



**AGENDA
ORANGE COVE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
November 04, 2024
11:00 AM**

City of Orange Cove Council Chambers
633 6th St.
Orange Cove, CA 93646

ZOOM Information

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Meeting ID: 817 5952 2761

Passcode: 160311

1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Roll call

Invocation

Flag Salute (Pledge of Allegiance)

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

3. PRESENTATIONS

- **BRS Financial Group, LLC**

Public comments during regular business items are limited to three minutes per person and fifteen minutes total per item.

4. CONSENT

(All items listed under the consent calendar category are considered routine. The complete consent calendar will be enacted by one motion by ROLL CALL VOTE. For purposes of discussion, any council member may have an item removed from the consent calendar and made part of the regular agenda. The Council can then approve the remainder of the consent calendar).

- 4.a. Minutes of the October 23, 2024, Special Meeting of Orange Cove City Council Cisneros
- 4.b. Minutes of the October 23, 2024, Regular Meeting of Orange Cove City Council Cisneros
- 4.c. Consideration and Necessary Action to (1) Adopt Environmental Negative Declaration (ND) finding for the 2024 Fresno County Regional Active Transportation Plan (RATP) (2) Adopt Fresno County 2024 Regional Active Transportation Plan (RATP). Staff recommends the Council to adopt the following resolutions; 1) **Resolution 2024-36** Fresno County Regional Active Transportation Plan (RATP) Negative Declaration finding associated with the countywide plan environmental review as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and 2) **Resolution 2024-37** Fresno County RATP Dominguez

5. PUBLIC HEARING

- 5.a. **SUBJECT:** Adopt Resolution No. 2024-38 authorizing submittal of the Community Development Block Grant Application for the Sheridan Park Improvement Project Dominguez

RECOMMENDATION: The City Council authorizes the submittal of the 2025-2026 grant application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for funding under the CDBG program, and if selected, the execution of standard agreements and required program documents and, adopt resolution 2024-38 approving the submittal of the application

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Notice(s) to the Public: This is the opportunity for any member of the public to address the City Council on any item over which the Council has jurisdiction. No action or discussion will be taken on any item not on the agenda. Issues raised will be referred to the City Manager for review. Members of the public shall limit their remarks to three (3) minutes and no more than 15 minutes per topic.

7. CLOSED SESSION

A closed session is needed to discuss the following matter:

- 7.a. **Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation**
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(b): 2 case

Public Employment

7.b. Public Employment (§ 54957)

Title: City Attorney

8. ADJOURNMENT

ADA Notice: *In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk at (559) 626-4488 ext. 213. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the city to make arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.*

Documents: *Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the City Council regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection at the front counter at City Hall, Orange Cove, CA during normal business hours. In addition, most documents are posted on City's website at cityoforange Cove.com.*

STATEMENT ON RULES OF DECORUM AND ENFORCEMENT

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During a meeting of the Orange Cove City Council, there is a need for civility and expedition in the carrying out of public business in order to ensure that the public has a full opportunity to be heard and that the Council has an opportunity to conduct business in an orderly manner. The following is provided to place everyone on notice of the rules of decorum and enforcement.

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ENFORCEMENT OF DECORUM RULES

(Resolution No. 2012-16)

While the City Council is in session, all persons must preserve order and decorum. A person who addresses the city council under public comment for a specific agenda item or under the Public Forum section of the agenda may not engage in speech or conduct which is likely to provoke others to violent or riotous behavior, which disturbs the peace of the meeting by loud and unreasonable noise, which is irrelevant or repetitive, or which disrupts, disturbs, or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of any City Council meeting.

The mayor or other presiding officer shall request that a person who is breaching the rules of decorum cease such conduct. If after receiving such a warning, the person persists in breaching the rules of decorum, the mayor or other presiding officer may order the person to leave the City Council meeting. If such person does not leave, the mayor or presiding officer may request any law enforcement officer who is on duty at the meeting as sergeant-at-arms to remove the person from the Council Chambers. In the event there is no one from law enforcement present, the mayor or presiding officer may direct the City Manager to contact law enforcement.

In accordance with the Point of Order Rule 4.6, the majority of the Council may overrule the mayor if the majority of the Council believes the mayor or other presiding officer is not applying the rules of decorum appropriately.



**ORANGE COVE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING**

Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 6:25 PM
City Council Chambers
633 6th Street, Orange Cove, CA 93646
MINUTES

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Guerra-Silva called the meeting to order at 6:25 PM.

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Council Member Maria Vacio
Council Member Esperanza Rodriguez
Council Member Josie Cervantes
Mayor Pro Tem Gilbert Garcia
Mayor Diana Guerra-Silva

ABSENT:

None

CITY STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Parra, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works Dominguez, Director of Planning and Building Patlan, Police Chief Pena, Assistant Finance Director Jimenez and City Clerk Cisneros. City Attorney Crouch was present via Zoom.

ABSENT:

None

Invocation: Mayor Pro Tem Garcia

Flag Salute: Council Member Cervantes

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There are no changes to the agenda.

3. REGULAR BUSINESS

3.a. Consideration and Necessary Action on the Approval for Resolution No. 2024-35 authorizing the execution of contract documents with the Department of Education for the purpose of Providing Child Care and Development Services for FY 2024-2025

Council Member Vacio excused herself from the meeting. She is an employee of the Child Care Center.

Assistant Finance Director Jimenez addressed the council and the public.
City Manager Parra also addressed the council.

Council Member Garcia motioned, and Council Member Cervantes seconded to Approve Resolution No. 2024-35 authorizing the execution of contract documents with the Department of Education for the purpose of Providing Child Care and Development Services for FY 2024-2025 and the City of Orange Cove shall be reimbursed in accordance with the Determination of Reimbursable Amount section of the FT&C, at a Maximum Reimbursable Amount Rate (MRA) of \$1,925,947.00.

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: 4 COUNCIL MEMBERS: Garcia, Cervantes, Rodriguez, Guerra-Silva

NOES: 0 COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: 1 COUNCIL MEMBERS: Vacio

ABSENT: 0 COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

4. ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.
at 6:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Cisneros
City Clerk

Diana Guerra-Silva
Mayor



ORANGE COVE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 6:30 PM
City Council Chambers
633 6th Street, Orange Cove, CA 93646
MINUTES

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Guerra-Silva called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Council Member Maria Vacio
Council Member Esperanza Rodriguez
Council Member Josie Cervantes
Mayor Pro Tem Gilbert Garcia
Mayor Diana Guerra Silva

CITY STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Parra, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works Dominguez, Director of Planning and Building Patlan, Police Chief Pena, Assistant Finance Director Jimenez and City Clerk Cisneros. City Attorney Crouch was present via Zoom.

Invocation: None

Flag Salute: Council Member Rodriguez

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There are no changes to the agenda.

