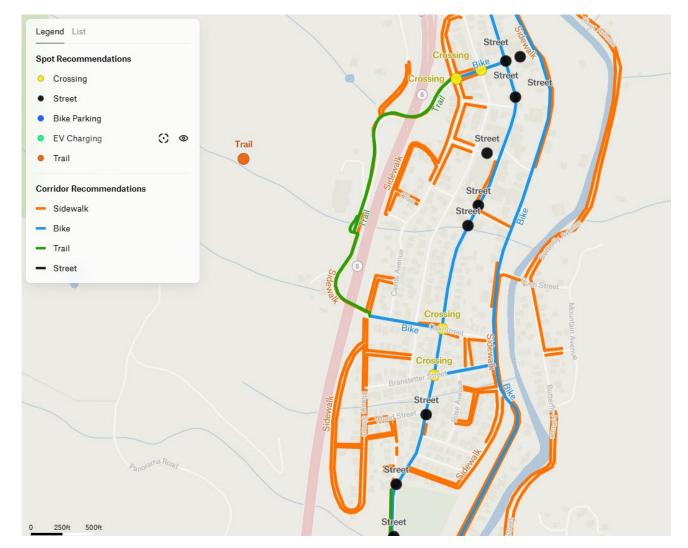
Priority Project #1: Mott Rd and Dunsmuir Ave Class I Path. This project closes a gap between the existing Class 1 multiuse path on Dunsmuir Avenue and extends the multi-use path to Siskiyou Avenue.

#### • EV Charging at Hedge Creek Falls

Study the potential for electric vehicle charging at the Hedge Creek Falls trailhead.

• Mt. Bradley MTB Trails

Study the potential for mountain bike trails on Mt. Bradley.



To view all project recommendations for Dunsmuir, view the online map:

<u>All Project Recommendations</u> (includes Dunsmuir ATP recommendations)

## Happy Camp

May 10, 2024

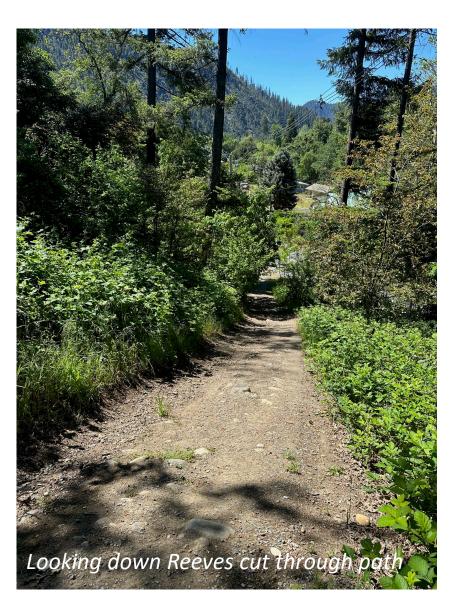
### **Description and Summary**

- Site Visit: Friday, May 10, 2024
- Representatives: Karuk Tribe
  leaders, CalTrans District 2 Native
  American Liaison staff, Happy
  Camp Strong leader
- **Context:** CalTrans SR 96 Happy Camp Streetscape Project



- Connections to High School: Install bike and pedestrian facilities for north-south travel Indian Creek Rd to Jacobs Way, Reeves St.
  - Improve cut-through path between Reeves St and Indian Creek Rd.





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- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave Bridge: 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave is a main route through town and alternative to SR-96 for crossing Indian Creek. Connects tribal headquarters, local businesses, many new residences.
- Trails: Happy Camp Elementary school could be better connected with a shared-use path.
   Potential path along Klamath River at Curly Jack Campground.



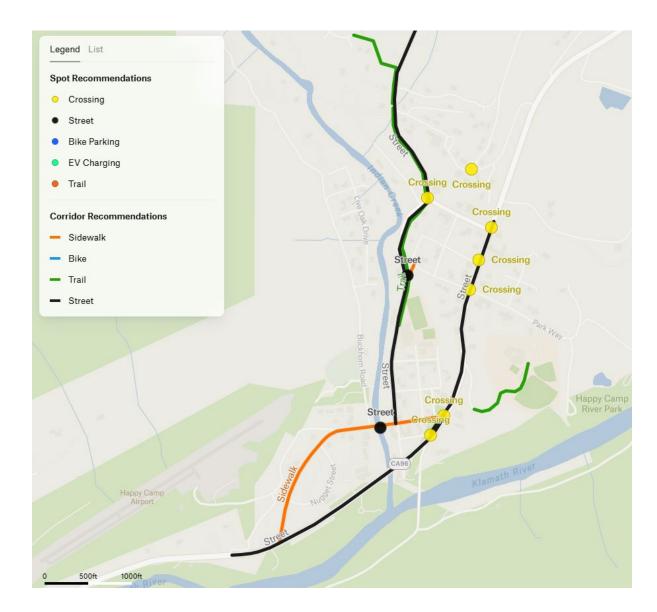
#### Reeves St Staircase

Install permanent staircase connecting Indian Creek Rd to Reeves St.

• Indian Creek Rd Bike/Ped Facilities High School to Jacobs Way Ped. Corridor Two pedestrian paths with stairs, surface street treatment and separated path Happy Camp From high school to Jacobs Way (ped paths)

#### • 2<sup>nd</sup> St Bridge Improvements

Improve pedestrian access on south side of bridge. 2nd Street bridge pedestrian improvements on south side of bridge including: 1) construction of ADA compliant access ramps at both sides of bridge; and, 2) improved pedestrian facilities at adjacent intersections to allow safe crossing to south side.



*To view all project recommendations for Happy Camp, view the online map:* **All Project Recommendations** 

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## **Countywide Recommendations**

- **Connections between towns:** Some longdistance biking occurs between towns and to recreation destinations
- Crossing larger roadways in town: Most issues center around large roadways and crossings. However, there is lots of potential to widen shoulders and build multi-use paths across the county.



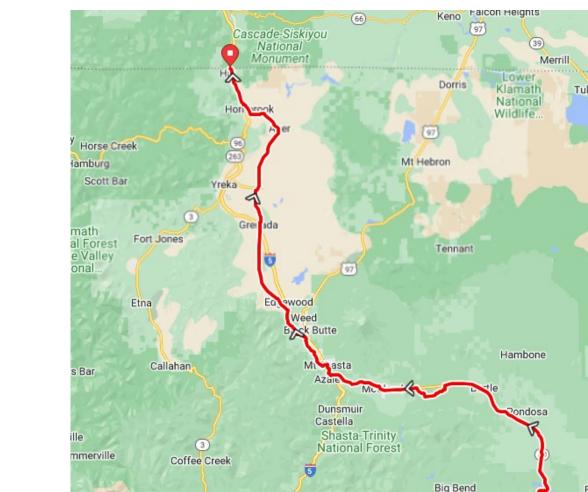
#### • Signage for US Bike Route 85

Add signage for bicycles along USBR 85 CA Southbound from the northern county limit and southern county limit.

- Widen shoulders between Fort Jones and Etna
- Widen shoulders between McCloud and Mt. Shasta
- Montague Rail Trail, McCloud/Dunsmuir/Mt.
  Shasta/Weed Trails

Construct paved multi-use paths connecting towns to increase connectivity and access to recreation destinations.

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#### US Bicycle Route 85

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# Next Steps



- Tabling at local events: McCloud Flea Market, Dunsmuir Railroad Days, Yreka City Golden Days
- Project team will make updates to the proposed project list based on your feedback
- Ongoing coordination with School Districts and Caltrans
- Develop programmatic recommendations
- Prepare draft plan



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