



Part B: Narrative Questions

Detailed Instructions for: Question #3

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION and PLANNING (0-15 POINTS)

Describe the community based public participation process that culminated in the project/program proposal or will be utilized as part of the development of a plan.

- A. Who: Describe who was engaged in the identification and development of this project/program/plan (for plans: who will be engaged). (5 points max)**

Sacramento County has worked in partnership with many business owners, advocacy groups and neighborhood organizations including but not limited to the Power Inn Alliance, the Alliance of Californian for Community Empowerment (ACCE), and WALKSacramento.

Power Inn Alliance is a coalition of over 1,500 business and property owners in the Power Inn Area. Sacramento County greatly values its partnership with the Alliance and has worked with its members to determine transportation priorities and needs within the Power Inn community. A letter of support from the Power Inn Alliance is included in Attachment J.

Sacramento County has also been working with ACCE, a neighborhood advocacy group working for safe streets within disadvantaged communities. On April 17, 2015, area residents led by ACCE held a march on Power Inn Road asking for safer streets. The residents expressed outrage about being forced to walk in the dirt ditch or on the shoulder as cars and trucks pass them by a few inches away at a high rate of speed. The march was covered by news media and can be viewed at <http://fox40.com/2015/04/17/locals-march-for-safer-streets/>. An excerpt from this news coverage is included in Attachment K.



Area residents and ACCE members marching for safer streets on April 17, 2015



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ACCE members and area residents have met with SacDOT staff on multiple occasions to discuss the need for sidewalks on Power Inn Road. They also attended and spoke at the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors meeting on May 5, 2015 when the Board was taking action on nominating projects for ATP grant applications. A video of this meeting and the comments from ACCE members and area residents can be viewed at [May 5-2015 Board of Supervisors meeting](#). 18 letters of support from ACCE members and local residents are included in Attachment J.



ACCE members at the Board of Supervisors meeting on May 5, 2015



This project is also supported by WALKSacramento who has been a partner to Sacramento County for many years. Representatives from WALKSacramento were also present at the April 17 march. WALKSacramento is a nonprofit community organization working to achieve safe, walkable communities throughout the Sacramento area. They are committed to improving pedestrian safety in Sacramento and are currently focusing on South Sacramento in their “Vision Zero” campaign. According to their website (<http://www.walksacramento.org/our-work/vision-zero/>), “Vision Zero is a campaign to reduce the number of pedestrian deaths to ZERO. It involves a culture change to reclaim streets for people rather than cars, and relies on significant collaboration across agencies, organizations, and community residents to work towards improving street safety”. WALKSacramento is launching the Vision Zero initiative in the South Sacramento neighborhood to improve street safety for all road users. A letter of support from WALKSacramento is included in Attachment J.



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B. How: Describe how stakeholders were engaged (or will be for a plan). (4 points max)

SacDOT has met with community leaders and ACCE representatives to coordinate and collaborate on identifying the needs of the community. Even though the collaboration with ACCE on this project has been more recent, the County and the Board of Supervisors have engaged community stakeholders since November 2007, when the Board approved the Sacramento County Pedestrian Master Plan. This Master Plan establishes goals and strategies to increase pedestrian safety and improve walkability in the Sacramento County unincorporated area. The Pedestrian Master Plan project was set up to encourage and facilitate the maximum degree of public participation and included 3 years of public outreach and community participation. A sidewalk along this segment of Power Inn Road was considered to be a high priority project in the Master Plan. The County Pedestrian Master Plan can be viewed at [Sacramento County Pedestrian Master Plan](#).

C. What: Describe the feedback received during the stakeholder engagement process and describe how the public participation and planning process has improved the project's overall effectiveness at meeting the purpose and goals of the ATP. (5 points max)

During the community march on April 17, 2015, and at the Board of the Supervisors May 5, 2015 meeting, the project stakeholders communicated the urgency of this project to the decision makers. There have been two fatalities within the project segment since 2012, and four fatalities in the past 10 years.



There have also been many pedestrian and bicycle collisions resulting in injuries. Area residents want to be able to walk safely on Power Inn Road because it is the most direct route to many of their destinations. Many are elderly or disabled, or are traveling with younger children who cannot walk the extra distance that would be required when taking alternative routes.



- D. Describe how stakeholders will continue to be engaged in the implementation of the project/program/plan.
(1 points max)

Sacramento County will continue to meet and coordinate with all of our partners and advocacy groups including the Power Inn Alliance, ACCE, and WALKSacramento, and will seek input during the planning and design stage to ensure that the proposed project will meet the community's needs.



ACCE members and neighborhood residents at the April 17, 2015 march on Power Inn Road