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**NEWS RELEASE**

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**Cupertino Adopts 2016 Bicycle Transportation Plan**

CUPERTINO, CA – In a show of support for the bicycle community, City Council adopted an updated Bicycle Transportation Plan (“2016 Bike Plan”) on June 21, 2016 and allocated \$2.0 million to jump start its implementation. Last revised in 2011, the updated 2016 Bike Plan encourages bicycling as a safe, practical, and healthy alternative to the motor vehicle.

In alignment with the goals set forth by the Cupertino Bicycle Pedestrian Commission, the 2016 Bike Plan significantly increases the attractiveness and safety of bicycling throughout the City. “It encourages more cyclists to get on the road by making them feel safe,” says Bicycle Pedestrian Commissioner Pete Heller.

One of the main focuses of the plan is to increase safety through the presence of physical separations between bike lanes and cars (Class IV bike lanes) and prioritizing our Safe Routes 2 School Program by enhancing residential to school connectivity.

In addition to improving safety, the plan calls for the expansion of the off-street network, which will include a loop around the City. “We want to continue to create a low stress city-wide bicycling network,” says Bicycle Pedestrian Commission Chair Vidula Aiyer.

The 2016 Bike Plan addresses the present and future needs of the bicycling community and lays the groundwork for grant funding eligibility for bicycle projects. It has received strong community support and aligns with the City’s solid commitment to improving the environment for active transportation alternatives.

Visit the City of Cupertino Bicycling page at [www.cupertino.org/bicycling](http://www.cupertino.org/bicycling) to learn more.

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