

COUNCIL AGENDA: MARCH 17, 2015

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR'S CHALLENGE FOR SAFER PEOPLE AND SAFER STREETS

SOURCE: Public Works Department - Transit

COMMENT: The Mayor's Challenge for Safer People and Safer Streets is a call to action by the U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Secretary Foxx for mayors and local elected officials of any political jurisdiction whether town, city, county, tribal lands, territory, or State to take significant action to improve safety for bicycle riders and pedestrians of all ages and abilities over the next year.

The Challenge is based on the 2010 USDOT Policy Statement on Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodation to incorporate safe and convenient walking and bicycling facilities into transportation projects. USDOT recognizes the many benefits walking and bicycling provide – including health, safety, environmental, transportation and quality of life.

The USDOT has established the following seven Challenge activities:

1. Take a complete streets approach;
2. Identify and address barriers to make streets safe and convenient for all road users, including people of all ages and abilities and those using assistive mobility devices;
3. Gather and track biking and walking data;
4. Use designs that are appropriate to the context of the street and its users;
5. Take advantage of opportunities to create and complete pedestrian and bicycle networks through maintenance;
6. Improve walking and biking safety laws and regulations; and
7. Educate and enforce proper road use behavior by all.

Challenge cities will be free to focus on Challenge activities where they can make the most progress and to document previous achievements in the Challenge areas. Throughout the year, opportunities will be provided for peer exchange and additional group technical assistance in each of the seven Challenge areas.

While no monetary resources or funding are available specifically for participating in the Challenge, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) lists funding opportunities that support the pedestrian and bicycle safety efforts of cities.

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Appropriated/Funded N/A CM [Signature]

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Staff is recommending that the City Council approve the attached resolution to participate in the Mayor's Challenge for Safer People and Safer Streets, and authorize the formation of a local action team.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Approve the attached resolution authorizing the Mayor to form a local action leader and team; and
2. Authorize the Mayor to execute the resolution.

ATTACHMENT: Resolution

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RESOLUTION # _____ - 2015

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF PORTERVILLE ON MAYORS CHALLENGE
FOR SAFER PEOPLE AND SAFER STREETS**

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2015, U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Secretary Foxx announced the commitment for mayors and local elected officials to take significant action to improve safety for bicycle riders and pedestrians of all ages and abilities in their communities by the end of 2016; and

WHEREAS, through the Mayor's Challenge for Safer People and Safer Streets, local leaders across the country will marshal federal, state, local, and non-profit efforts to improve safety for bicycle riders and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, the USDOT has established seven Challenge activities: Take a complete streets approach; Identify and address barriers to make safe and convenient for all road users, including people of all ages and abilities and those using assistive mobility devices; Gather and track biking and walking data; Use designs that are appropriate to the context of the street and its uses; Take advantage of opportunities to create and complete pedestrian and bicycle networks through maintenance; Improve walking and biking safety laws and regulations; Educate and enforce proper road use behavior by all; and

WHEREAS, Challenge cities win by improving walking and biking that contributes to the health, safety, environmental, transportation, and quality of life for its community members; and.

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Porterville is committed to making roads safe, convenient, and accessible for all users including pedestrians, bicyclists, and those using personal mobility devices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Porterville to sign onto Secretary Foxx's "Mayor's Challenge for Safer People and Safer Streets" and take action on the seven Challenge activities.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City of Porterville be authorized to form a local action team to advance safety and accessibility goals; and

That the Transit Manager of the City of Porterville be authorized as the Team Leader of the local action team.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of March, 2015.

Milt Stowe, Mayor

ATTEST:
John D. Lollis, City Clerk

By: Patrice Hildreth, Chief Deputy City Clerk