

Westside and Lower West Neighborhood Transportation Management Plan (Plan)

Policy Consistency Analysis

Below are the applicable policy/planning documents that the Plan is consistent with:

Vision Zero Strategy - Core Principles

1. ***Life is Most Important.*** The protection of human life and health is the overriding goal of traffic planning and engineering, taking priority over vehicle speeds and other objectives.
2. ***Every Person Matters.*** Everyone has the right to be safe on our streets, regardless of the way they choose to travel.
3. ***People Make Mistakes.*** In order to prevent and reduce death and serious injury, traffic systems can and should be designed to account for the inevitability of human error.
4. ***Focus on Dangerous Locations and Behaviors.*** City engineering and enforcement efforts will be informed by accurate and timely collision data and focus first on the most problematic locations, collision types, and behaviors.
5. ***Drivers Have a Critical Responsibility.*** When we drive, we control a machine that can inflict a great deal of physical harm. As drivers, we have a critical responsibility for the safety of others. We can be acting criminally when we drive and park in ways that put others at risk.
6. ***Pedestrians and Cyclists are the Most Vulnerable Road Users.*** Because they have the most to lose, pedestrians and cyclists need to abide by the laws in place to keep them safe.
7. ***The Government Shares Responsibility for Safe Streets.*** All elected officials and appropriate government staff will need to collaborate and act to achieve Vision Zero.

General Plan Circulation Element Goals (1997 and 2011)

Goal 2 STRIVE TO ACHIEVE EQUALITY OF CONVENIENCE AND CHOICE AMONG ALL MODES OF TRANSPORTATION

Emphasize alternative modes in order to provide real options and opportunities for people to choose among different forms of transportation rather than relying exclusively on the automobile.

Goal 4 INCREASE BICYCLING AS A TRANSPORTATION MODE

Develop a comprehensive system of bicycle routes which are integrated with other modes of transportation and which provide safe and efficient bikeways.

Goal 5 INCREASE WALKING AND OTHER PATHS OF TRAVEL

Develop a comprehensive system of pedestrian routes which are integrated with other modes of transportation and which provide safe and efficient paths of travel.

Pedestrian Master Plan Goals, Policies, and Strategies (2006)

GOAL 1 Improve the pedestrian system to increase walking in Santa Barbara

Policy 1.1 The City shall expand the sidewalk network to increase walking for transportation and recreation

Policy 1.2 The City shall improve pedestrian safety and comfort at intersections

Policy 1.3 The City shall enhance pedestrian corridors

Policy 1.5 The City shall assist neighborhoods that desire to improve pedestrian access to, from, and within their neighborhood

Policy 1.9 The City shall work to make the pedestrian environment accessible to those with disabilities, children, and the elderly

GOAL 2 Establish and enhance routes to schools that will enable and encourage more students to safely walk to school

GOAL 4 Create public pedestrian environments that are attractive, functional, and accessible to all people

Bicycle Master Plan Goals and Policies (2016)

Goal 1. Safety for All Road Users:

Make Santa Barbara a safe place for all road users through coordinated efforts to educate community members, enforce rules of the road, and strategically address unsafe conditions.

Policy 1.1 The City shall integrate the safety needs of people bicycling into all City roadway projects.

Goal 2. Closing Gaps in the Network

Make bicycling an accessible and convenient mode of transportation by developing a continuous network of safe bikeways that connects neighborhoods and destinations.

Policy 2.1 Through implementation of the Bicycle Master Plan, the City shall expand the bikeway network and close gaps in the existing system.

Policy 2.2 The City shall seek and allocate adequate funding to enhance the bicycle network.

Goal 3. Complete Streets and Multimodal Access

Create a more integrated multi-modal transportation system to connect people, places, goods, and services. Make bicycling in Santa Barbara an attractive and convenient choice, through inter-modal connectivity and support facilities that encourage bicycling.

Policy 3.5 The City shall ensure equitable access to the bikeway network for all Santa Barbara residents, and support bicycling as an attractive, convenient transportation choice for all demographic groups.