3. PRESENTATION

- None scheduled

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

4.a. Minutes of the October 09, 2024, Regular Meeting of Orange Cove City Council

4.b. Consideration and Necessary Action Consideration and Necessary Action to Authorize the City Manager or authorized Designee to Execute a "Common Use Agreement" between the City of Orange Cove and the Orange Cove Irrigation District (OCID) - Governing the Roles & Responsibilities of each agency with respect to existing OCID pipeline infrastructure and proposed City Improvements to be constructed as part of the

Park Boulevard Infrastructure Improvement project. The Common Use Agreement defines the roles and responsibilities of each agency with respect to repair and maintenance of an existing OCID irrigation pipeline, as well as the restoration and repair of City infrastructure damaged as a result of a maintenance repair or unforeseen break

4.c. Consideration and Necessary Action of Notice of Completion and Acceptance Sheridan Park Playground Equipment Procurement & Installation and to Adopt Resolution 2024-34, accepting work and authorizing the Notice of Completion to the KYA Group for the Sheridan Park Playground Equipment Procurement & Installation project for a final contract price of \$654,205.68. Staff further recommends that the City Manager or his designee be authorized to execute and file a Notice of Completion and Acceptance of said public works and improvements described herein as required by law

Council Member Cervantes motioned, and Council Member Rodriguez seconded to accept and approve the consent calendar. The motion was unanimously carried.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

5.a. Adoption of Resolution No 2024-32 Adopting a Common-Sense Exemption as the Environmental Finding for the Housing Element and Approving General Plan Amendment GPA N0. 24-01 adopting the 6th Cycle 2023-2031 Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element and 2023-2031 Orange Cove Housing Element as per the recommendation of the Orange Cove Planning Commission

Planning and Building Director addressed the council and public. Chelsey Payne, Director of Urban Planning for Ascent Consulting Firm provided detailed information regarding the City of Orange Cove Housing Element.

Public Hearing opened at 7:00 PM and closed at 7:01 PM. One person from the public spoke.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia motioned, and Council Member Cervantes seconded to approve the Adoption of Resolution No 2024-32 Adopting a Common-Sense Exemption as the Environmental Finding for the Housing Element and Approving General Plan Amendment GPA N0. 24-01 adopting the 6th Cycle 2023-2031 Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element and 2023-2031 Orange Cove Housing Element as per the recommendation of the Orange Cove Planning Commission. The motion unanimously carried.

5.b. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-33 authorizing submittal of the Community Development Block Grant Application.

Public Hearing opened at 7:13 PM and closed at 7:14 PM. One person from the public spoke.

Council member Cervantes motioned, and Council Member Rodriguez seconded that the City Council authorizes the submittal of one 2024 grant application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for funding under the CDBG program, and if selected, the execution of standard agreements and required program documents. At

the close of the public hearing, adopt resolution 2024-33 approving the submittal of the application. The motion unanimously carried.

6. REGULAR BUSINESS

6.a. Consideration and Necessary Action on Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Section 8.70.140 of the Orange Cove Municipal Code

City Attorney Crouch addressed the council regarding cannabis operations in the city. This is the second reading for this ordinance.

Public Comments opened to discuss agenda item 6.a. (in person & via Zoom).
No members of the public spoke.

Council Member Vacio motioned, and Council Member Cervantes seconded to approve the ordinance amending section 8.70.140 of the Orange Cove Municipal Code. The motion was unanimously carried.

7. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Parra addressed the council that three staff members would be providing staff reports. Reports are informational only to the council.

Planning & Building Department

Director Encarnacion "Shun" Patlan

- Starbucks-Reviewing the site plan and scheduling a meeting
- The Housing Element was adopted today and will be sent to the California Department of Housing and Community Development
- The Fresno Housing Authority Project. Rezone was provided to the Planning Commission on Sept. 8th. Their recommendation is for the City Council to approve and adopt the rezone. A Public Hearing will take place at a future council meeting.
- An approval letter was received from California Department of Housing and Community Development for an exemption on the surplus land act.

Public Works Director & City Engineer

Assistant City Manager-

Public Works Director Dario Dominguez

- The alley paving project went out for bid last week. This project consists of four blocks between 8th & 3rd Street, between the blocks of Park Boulevard and E Street.
- The 6th street paving project between Adams and C Street will be bid out next week.
- Two bus shelters were awarded through Fresno County Rural Transit Agency. They will be installed and constructed in the next couple of weeks. The Park Boulevard project will have two additional bus shelters. On Park Boulevard there will be a total of four new bus shelters.
- Phase Two of Sheridan Park project will be out for bid in early November.
- Received a letter from Fresno Council of Governments informing the city we could use CDBG funds of \$300,000, to improve ADA parking and 2nd Street adjacent to Sheridan park

Police Department

Chief of Police Javier Peña

- Staffing levels are good. There are currently eleven officers and the department are running well.
- Stats have been good so far. A few assaults and the Officers are following through the investigations.
- National Night Out was a great success. All of the support shown is much appreciated.

8. Orange Cove Fire Protection District-Information Only

No one was present from the Orange Cove Fire Protection District.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

One member of the public spoke.

10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A Special Council Meeting will be scheduled for 11/04 @ 11:00 AM. There may be several items on the agenda. This will be the only meeting for the month of November unless there's an urgent matter.
- Cleanup day is scheduled for this Saturday, October 26th from 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- The Halloween Event will take place at the park on Halloween Day from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM with haunted houses, games and food vendors
- Thanksgiving Community Dinner will take place on Monday, November 25th

11. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

- Nothing to report.

12. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council member Cervantes:

- Attended a conference last week and the classes were great.
- The National Night out was outstanding. She thanked all the staff that put together the event and for everyone who attended. This event needs to continue for our community.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia:

- National Night Out was well attended. Lots of informational booths and backpack giveaway from the Lyons Club

Council Member Vacio:

- The community would like to have a movie night at the park and basketball with police department, and also play Mexican Bingo.

13. CLOSED SESSION

None Scheduled

14. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Cisneros
City Clerk

Diana Guerra-Silva
Mayor



CITY OF ORANGE COVE REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

To: Orange Cove City Council

From: Dario Dominquez, Assistant City Manager / Public Works Director

Subject: 1) Adopt Environmental Negative Declaration (ND) finding for the 2024 Fresno County Regional Active Transportation Plan (RATP)
2) Adopt Fresno County 2024 Regional Active Transportation Plan (RATP)

Attachments: Resolution 2024-36 Adopting RATP Negative Declaration
Resolution 2024-37 Adopting RATP
Chapter 12 - 2024 RATP City of Orange Cove Overview

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Council to adopt the following resolutions; 1) **Resolution 2024-36** Fresno County Regional Active Transportation Plan (RATP) Negative Declaration finding associated with the countywide plan environmental review as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and 2) **Resolution 2024-37** Fresno County RATP

BACKGROUND:

Fresno Council of Governments (FCOG), in coordination with its member agencies, the general public, and stakeholder groups has developed the Regional Active Transportation Plan (RATP). The 2024 RATP is an update to the 2019 RATP developed to create a comprehensive countywide vision for active transportation and to support applications for new funding to create sidewalks, shared use paths, bike lanes, better street crossings, and other improvements for walking and bicycling.

