



e-News

Stepping Up for Health, Equity, & Sustainability

Hi {{FirstName or "Friend"}},

As we get set our sights on the coming year, we also reflect on our accomplishments, partnerships, and growth over the past 12 months. Thank you for supporting our work on pedestrian safety and healthy, walkable communities for people of all ages and abilities.

We simply cannot do this without you! [Please support California Walks with a donation before December 31](#) to take our work to the next level in 2019!



Some highlights from an action-packed 2018:

- Broadened the reach of our [Community Pedestrian and Bicycle Training \(CPBST\) program](#), in partnership with [UC Berkeley SafeTREC](#). In 2018, we delivered technical assistance

training and education to over 460 people in 20 communities across the state, bringing the reach of our CPBST work to nearly 2,000 people across the state in over 80 communities.

- Provided capacity building and direct technical assistance to [California's seven Pedestrian & Bicycle Focus Cities](#), including two Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) workshops; support for the successful submission of six Active Transportation Program (ATP) proposals; and hosted three webinars that lifted up local successes and best practices around community engagement, social media and communications, and coalition building.
- Convened over 160 colleagues in mid-October at [PedsCount! 2018 in San Jose](#)—this year's program focused on the new horizons of technology, culture, and the future of mobility in California. Participants shared tools, research, and strategies for empowerment and successful community driven change.
- Welcomed new staff in Sacramento and in Los Angeles: [Esther Rivera](#), State Policy Manager, and [Danny Gonzalez](#), Community Programs Coordinator.
- Expanded the [Walk San Jose](#) program by with our [inaugural Walk to Work Day](#) event; kicked off [FutureProof](#), a series of casual conversations about transportation, housing, and environmental justice; and co-coordinated San Jose's second annual [World Day of Remembrance](#) with [San Francisco Bay Area Families for Safe Streets](#). Are you passionate about San Jose helping to improve its walkability? We're looking for a Walk San Jose Program Manager—[apply](#) and spread the word!
- Continued to work with walk and bike youth leaders in South Kern County and provided technical assistance across the state, from walkability efforts for older adults, to grant writing support for Active Transportation Program (ATP) applicants, to Safe Routes to Schools assessments for elementary schools.

And, a brief peek ahead to 2019:

- We'll launch a fresh, new website early in the new year—stay tuned!
- In partnership with SafeTREC, we'll facilitate 12 CPBST workshops—if your community is interested, [apply by January 11](#).
- We'll continue to provide technical assistance to the California Focus Cities and our local partners in Bakersfield, Fresno, Los Angeles, Santa Ana, San Diego, San Francisco, and San Jose.
- Walk San Jose will once again partner with Santa Clara County to bring Walk to Work Day to San Jose, and will work with [AARP California](#) to convene a Vision Zero San Jose Coalition.

We rely on your support as we continue to grow and help support residents and agencies across California create positive change in their communities. Please [consider making a donation to help strengthen](#) our engagement with communities across the state.

Thank you!

Tony Dang + the Cal Walks Team

Applications open for Community Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Training workshops!

California Walks and [UC Berkeley SafeTREC](#) are excited to enter the 10th year of the [Community Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Training](#) (CPBST) program! The CPBST program works with local communities to more effectively engage with agency staff to improve walking and biking in their communities. For each community selected to join the program, the process begins by bringing together a local planning committee of residents, safety advocates, and local agency representatives to develop the CPBST workshop.



Each workshop includes walking and biking assessments of local streets, an educational review of walking and biking infrastructure and community-led projects, and small group action planning to develop walking and biking infrastructure and programmatic projects. This model is based on the premise that community residents are the true experts in their community who should be given greater authority to co-create active transportation plans within their communities.

[Learn more about CPBST and how to apply >>](#)

We're hiring! Walk San Jose Program Manager



California Walks established the [Walk San Jose](#) program to serve as a linchpin organization for walkability efforts in San Jose. To that end, we are looking for a highly organized and motivated person to join our team to build and manage Cal Walks' local policy advocacy and community engagement work in the City of San Jose. This position will lead technical assistance, community engagement, and advocacy efforts to increase funding and improve local and regional transportation policies that further health, equity, and active transportation throughout San Jose. Additionally, the Walk San Jose Program Manager will oversee the establishment of this new, local program while simultaneously growing its capacity and sustainability through fundraising and development. The Walk San Jose Program Manager will work closely with the Executive and Deputy Directors. The ideal applicant will be based in San Jose or in Santa Clara County and be willing to travel throughout Northern California.

[Read the full job description and application instructions >>](#)

Building partnerships one ride at a time

Looking back on the 2018 trainings, one of our favorite moments was hosting our first on-bike assessment in the City of Arvin in Kern County. We worked with [Bike Arvin](#), who host numerous walking and biking safety programs for youth, to design a 3-mile bike assessment route.

Riding with the youth at their own pace, and on their own routes, without being overly focused on where the infrastructure falls short, gave us a small glimpse at how they navigate the uniqueness and complexities of riding in a rural city. Most importantly, it clearly humanized a field that can too often be overly technical, and that doesn't instinctively look to youth for ideas and solutions for the streets they walk and ride on.



[Read more about our work in Arvin and co-creating active transportation plans with communities >>](#)

Upcoming Events + Trainings

[2019 National Planning Conference](#)

April 13-16, 2019 | San Francisco, CA | Hosted by [American Planning Association](#)

[2019 APBP Conference](#)

August 25-28, 2019 | Portland, OR | Hosted by [Association of Pedestrian & Bicycle Professionals](#)

New Resources

[America Walks' 2019 Walking College Applications Open in February.](#)

[National Transportation Safety Board \(NTSB\), Special Investigation Report: Pedestrian Safety.](#)

[Federal Highway Administration \(FHWA\), Updated Guide for Improving Pedestrian Safety at Uncontrolled Crossing Locations](#)

[Federal Highway Administration \(FHWA\), Field Guide for Selecting Countermeasures at Uncontrolled Pedestrian Crossing](#)

[Locations](#)



We work hard to ensure our state invests in transportation dollars in communities that need it the most and equip community leaders with the tools they need to advocate for equitable and walkable communities locally. Every dollar helps—can you help sustain our work with a donation?

Have an item you want to share with the Cal Walks Network?

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