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City of Morro Bay Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Public Meeting – August 30, 2011

The City of Morro Bay will hold a public meeting on August 30th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at the Veteran's Hall in Morro Bay to solicit public comment on the first draft of the 2011 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. The first draft is scheduled to be published in mid-August and will be available on the City website. The City is carrying out the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan in accordance with the requirements of the California Bicycle Transportation Act (BTA). In order to remain eligible for grants, the Plan must be updated every five years.

The Morro Bay Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan 2011 is a policy document that would allow the City of Morro Bay to continue to meet the requirements of the California Bicycle Transportation Act as described in Section 891.2 of the Streets and Highway Code.

All projects and actions proposed in the plan would require separate approval and/or allocation of funds by the Morro Bay City Council before implementation. The plan will contain goals, objectives and policy actions to guide the City in the construction, upgrades and maintenance of the City-wide bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure system. Non-infrastructure programs aimed to encourage and educate about cycling and walking will also be addressed.

On related matters, the City of Morro Bay recently applied for two grants to improve pedestrian and bicycle routes within city limits:

- A Federal Safe Routes to School grant for a Sidewalk Safety Project on Greenwood Ave, a key route for kids to travel safely to and from Del Mar Elementary School.
- A national Scenic Byways grant to perform engineering design and acquisition of permits for a bicycle/pedestrian bridge across Morro Creek at the Embarcadero.

The City of Morro Bay is looking for public feedback on walking and cycling conditions on trails, paths, roads and sidewalks within City limits. In addition to the public meeting, a web page has been set up to provide more details and to solicit input from interested parties at www.morro-bay.ca.us. For further information, contact Barry Rands, Associate Engineer, at 772-6261 or brands@morro-bay.ca.us.

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