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Want More Pedestrian and Bike Paths in Moraga?

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Whether your children walk or bike to school, whether you are a speed biker zooming through Moraga, whether you bike to work or are a casual pedestrian roaming the streets of town, your experience and opinions are wanted for the new pedestrian and bicycle committee that the Town of Moraga is assembling. The volunteers will meet six times over the course of a year, and will help shape the town's Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan (PBMP) update. They will also work on updating Moraga's Wayfinding Plan.

"The main issues are the lack of facilities (paths, lanes, sidewalks), the fact that Moraga is a hilly community, and that the street network is not very connected, implying that there are not a lot of parallel and alternative routes," says Ellen Clark, Moraga's planning director. She expects the new committee to take a more creative look at what could be done.

On April 22, the Town Council approved the Moraga PBMP update and Wayfinding Plan Citizens Advisory Committee charter. The committee will include one member of the planning commission, the design review board, the park and recreation commission, and four members of the community. Interested residents have until May 29 to download an application at on the town's website (Moraga.ca.us) and email it back with their resume and letter of interest to the town clerk at mmcinturf@moraga.ca.us. The council will select the members during a public meeting if more than four volunteer. To learn more about the PBMP update and Wayfinding Plan, and the role of the CAC, visit www.moraga.ca.us/walkbikemoraga or email Coleman Frick, assistant town planner, at cfrick@moraga.ca.us, or call (925) 888-7039 if you have questions or would like additional information.

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