The goal of the 2024 RATP is to create a network of safe and attractive trails, sidewalks and bikeways that connect Fresno County residents to key destinations such as local schools, parks and commercial amenities. The networks include shared-use paths, bike lanes and routes, sidewalks and crosswalk improvements. The ultimate 2024 RATP goal is to create a network of regional bikeways that allow bicyclists to safely ride between cities and other regional destinations, and to increase regional walking and bicycling trips by creating user-friendly facilities. The 2024 RATP contains various programs, policies and recommendations that pertain to bicycle and pedestrian facilities in Fresno County. Projects are identified at a conceptual level for the 2024 RATP.

The 2024 RATP is intended to help Fresno COG's member agencies better compete for funding sources that support ATP projects and satisfy California Transportation Commission (CTC) requirements. Jurisdictional resolutions are a CTC requirement of member agencies. The City must approve two (2) separate resolutions, passed in specific order. The CEQA Negative Declaration resolution must be approved and adopted first, followed by the Resolution to approve and adopt the RATP. Specific projects are not being proposed under the 2024 RATP, therefore adopting the CEQA ND resolution would not authorize any project that would result in an adverse environmental impact.

The complete Fresno County 2024 RATP is a large document and has not been included as an attachment to the staff report. The link below can be used to access the complete RATP document: <https://www.fresnocog.org/project/active-transportation/>. Chapter 12 of the 2024 RATP outlines the City of Orange Cove's plan and is attached for reference.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

All Environmental Reviews associated with the development of the 2024 RATP have been completed by Fresno COG in accordance with CEQA guidelines. An environmental Negative Declaration (ND) finding was issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) on May 16, 2024, ND Sch. No. 2024040476

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

None

FISCAL IMPACT:

The RATP does not pose a fiscal impact. Future projects resulting from the RATP will be presented to Council on a project-by-project basis.

REVIEW: Assistant City Manager: Dario Dominguez Approve: Dario Dominguez City Attorney: _____

TYPE OF ITEM:	COUNCIL ACTION:	APPROVED	DENIED	NO ACTION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent			<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing	
<input type="checkbox"/> Info Item			<input type="checkbox"/> Matter Initiated by a Council Member	
<input type="checkbox"/> Action Item			<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
<input type="checkbox"/> Department Report			<input type="checkbox"/> Continued to: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Redevelopment Agency				

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-36

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE COVE
ADOPTING THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE 2024 FRESNO COUNTY
REGIONAL ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Fresno Council of Governments (COG) has prepared a comprehensive County-wide Active Transportation Plan that outlines the future of walking and bicycling in Fresno County; and

WHEREAS, Fresno COG is the lead agency for the purposes of environmental review of the Project under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq., and the State “Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act”; and

WHEREAS, Fresno COG caused to be prepared an Initial Study in April 2024, for the adoption of the Regional Active Transportation Plan (RATP) to evaluate potentially significant environmental impacts and on the basis of that study it was determined that no significant environmental impacts would result from this RATP; and

WHEREAS, on the basis of the Initial Study, a Negative Declaration has been prepared, circulated, and made available for public comment pursuant to CEQA; and

WHEREAS, Fresno COG submitted the Initial Study / Negative Declaration (IS/ND) to the State Clearinghouse and distributed it to those agencies which have jurisdiction by law with respect to the Project; posted the Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration concerning the Project with the Fresno County Clerk and published such Notice in the *Fresno Bee* on April 11, 2024; and mailed the Notice of Intent to Adopt / Notice of Availability of a Negative Declaration to other interested parties; and

WHEREAS, the draft IS / ND with appendices and supporting information sources were duly noticed for public review and comment from April 11, 2024 to May 13, 2024, as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, a hearing concerning Fresno COG’s intent to adopt a Final IS / ND was duly noticed and held on May 10 and again on May 30, at which time any interested parties were afforded an opportunity to be heard in addition to the public review and comment period referenced above as part of the Environmental Record.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Orange Cove, as follows:

1. The Council adopts the foregoing recitals as true and correct.
2. That Council finds that the IS / ND for the project are adequate and have been completed in compliance with CEQA and CEQA guidelines.
3. The Council finds that it has independently reviewed and considered the Environmental Record, including the Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration, as a final

Negative Declaration, prior to adopting the final Negative Declaration.

4. On the basis of the Environmental Record as the whole record before the Board, including the Initial Study and any comments received, the Board finds, in its independent judgement and analysis, that there is no substantial evidence the Project will have a significant effect on the environment.
5. The Council approves and adopts the findings set forth herein, and the Negative Declaration, based on the Environmental Record.
6. The Policy Council authorized Fresno COG staff to cause a Notice of Determination concerning the adoption of the Negative Declaration for the Project to be filed in the office of the Fresno County Clerk and with the Office of Planning and Research in accordance with CEQA and State CEQA guidelines.
7. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and the that the same shall be in full force and effect.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of November 2024, at a special meeting of the Orange Cove City Council by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

APPROVED:

Diana Guerra Silva, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cynthia Cisneros, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-37

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE COVE
ADOPTING THE 2024 FRESNO COUNTY REGIONAL
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the 2024 Fresno County Regional Active Transportation Plan (RATP) complies with the California Transportation Commission 2023 Active Transportation Program Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno County 2024 RATP is in compliance with the 2022 Fresno Council of Governments Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno County 2024 RATP is an implementation tool for the City of Orange Cove General Plan Circulation Elements; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno County 2024 RATP promotes walking and biking for transportation and recreation by all members of the community by creating a connected and complete network of trails, walkways, and bikeways that provide safe, convenient, and enjoyable connections to key destinations and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno County 2024 RATP promotes pedestrian and bicyclist safety and collision reduction; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno County 2024 RATP will improve the accessibility of funding for pedestrian and bicycle related-related improvements for City of Orange Cove; and

WHEREAS, approval of the Fresno County 2024 RATP meets the eligibility requirements for Active Transportation Program funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Orange Cove, as follows:

1. The above radicals are true and correct and are adopted as the findings of the City Council
2. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and that the same shall be in full force and effect.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of November 2024, at a special meeting of the Orange Cove City Council by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

APPROVED:

Diana Guerra Silva, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cynthia Cisneros, City Clerk

Chapter 12

ORANGE COVE

This chapter describes the current conditions and future plans for walking and biking in the City of Orange Cove.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

The City of Orange Cove is located in the San Joaquin Valley, 8 miles east-southeast of Reedley. (see Figure 1-1). SR 63 runs north-south along Orange Cove's eastern boundary, which is also the boundary between Fresno and Tulare Counties. The main east-west roadway is Park Boulevard, which is central to the city's downtown business district

Existing Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities

There are 33.7 miles of sidewalks and 1.1 miles of bikeways within Orange Cove. These networks are summarized in Table 7-1 and depicted in Figures 7-1 and 7-2.

Table 12-1: Summary of Existing Walking & Bicycling Facilities in Orange Cove

Facility Type	Miles
Sidewalk	33.7
Shared Use Path (Class I)	1.2
Bike Lane (Class II)*	1.1
Bike Route (Class III)*	0.0
Separated Bikeway (Class IV)*	0.0

**Distance measured by centerline*

The following conditions are noted relevant to the safety and comfort of bicycling and walking in Orange Cove:

- » Though the city has made much progress in adding sidewalks, many gaps still exist.
- » Residents have expressed a strong desire for improved pedestrian crossings in many locations across the city.
- » A shared-use path runs along the former railroad alignment that bisects the city.

