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Community Invited to Attend Open House on Long Beach Bicycle Master Plan

The public is invited to participate in a community open house for the Long Beach Bicycle Master Plan (Plan) update, and share ideas for the planning effort that will guide future improvements to the City's bicycle network and help make Long Beach a more bicycle-friendly community. The free open house, the *ABC's of Bicycling in Long Beach*, has been scheduled for Thursday, April 14, 2016, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at the Manazar Gamboa Community Theater at MacArthur Park, 1323 Gundry Avenue.

"This family-friendly event builds on the City's efforts to promote bicycling and encourage more sustainable transportation," said Mayor Robert Garcia. "Public input is key to developing a model bike community that addresses the needs of all residents and enhances quality of life for everyone."

The event will feature an interactive workshop to review existing and upcoming projects and programs designed to make bicycling in Long Beach a more enjoyable travel option. The event will offer the community and local stakeholders an opportunity to provide input on the Plan, and discuss ideas for promoting bikeability throughout Long Beach neighborhoods. Translation services will be provided in Spanish, Khmer, and Tagalog.

The open house will include complimentary food, prize giveaways, kids activities, and a guided bike ride for children by Olympic cyclist Tony Cruz. Participants are encouraged to ride their bicycles to the event, and receive complimentary bike valet and bicycle safety checks provided by Empact Communities. The public will also be able to try out the new Long Beach Bike Share bicycles and sign up for memberships. For more information on the program, including registration and downloading a mobile app, visit www.longbeachbikeshare.com.

The Plan serves as the foundation for creating a more bicycle-friendly City. The proposed update to the 2001 document includes new goals and objectives to incorporate added bike lanes, bike boulevards, bike facilities; and new signage and bike racks throughout Long Beach.

Additional community outreach efforts during this update process will offer several opportunities for the public to provide input on the updated Plan, including pop-up events to be held at the Green Prize Festival on April 30, 2016 and the Long Beach Bike Fest on May 7, 2016.

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