

Community Focus Statement B: Reduce traffic congestion by improving transit services, roadways and recreational networks for pedestrians and bicyclists, and transit riders.

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Action Statement B.2: Advocate for implementation of the Big Bear Valley Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Equestrian Master Plan in collaboration with partners such as the City of Big Bear Lake, County of San Bernardino Public Works, the Big Bear Valley Trails Foundation, and the Southern California Mountains Foundation and under the leadership of the Big Bear Valley Trails Coordinator.

Benchmark: Prioritized projects list in the unincorporated area developed through a coordinated effort between the City of Big Bear Lake, the Southern California Mountains Foundation, the Big Bear Valley Trails Foundation and other local advocates. Coordinate with local agencies to fund and implement priority projects.

Champion: Big Bear Valley Non-Motorized Recreational Trails Coordinator

Estimated Cost: variable



Improved pedestrian and bicycle facilities can improve safety for community members. Photo source: Michael Baker International

The Big Bear Valley Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Equestrian Master Plan was adopted by the City of Big Bear Lake and the County of San Bernardino to create a multimodal network in the Bear Valley area to support non-motorized transportation. In addition to the City of Big Bear Lake, the plan area includes all Bear Valley Communities. Top priorities include meeting the needs of both visitors and residents, connecting local destinations, creating complete streets, and establishing a better bicycle network. The plan includes an extensive list of projects to accomplish these goals, including cost estimates, applicable design guidelines, and scoring on a number of prioritization criteria. Implementing the plan will help to make the Bear Valley area safer and improve the appeal of the local communities for residents and visitors.

One of the most important considerations for implementing the Big Bear Valley Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Equestrian Master Plan is to secure the funding necessary to carry out the identified projects. The plan identifies a number of potential funding sources, including federal and state grants, the regional Measure I sales tax, and developer impact fees. The Bear Valley communities should evaluate the projects identified in the plan, determine which ones to pursue first, and decide on the appropriate funding sources.

Stakeholders in the unincorporated areas should increase their participation in ongoing efforts to implement the Master Plan by engaging with leadership from the City of Big Bear Lake, the Big Bear Valley Trails Foundation, and the Southern California Mountains Foundation.

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Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Prioritize projects identified in the San Bernardino County Non-Motorized Transportation Plan, and set short- and long-range implementation goals. Consider sections of independent utility as appropriate since funding is to be determined. Focuses priority on bike and pedestrian facilities to reduce car traffic.	Big Bear Valley Non-Motorized Recreational Trails Coordinator	Months 1 – 3	Big Bear Valley Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Equestrian Master Plan Link to Master Plan San Bernardino County Non-Motorized Transportation Plan http://www.sanbag.ca.gov/planning2/pdf/NMTP-RevisedMay2014.pdf
2. Coordinate prioritized projects with local advocates.	Big Bear Valley Non-Motorized Recreational Trails Coordinator, local Advocates	Month 4	Alliance for Biking & Walking http://www.bikewalkalliance.org/
3. Identify potential implementation funding sources, along with identification of local match opportunities (both funds and volunteering efforts).	Big Bear Valley Non-Motorized Recreational Trails Coordinator, local advocates	Months 4 – 12	National Trails Training Partnership, Horses and Equestrian Trails Resources and Library http://www.americantrails.org/resources/horse/
4. Develop grant applications as each prioritized project is addressed.	Big Bear Valley's Non-Motorized Recreational Trails Coordinator, local advocates	Months 4 – 16	Securing Funding for Safe Routes to School, Bicycling and Walking: Coalitions, Connections, and Creativity http://www.saferoutespartnership.org/sites/default/files/resource_files/ds-11789_vfhk_case_studies_campaigns.pdf
5. For larger projects, consider approaching the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors for support.	Big Bear Valley's Non-Motorized Recreational Trails Coordinator, local advocates	Month 12	Preserving Urban Equestrians https://www.parks.ca.gov/pages/795/files/preserving%20urban%20equestrians.pdf