

Advocacy Report for Directors' Meeting

6 December 2017

Last Friday, 1 December, I and four City of Clovis residents had a successful meeting with the Clovis staff regarding several major projects that are of interest to bicyclists. The staff provided us the status of the following ongoing projects:

- Widening of Shaw Avenue from Locan to Maine: Construction contracts have been awarded for both sides, and the work should be completed in the Spring, 2018. There will be a traffic signal at Locan.
- Widening of Shaw Avenue from DeWolf to McCall: Shaw will be three lanes on both sides from DeWolf to Highland. Then from Highland to McCall there will be two lanes on the north side and three lanes on the south side. The widening includes bicycle lanes. Construction is anticipated to start in April 2019.
- Widening of Willow Avenue from Shepherd to Copper on the east (Clovis) side: The widening will be for three lanes and a bicycle lane. The project includes improving the intersection of Copper and Willow with a signal. Construction is anticipated to start in April 2019.
- Widening of Herndon Avenue from Temperance to DeWolf: Design has only begun on this project so construction is not anticipated until November 2019.
- Pedestrian/Trail Bridge Over Hwy 168: This long term project will build a bridge over Hwy 168 for the Enterprise Canal Trail in the vicinity of Clovis Community Hospital. A Master Plan and other preliminary work have been done. Public meetings will be held in early 2018 to present alternative alignments. The city has received a grant for the design. We requested that the approach to the bridge be a bicycle friendly ramp, not a spiral. There is no date for construction.
- Sierra Gateway Regional Trail: This trail will eventually start at Shepherd Avenue, loop around the northern end of the Harlan Ranch development, and parallel Hwy 168 down to the Enterprise Canal. The city is currently working on Phase I which extends from the start to DeWolf Avenue. Construction should start in the summer, 2018.

The city is also studying two road segments for possible road diets—Sunnyside Avenue from Shaw to Herndon and Gettysburg Avenue from Willow to Minnewawa. I asked that bicycle lanes also be installed on Sunnyside from Hwy 168 to Nees and that the study area on Gettysburg be extended westward to Winery, the city limits of Clovis.

The city is using its first year's allocation of the new gasoline tax increase to repave the following streets:

- Fowler Avenue, Barstow to Shaw
- Minnewawa Avenue, Shepherd to Teague
- Villa Avenue, Barstow to Shaw

The Fresno Council of Governments (COG) has released for public review and comment the draft Regional Active Transportation Plan (ATP). A public meeting will be held on 8 January 2018 in the COG large conference room at 5:00pm. I have not completed my review of the document yet. Thus far it appears that most of our club's requests for inclusion in the planned regional bikeways network have been honored. The complete plan may be viewed at the COG website, www.fresnocog.org. Click on the Planning dropdown option and select Active Transportation. Chapter Six is of most interest to our members.