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COUNCIL REVIEWS PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE MASTER PLAN UPDATE *Approves Funding for Planning and Supports New Prioritization Methodology*

Pleasanton, Calif. — After a series of community workshops and a Special Council meeting held last tonight to review changes made to the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan (Plan), the City Council voted to approve funding for specific planning and design work, directed staff on intersection improvements at the intersection of Stanley Boulevard and Valley/Bernal avenues and provided additional comments and guidance on new design alternatives.

“Tonight was an important step toward getting us closer to a seamless network for cyclists and pedestrians,” said Mike Tassano, City Traffic Engineer.

The Council voted unanimously to approve two separate planning proposals totaling approximately \$120,000 — one for a Foothill Road Bicycle Corridor Plan and the other for pedestrian and bicycle improvements on the I-580 and I-680 overcrossings. Funding for both of these planning efforts will be provided out of the Alameda County Measure B and Measure BB Bicycle and Pedestrian funds.

Regarding the Stanley Boulevard and Valley/Bernal avenues intersection, the Council directed staff to identify a funding source and seek professional services to design intersection improvements. The design and construction work is expected to occur over the next 6 – 12 months and will include

reconstruction of the northwest, southwest and southeast corners of the intersection to provide improved pedestrian and bicycle circulation.

Finally, the Council provided feedback and generally supported the direction staff and the City's Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee have developed for this update of the Master Plan. Council was particularly supportive of the recommended changes to the Plan that shift the focus away from spot improvements to one that embraces a network of complete, low stress corridors.

"Pleasanton has been a leader in alternative transportation improvements for some time. From being the first in the Tri-Valley to install green bike lanes to receiving national recognition as a bicycle-friendly community, we take great pride in our commitment to alternative modes of transportation and are always looking for ways to do more," Tassano concluded.

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