

PEDESTRIAN, BIKE, & EQUESTRIAN CIRCULATION



Below are tabulated responses to a questionnaire which requested input regarding the types and location of circulation facilities that residents would prefer, desire or believe would best suit the Chico area.

Where do you currently bike, walk, or ride your horse? (listed by number of responses)

Anywhere, except to travel or haul - 8
Home to downtown - 10
Home to park - 8
Home to school - 6
Around home/within neighborhood - 4
Home to work - 3
Don't walk or ride - 1

Where would you like to bike, walk, or ride your horse to but don't due to lack of facilities, connectivity or other reasons?

Specific locations or road segments that were mentioned multiple times (3-4) among the array of answers were Bruce Road, Mangrove Avenue, North Esplanade, and Park Avenue (lack of facilities).

Other general responses included: North Chico, East Chico, automobile-oriented drainage crossings, areas without sidewalks or bike lanes, and residential neighborhoods with cul-de-sacs.

What large scale improvement would significantly improve circulation within the City, if money was not an issue? (listed by number of responses)

Nearly all workshop participants responded that in improved pedestrian and bicycle facilities would significantly improve biking and walking circulation within the City. Listed below are sub-topics that were mentioned, and the number of times each was listed.

Enhance the overall Ped/Bike system throughout City - 18
Add additional Class 1 bike lanes with overpasses - 4
Construct bike paths along creeks connecting sections of City - 2
Connect all schools and neighborhoods with safe ped/bike facilities - 2
Better, wider, safer sidewalks - 1
No more cul-de-sacs, reinstate grid street pattern - 1
Employ Esplanade model of shared street design elsewhere - 1

Assuming money was an issue, what small scale improvement would improve circulation? (listed by number of responses)

- Bike lanes where none currently exist - 7
- Connect existing discontinuous ped/bike facilities - 4
- Additional bike rack locations - 3
- Improved ped/bike crossings/intersections - 2
- Traffic calming measures - 2
- Additional or increased law/code enforcement - 2
- Greenways - 1
- Wider sidewalk standard - 1

What are the BEST bike/pedestrian/equestrian facilities in the City? (listed by number of responses)

- “Old Trolley” bike path to Airport, Durham - 8
- Bidwell Park - 7
- Class 1 lanes - 7
- West 8th Avenue streetscape - 1

Do you consider Chico to be a bike / pedestrian / equestrian friendly City (safe / convenient / connected)? If so, why? If not, why not?

Generally, for this prompt, respondents answered in the affirmative or negative, then made a comment or recommendation to make Chico more ped/bike friendly. Below the number of Yes and No answers are listed the comments/recommendations.

- Yes - 12
- No - 8

Comments/Recommendations:

- Insufficient pad/bike facilities in some areas of City - 7
- Some routes are dangerous for children - 2
- City needs to treat biking as a primary means of transportation - 2
- City is responsive to biking problems, but not pedestrian problems - 1
- Need additional bike parking - 1
- Need improved connectivity - 1