Figure 12-1: Existing Pedestrian Facilities in Orange Cove

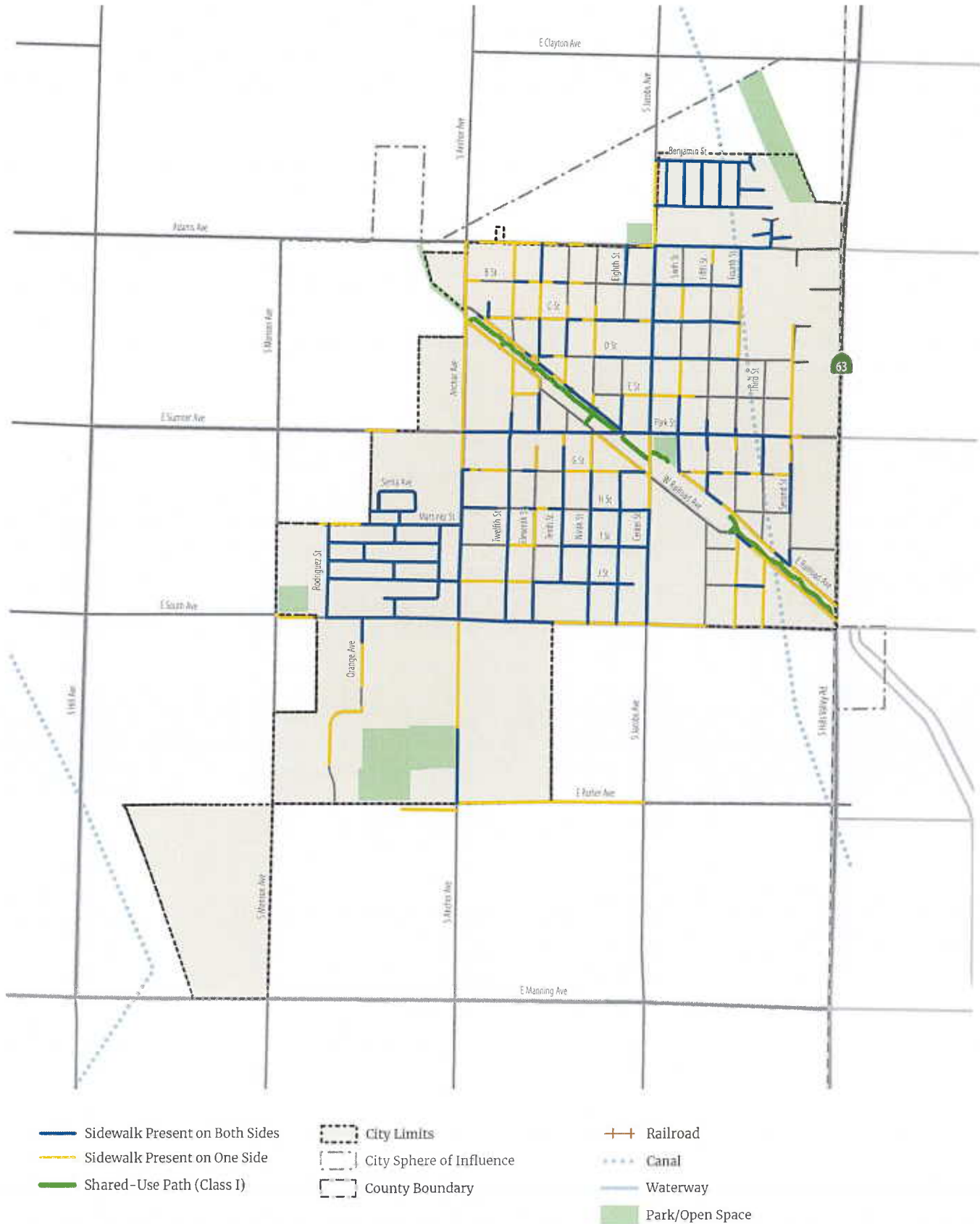
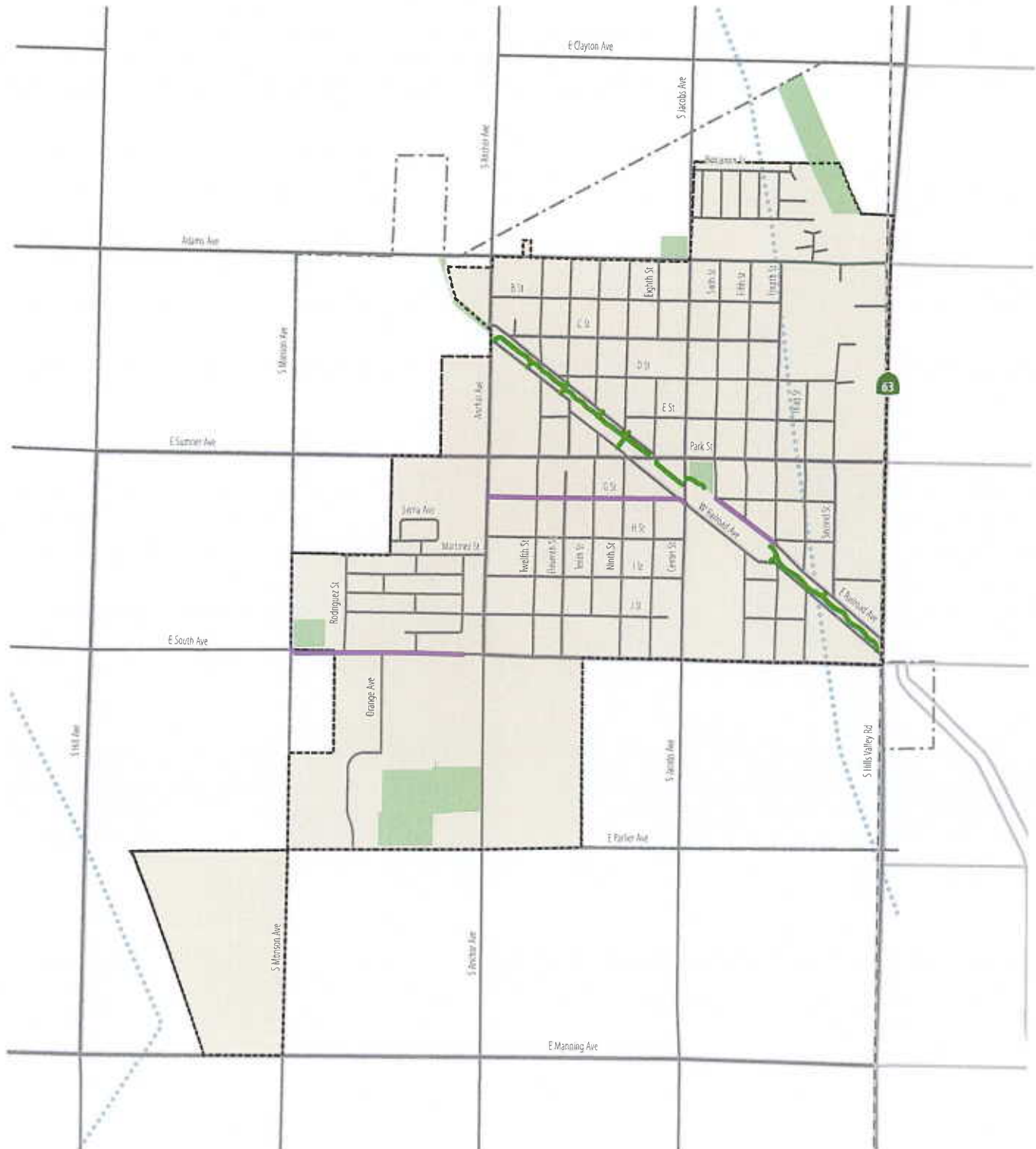


