DATE: October 17, 2024

FROM: Adam Fukushima, Active Transportation Manager

SUBJECT: 2023 Bicycle Friendly Community Report Card

Recommendation:

1. Receive the 2023 Bicycle Friendly Community Report Card

Background

Every four years the City of San Luis Obispo renews its application with the League of American Bicyclists for the Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) designation. The program provides feedback on how well a community is doing in becoming bicycle friendly community compared to other cities nationwide and provides an award status ranging from "no status" to bronze, silver, gold, and platinum (highest designation). The City of San Luis Obispo first applied for the status in 2007 and was awarded the Silver designation. In 2015, the City's designation was upgraded to Gold and in 2019 the Gold level was maintained. In the fall of 2023, the City of San Luis Obispo reapplied for the designation. Earlier this year the City was informed that the status of Gold was maintained for a second time. The League's feedback is provided in the Bicycle Friendly Report Card (See Attachment A) as well as the results from their Bicycle Friendly Community Survey of the San Luis Obispo community (See Attachment B). The survey was available to anyone who received the weblink either from the League of American Bicyclists or in a social media post from the City of San Luis Obispo.

The BFC Report Card is one of several tools including the City's Active Transportation Plan Report Card in assessing how well the City is doing in becoming a bicycle friendly community and should help the Active Transportation Committee in the budget goals process later this Fall.

Attachments:

Attachment A: 2023 Bicycle Friendly Community Report Card

Attachment B: Bicycle Friendly Community Survey