

San Joaquin County Opens New Pedestrian and Cyclist Friendly Pathway along Lammers Road Near Tracy

Project will Not Only Improve Access and Safety but also

Encourage More Residents to Go Green

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(Tracy, CA) – San Joaquin County has once again heeded the call of residents seeking improved access for all who run, bike and walk in their rural neighborhood. Until recently, the Lammers Road connection between the community of Redbridge to the south and Kimball High School to the north was just a stark county roadway with only a rudimentary path along its shoulder to allow students to safely walk or bike to school.

Residents asked if the pathway could be improved. San Joaquin County Public Works Department honored their request, and with support from the City of Tracy, expedited construction of a walkway/bicycle path that not only provides a means for students to get safely to school and back home, but also encourages more people to exercise, meet neighbors, and enjoy the outdoors.

“It’s great to be able to partner with the City of Tracy to respond to a community need,” said San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors Chairman Bob Elliott. “This safer pathway will bring peace of mind to families with school-age children and will also promote more walking and biking for area residents. It’s definitely a project that provides multiple benefits—safety, education, recreation and conservation.”

Supervisor Elliott explained that the project contributes to the County’s ongoing efforts to “go green” by reducing pollution, improving air quality, and encouraging constituents to walk and cycle more, and use their cars less.

For its part, the City of Tracy provided the County a permit to work in the city areas at both ends of the project to complete the connections to existing city pathways. In addition, the City applied for a state transportation grant with San Joaquin County’s support. If the City receives the funding, the money will be used to pave the gravel pathway to provide a permanent all-weather surface.

“I’m thrilled to see our two agencies partnering together to improve mobility for all of our constituents. We look forward to working with San Joaquin County on future projects to make other areas like Redbridge more neighborhood friendly, safe, and accessible. It’s what brings communities and people together,” added Tracy Mayor Robert Rickman.

To keep costs down and add to the project’s efficiency, San Joaquin County used an accelerated project delivery process to expedite construction of the gravel pathway. Using the typical design, bid and build method would have delayed completion of the work until next spring, after the winter rains.

“We are pleased to have been able to expedite this project, so students can use the path now with classes just starting. It’s a win for residents and an A grade for all who came together to make this project a success,” concluded San Joaquin County Public Works Director Kris Balaji.