Figure 12-2: Existing Bicycling Facilities in Orange Cove



- Shared-Use Path (Class I)
- Bike Lane (Class II)
- Bike Route (Class III)
- Separated Bikeway (Class IV)
- City Limits
- City Sphere of Influence
- County Boundary
- Railroad
- Canal
- Waterway
- Park/Open Space

Plans and Policies Related to Active Transportation

The following city plans and policies are relevant to biking and walking in Orange Cove:

- » City of Orange Cove General Plan (2003)
- » City of Orange Cove Standard Drawings (2013)
- » Municipal Code and Charter of Orange Cove (2016)

These plans and policies are discussed in greater detail in Appendix C. Regional, state, and federal plans and policies are also discussed in Appendix C.

Maintenance

The city does not have formal policies for maintenance of active transportation facilities. Maintenance is generally performed as needed.

Education & Encouragement Programs

The city has reported no education or encouragement programs related to active transportation.

Key Destinations

Figure 7-3 shows key destinations for bicyclists and pedestrians in the City of Orange Cove. Highlights include

- » Local schools and parks, including Memorial Park and Feinstein Park
- » Restaurants and businesses downtown along Park Boulevard
- » Lopez Community Center
- » Orange Cove Branch Library.



Lopez Community Center

Disadvantaged Communities

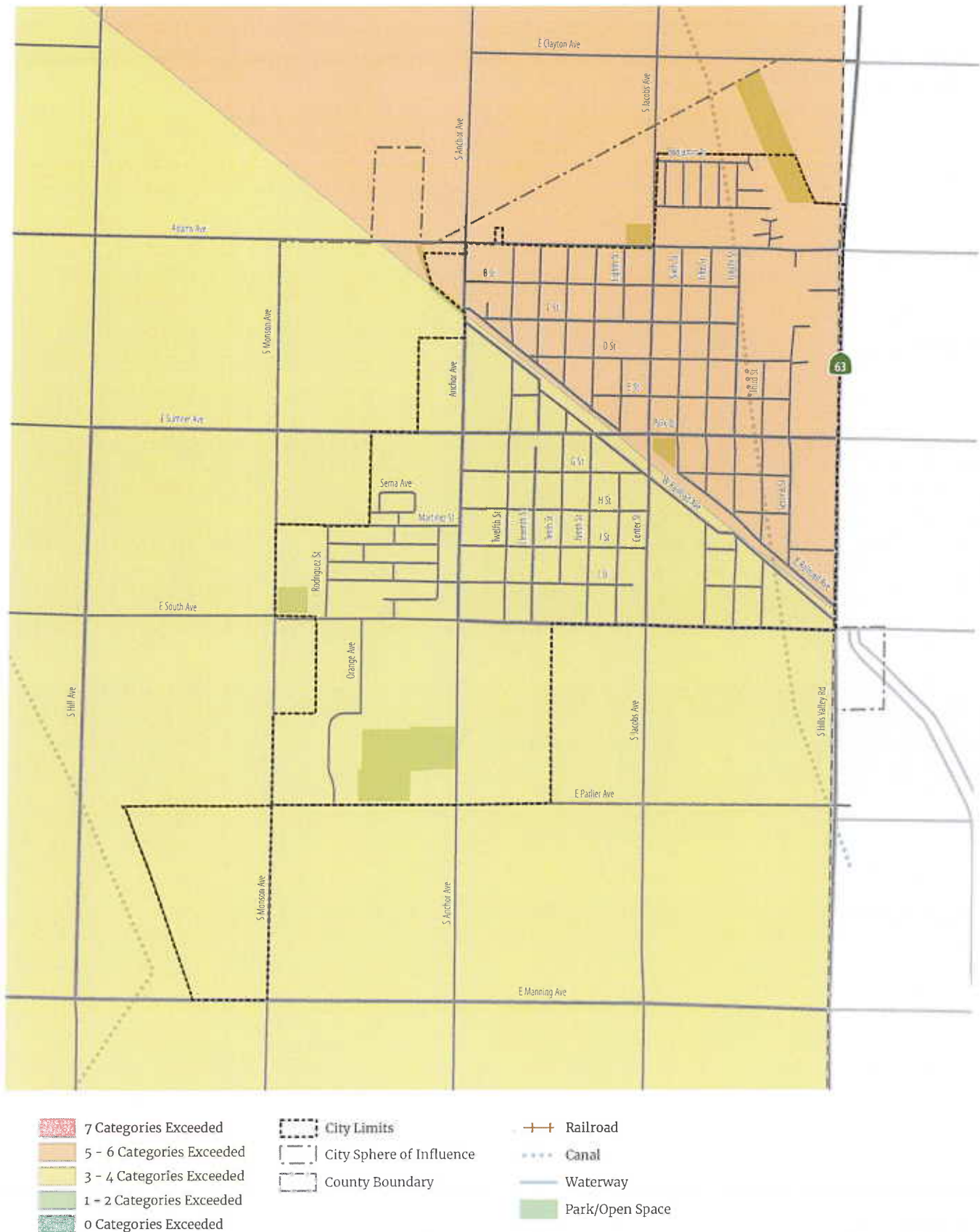
All of Orange Cove meets more than one of the Active Transportation Program criteria for disadvantaged communities, described in Chapter 2, Existing Conditions.

- » **Median Household Income:** All households in Orange Cove make less than 65 percent of the state median.
- » **Free & Reduced Price Meals for Schools:** All schools in Orange Cove have over 90 percent of students eligible for free or reduced price meals.
- » **CalEnviroScreen:** All of Orange Cove is within the 10 percent most disadvantaged areas in the state.
- » **Healthy Places Index:** All of Orange Cove is within the 10 percent most disadvantaged areas in the state.
- » **Federal Climate & Economic Justice Tool:** Orange Cove exceeds three to six categories in the screening tool, as shown in Figure 7-4.
- » **US DOT Equitable Transportation Community Disadvantaged Community Tool:** The southwest side of Orange Cove falls within the 15 through 20 percent most disadvantaged areas in the state, as shown in Figure 7-5.
- » **FCOG Environmental Justice Areas:** All of Orange Cove is considered disadvantaged by this definition.

Because all of Orange Cove meets one or more of these criteria for disadvantaged communities, the challenges for walking and biking described at the beginning of this chapter are equity issues.

