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1. Bicycle Friendly America Application.

Award League of American Bicyclists for Bike Friendly Community (BFC)

<https://bikeleague.org/bfa>

Next deadline is Feb. 10, 2021. <https://bicyclefriendly.secure-platform.com/a/organizations/main/home>

(bikeleague.org/bfa/awards#community). In Business Category, Kaiser Permanente San Rafael won Bronze award for its 1550 employees; Kuvara Law Firm won Silver award for its 16 employees. Encourage Dominican University under a University Category and City of San Rafael to apply and qualify for award and designation. Other comparable sized cities with awards: Santa Cruz, Woodland, Mountain View, Rancho Cordova, Palo Alto, Davis, Cupertino, Redondo Beach, Folsom, South San Francisco, Brentwood and Pleasanton. Only other Marin City is Mill Valley that earned a Silver for its 14,355 population.

Much more than an awards program, the BFA Program is making Biking better for Cyclists across the County.

- Sets standards for what constitutes a real bicycling culture and environment
- Affects decisions on how communities, businesses, universities and states grow
- Inspires action, involvement and coordination among people that want to improve conditions for bicyclists
- Guides progress by acting as a roadmap for what communities, businesses, universities and states should do next
- Rewards persistence as people respond to feedback, make changes and come back again and again to get recognition
- Raises expectations as to what really is expected and involved in making a great place for bicycling

REQUEST: BPAC request City to apply for a Bicycle Friendly Community designation/award with League of American Bicyclists and for City to forward appropriate representatives at Dominican University to apply for a University designation/award.

2. Safe Routes to School Planning Meetings. Start Up online meetings with City Staff, MCBC Staff and County Supervisor and community representatives on Safe Routes to Schools for 2021. Focus in North San Rafael and good participation with Santa Venetia community on challenges to improve routes and connects between unincorporated and incorporated San Rafael and improvements in connecting westside of highway 101 to eastside of highway 101. Goal of group is to perform some initial basic low cost route enhancements such as traffic cones and markings aka "Quick Build" (projects within your budget). City offered to perform items such as vegetation clearance in the right of way and signage as those need areas are identified. Chair Allison walked group through how to make a map with notations for City for improvement suggestions. Single project focus on improving the south side of the SMART train tracks to better serve For the Meadows, Merrydale, Redwood Village and Los Ranchitos developed area and interconnection to Venetia Valley School on North San Pedro Road, a single project focus would be improving the south side of SMART/highway 101 underpass to make area more bicycle and pedestrian friendly and encourage more access and use.

REQUEST: City continue to support Safe Routes To School efforts at making improvements to routes in North and other parts of City of San Rafael.

3. Support effort to flatten Puerto Suhello Hill. Important Gap Closure project of the Greenway bike path: 1. Provides relatively level trail connecting and following the SMART route and access route between Central and North San Rafael; 2. Allows for safer passage than the recent deaths and accidents crossing, sometimes at high speeds with turning G forces on the restricted view and downslope of Los Ranchitos onto North San Pedro Road and rolling the dice to cross over the tracks and try to beat the train; 3. Allows predictable, safer, smooth access for many school children and parents from Central and Canal area traveling to/from Venetia Valley School; 4. Puts more eyes and travelers in unimproved residential areas making it less conducive to clandestine homeless encampments and the after the fact monies City, transportation agencies and taxpayer community needs to spend on enforcements and clean ups; 5. Provides value to the area and to the Greenway by making the trail connected and available.

REQUEST: City's BPAC to make recommendation and endorsement to City Council to request SMART to complete and connect this important gap in the Greenway.



^ Current dirt unimproved trail in use connecting all points south of SMART Station

∨ Trail interconnection south of SMART & to Jury Lot, Venetia Valley School and Civic Center areas

