



e-News

## Stepping Up for Health, Equity, & Sustainability

Hi {{FirstName or "Friend"}},

It's with a heavy heart that our team has to [bid farewell to Jaime](#). Jaime joined Cal Walks when we were just a small, scrappy band of walk advocates trying to effect change in an enormous state and in the enormous City of San Jose. Over the past 5 years, Jaime has been integral to our team's successes in San Jose and statewide—helping me grow our team into a values-driven organization committed to social justice. She will be dearly missed, but we are so excited for her family and her new adventures back in DC.

But fret not for Cal Walks! Starting July 1, [Esther Rivera](#), current State Policy Manager, will be stepping up as our Interim Deputy Director. We know we've been remiss with our communications to you, but we are re-committing ourselves to updating you all on our work and the state of the movement going forward. Please be on the lookout for a completely revamped website ([www.calwalks.org](http://www.calwalks.org)) set to launch in the next few weeks.

With gratitude,

Tony Dang

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### Around the state...

#### **Completes Streets Bill SB 127 passes the Senate**

On May 23, the [Complete Streets for Active Living Bill](#) (SB 127) passed the California Senate. SB 127 would help ensure that Caltrans plans for and implements projects that make it safer to walk and bike on state highways that function as local streets. Cal Walks is co-sponsoring and championing SB 127 – alongside partners CalBike, The American Heart Association, Safe Routes Partnership, and AARP – to address the lack of accountability and transparency within Caltrans to meet their Complete Streets policies and improve the safety of all road users in their State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP).



[Learn more about why Californian's need SB 127, and what happens next »](#)

## **Greenfield youth leaders hold their first Safe Routes to Parks event**

Earlier this year the Greenfield Walking Group received news that they'd been awarded the [Activating Communities Grant](#), and we could not be more proud. Now the Youth Leaders have cut through the red tape to plan to host their first Safe Routes to Parks event on Saturday, June 22!



[Read more about the Greenfield Walking Group's community event, the P.A.S.S. Color Run »](#)

## **Cal Walks is hiring! Are you our new Community Program Coordinator?**

This is a dynamic and exciting position to support Cal Walks' community capacity building and technical assistance work to create healthier, more equitable transportation policies in communities across California. The ideal applicant will be based in Los Angeles County or Northern Orange County and be willing to travel throughout California.

[Learn more about the position and how to apply »](#)

## **Walk San Francisco is hiring**

[Walk San Francisco](#) is hiring for three positions: Policy Director, Vision Zero Organizer, and Family & Schools Coordinator. The [Policy Director](#) and [Vision Zero Organizer](#) positions will be at the heart of Walk SF's work to win transformative changes on San Francisco's streets, from speed safety cameras to a car-free Market Street to congestion pricing. The [Family & Schools Coordinator](#) is a fun, in-the-field position that's part of Walk SF's Safe Routes to School team.

[Learn more about the positions and how to apply »](#)

## **Circulate San Diego is hiring**

[Circulate San Diego](#) is hiring a [Director of Planning](#). This is a unique opportunity for a medium- to senior- level planning professional to join a high-profile nonprofit and to lead a team of creative planners.

[Learn more about the position and how to apply »](#)

## **Pueblo Planning wins APA Los Angeles award**

This week [Pueblo Planning](#), a participatory planning and design firm founded by [Cal Walks'](#) [Board President, Monique G. López](#), received the *Distinguished Leadership – Emerging Planning and Design Firm* award from the Los Angeles chapter of the American Planning Association. Congratulations to Monique and the Pueblo Planning team!

[Learn more this year's APA LA awards »](#)

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## **In San Jose...**



## **Welcome Nikita Sinha, our new Walk San Jose Program Manager!**

Join us in welcoming [Nikita Sinha](#), the new [Walk San Jose](#) Program Manager, to the Cal Walks team. Nikita is energized by the fact that San Jose neighbors are ready to re-imagine the spaces they live in, with a focus on people instead of cars, and she looks forward to being a part of the conversation on how San Jose can grow to be accessible and enjoyable for residents of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities.



[Meet Nikita Sinha, Walk San Jose Program Manager »](#)

## **Farewell, Jaime Fearer**

After five amazing years with California Walks, Jaime will be stepping down as Deputy Director on June 28. Jaime and her family are moving back to Washington, DC, this summer, in large part to be closer to family. While spearheading the Walk San Jose program, Jaime has accomplished so much, including: securing a \$150,000 grant to formally launch the Walk San Jose program; the adoption of San Jose's Vision Zero policy and first two-year action plan; helping the city secure over \$29 million in grant funding to safety improvements on Vision Zero corridors; and most recently, securing \$100,000 from the city as seed funding for its first comprehensive Pedestrian Master Plan. We're sad to see her go, and wish her and her family the best in their new adventures.



[Read Jaime's farewell post »](#)

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## Upcoming Events + Trainings

### **Save the date! 2019 Active Transportation Program Symposium**

August 19-20, 2019 | Sacramento, CA | Co-hosted by the [California Transportation Commission](#) and [Caltrans](#)

### **[2019 APBP Conference](#)**

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

### **[2019 Vision Zero Cities Conference](#)**

October 10-12, 2019 | New York, NY | Hosted by [Transportation Alternatives](#)

### **[2019 Safe Routes to School National Conference](#)**

November 12-14, 2019 | Tampa, FL | Hosted by [Safe Routes Partnership](#)

## New Resources

## **Measuring Vision Zero from the Outside – Webinar Recap**

[Vision Zero Network](#)

## **Dangerous by Design 2019: State Reports**

[National Complete Streets Coalition](#) | [Smart Growth America](#)

## **Safe Streets, Safe Families Guide**

[Los Angeles Walks](#)

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

[Send an e-mail to Jaime Fearer, Deputy Director](#)

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