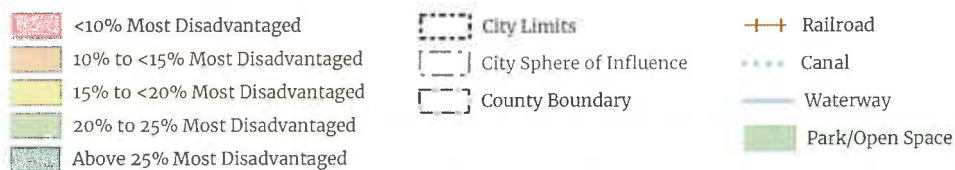
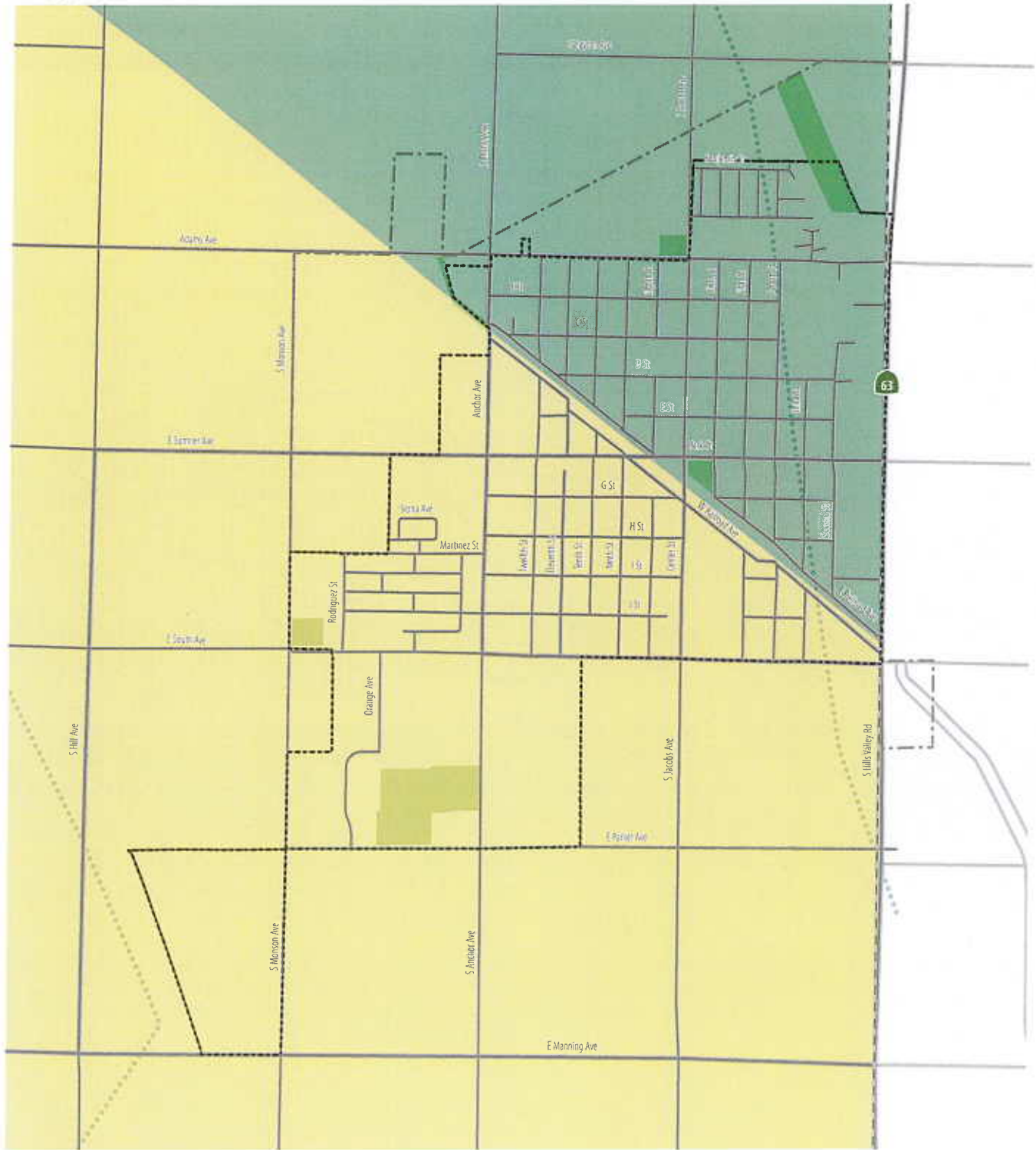


Figure 12-4: Orange Cove Federal Climate & Economic Justice Screen



Source: Council on Environmental Quality, 2023; Fehr & Peers, 2023

Figure 12-5: Orange Cove US DOT Equitable Transportation Community Screening Results



Source: U.S. DOT, 2023; Fehr & Peers, 2023

Existing Trips

Based on the U.S. Census American Community Survey, approximately two percent of Orange Cove workers commute to work by walking and zero percent commute to work by bicycling. These shares are lower than the statewide averages, as shown in Table 7-2. However, these statistics only include workers who walk or ride every day, not those who do so occasionally. Reliable data on non-commute trips, including trips to school, trips for shopping, and recreational trips is not readily available and not included in these estimates. Thus, the total number of biking and walking trips in Orange Cove is higher than shown here.

Table 12-2: Trips to Work by Walking and Bicycling in Orange Cove

Jurisdiction	Walk		Bicycle	
	Estimate	Share	Estimate	Share
Orange Cove	64	2.0%	0	0.0%
California	440,483	2.4%	128,474	0.7%

*Note: Workers aged 16 years and older, excludes percentage of employees that work from home.
Source: U.S. Census 2018 -2022 American Community Survey, 2023; Fehr & Peers, 2023*

Collisions

There were two total injury collisions reported between 2016 and 2021 in Orange Cove. None of the collisions in this time period involved people walking or bicycling.



PLANNED NETWORKS

The planned walking and biking networks for Orange Cove are summarized in Table 7-3 and shown in Figures 7-6 and 7-7. The networks include shared-use paths, bike lanes and routes, sidewalks, and crosswalk improvements. The proposed networks are designed to connect to Orange Cove’s shared-use paths, to provide access to key destinations, and to serve as recreational assets. The sidewalk improvements also fill gaps in the sidewalk network and add crossing improvements to enhance safety near schools and across busy roads. Appendix D includes a list of these network improvements including locations and extents, lengths, high-level estimated costs, and priorities. Additionally, several of the high priority projects have been grouped into a single project. Additional information to support a funding application for this project has been combined into a fact sheet, which is included in Appendix F.

Figure 7-7 also presents planned bike parking for Orange Cove. These planned bike parking locations supplement existing locations by adding parking at parks and near retail areas.

Based on the indicators of disadvantaged communities discussed earlier in this section, these facilities all support disadvantaged communities.

Table 12-3: Summary of Planned Walking and Biking Facilities in Orange Cove

Facility Type	Existing (Miles)	Planned (Miles)	Total (Miles)
Sidewalk	33.7	3.6	37.3
Shared Use Path (Class I)	1.2	3.4	4.6
Bike Lane (Class II)*	1.1	14.1	15.2
Bike Route (Class III)*	0.0	0.0	0.0
Separated Bikeway (Class IV)*	0.0	0.0	0.0

**Distance measured by centerline*

Sources: Fresno Council of Governments, Fehr & Peers, 2023

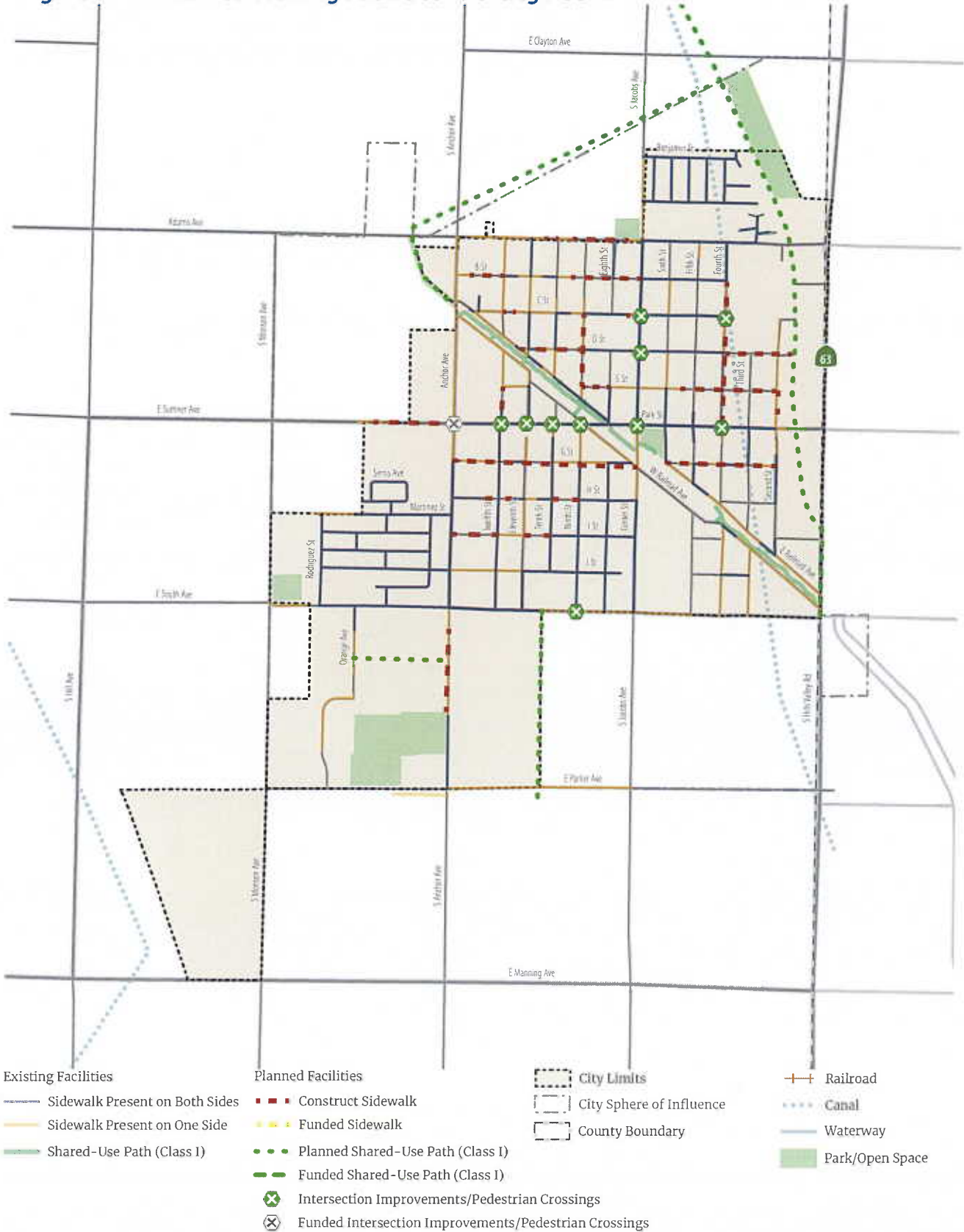
Costs to implement these facilities are summarized in Table 7-4.

Table 12-4: Cost of Planned Walking and Biking Facilities in Orange Cove

Facility Type	Cost Per Mile	High Priority	Total
Sidewalk	\$369,600	\$1,171,800	\$1,313,200
Shared Use Path (Class I)	\$955,700	\$3,048,683	\$3,268,494
Bike Lane (Class II)	\$401,400	\$4,491,666	\$5,639,670
Bike Route (Class III)	\$16,000	-	-
Separated Bikeway (Class IV)	\$633,600	-	-
Crossing Improvements		\$304,800	\$304,800
Total		\$9,016,949	\$10,526,164

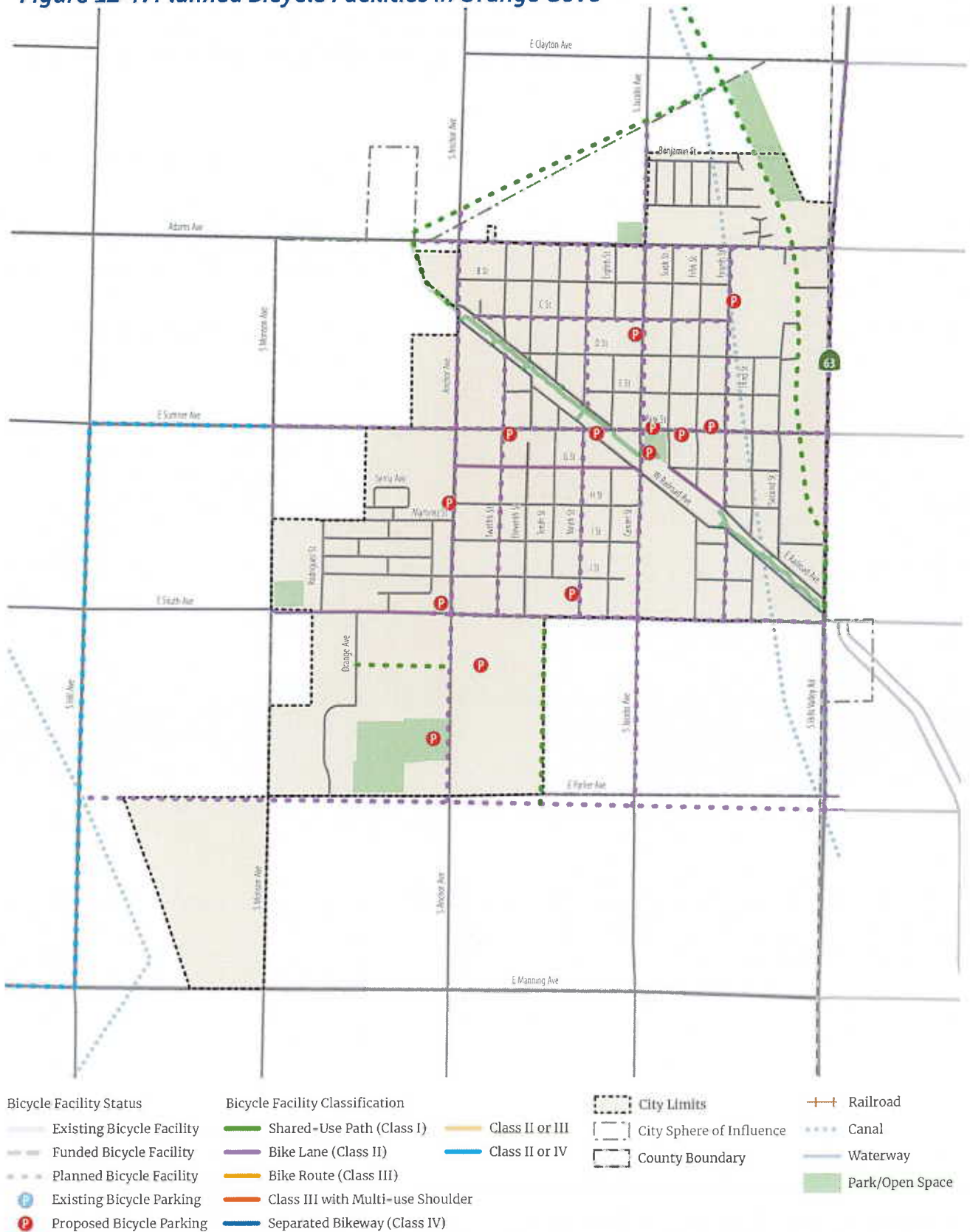
Source: Fehr & Peers, 2023

Figure 12-6: Planned Walking Facilities in Orange Cove



Source: Fehr & Peers, 2023

Figure 12-7: Planned Bicycle Facilities in Orange Cove



Source: Fehr & Peers, 2023

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CITY OF ORANGE COVE

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

To: Orange Cove City Council

From: Dario Dominguez, Assistant City Manager / Public Works Director

Subject: Adopt Resolution No. 2024-38 authorizing submittal of the Community Development Block Grant Application for the Sheridan Park Improvement Project.

Attachments:

1. Resolution No. 2024-38
2. Public Hearing Notice

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The City Council authorizes the submittal of the 2025-2026 grant application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for funding under the CDBG program, and if selected, the execution of standard agreements and required program documents and, adopt resolution 2024-38 approving the submittal of the application.

BACKGROUND

The 2025-2026 CDBG Program regulations require that the City conduct a public hearing on this project to provide for and encourage citizen participation, particularly by low- and moderate-income persons who reside in areas in which CDBG funds are used. The public hearing is opened to the public to comment on the project.

On October 21, 2024, The County's Community Development Division completed their review of the City's initial Community Development Block Grant Program application for the Sheridan Park Improvement Project in the amount of \$318,012. The County determined that the proposed project was eligible under the CDBG program.

A public notice was published in four public places on October 25, 2024, notifying the public of this public hearing.

The resolution authorizes the City Manager or designee(s), to sign the application, the Standard Agreements, and any subsequent amendments or modifications thereto, as well as any other documents required by HUD for participation in the CDBG Program.

The City proposes to apply for CDBG funds for the Sheridan Improvement Project which consists of improving the adjacent street and include adequate ADA parking.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost for preparation of the CDBG application by our City Engineer will be paid out of the general fund.

Prepared by: Assistant City Manager

Approved by: Dario Domnguez

REVIEW: City Manager: _____

Finance: _____

City Attorney: _____

TYPE OF ITEM:	COUNCIL ACTION:	APPROVED	DENIED	NO ACTION
<input type="checkbox"/> Consent				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing
<input type="checkbox"/> Info Item				<input type="checkbox"/> Matter Initiated by a Council Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Action Item				<input type="checkbox"/> Other
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Resolution of the Governing Body

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-38

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING AND THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO FROM THE 2025-2026 FUNDING YEAR OF THE STATE CDBG PROGRAM

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the **City** of Orange Cove as follows:

SECTION 1:

The City Council has reviewed and hereby approves the submission to the State of California of one or more application(s) in the aggregate amount, of \$318,012 for the following CDBG activities, pursuant to the and 2025-2026 CDBG program:

List activities and amounts

Activity (e.g. Public Services, Infrastructure, etc.)	Dollar Amount Being Requested for the Activity
Sheridan Park Improvement Project	\$ 318,012
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$

SECTION 2:

The **City Council** hereby approves the use of Program Income in an amount of \$318,012 for the CDBG activities described in Section 1.

SECTION 3:

The **City Council** acknowledges compliance with all state and federal public participation requirements in the development of its application(s).

SECTION 4:

The **City Council** hereby authorizes and directs the City Manager or designee*, to execute and deliver all applications and act on the **City's** behalf in all matters pertaining to all such applications.

SECTION 5:

If an application is approved, the Mayor or designee*, is authorized to enter into, execute and deliver the grant agreement (i.e., Standard Agreement), any recordable or nonrecordable contract documents, and any and all subsequent amendments thereto with the State of California for the purposes of the grant.

SECTION 6:

If an application is approved, the City Manager or designee*, is authorized to sign and submit Funds Requests and all required reporting forms and other documentation as may be required by the State of California from time to time in connection with the grant.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the **City** of Orange Cove held on 11/4/2024 by the following vote:

AYES: _____
NOES: _____

ABSENT: _____
ABSTAIN: _____

Diana Guerra Silva, Mayor
City Council

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
City of Fresno

I, Cynthia Cisneros, **City** Clerk of the **City** of Orange Cove, State of California, hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said City Council on this 4th day of November, 2024 and that said resolution has not been amended, modified, repealed, or rescinded since its date of adoption and is in full force and effect as of the date hereof.

Cynthia Cisneros, **City** Clerk of the **City** of Orange Cove,
State of California

By: Cynthia Cisneros, City Clerk

**CITY OF ORANGE COVE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice of Public Meeting on the Status of CDBG Funded Activities

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Orange Cove will hold a public hearing on November 4, 2024, at 11:00am at 633 6th Street / Orange Cove, CA 93646. The purpose of the hearing will be to update residents on the progress of the Sheridan Park Parking Lot Improvement Project. The project is being funded through a Community Development Block Grant provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The following information related to the project is available at 633 6th Street / Orange Cove, CA 93646 between the hours of 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, Monday – Friday or by emailing the contact listed below:

- A. Project progress/status of completion and expected timeframe to completion
- B. Results to date and projected totals, portion of project in service.
- C. Balance of funds available, and budget expectations to completion.

All persons interested in the status of funding, or the progress of the project are welcome to attend this meeting. Written comments can be directed to the City of Orange Cove, at 633 6th Street / Orange Cove, CA 93646), or you may contact Mr. Dario Dominguez by telephone or email at (559) 626-4488 and ddominguez@cityoforangecove.com no later than 5pm on November 1, 2024 to ensure placement in the official record of the hearing.

The City of Orange Cove does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identify, age, religion or disability. If you require specific accommodations to participate in the public hearing, please contact Mr. Dario Dominguez at least 5 days prior to the scheduled hearing.

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