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Groundbreaking of the Lake Ming Bike Path

Bike path to bring a new experience for bicyclists to enjoy the serenity of Lake Ming



What: Kern County Public Works celebrates the groundbreaking of the Lake Ming Bike Path at Lake Ming near the project site.

When: **Monday, September 26, 2022**
1-1:45 p.m.: Ceremony

Where: **13375 Lake Ming Road, Bakersfield, CA 93306**
Take Highway 178 East; turn left on Alfred Harrell Highway; turn right on Lake Ming Road; take Lake Ming Road all the way around until you reach the Lake Ming gate entrance; proceed through the gate and the event will be located on the right-hand side.

Who: Lake Ming Bike Path Groundbreaking Remarks and Attendees:

- Kern County Supervisor Mike Maggard – *Master of Ceremonies*
- Kern County Public Works Director Samuel Lux & Staff
- Bike Bakersfield's Board Secretary, Planning and Policy Director Cindy Parra

Background: Join Kern County Public Works, elected officials, and community members as we celebrate the groundbreaking of the Lake Ming Bike Path.

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The Lake Ming Bike Path project, which is part of the Kern River Specific Trails Plan approved in 2003, will complete the Kern River Parkway alignment, provide a continuous loop around Lake Ming, and complete the lake-to-lake alignment.

Once the Lake Ming Bike Path is complete, there will be more than 30 miles of continuous Class I & II bike infrastructure from Lake Ming to the Buena Vista Aquatic Recreational Area.

This project is a Class I path, which is a separate paved trail for use by bicyclists and pedestrians and is typically 10 feet wide with shoulders on each side to allow for two-way traffic and is Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant. This type of infrastructure provides a safer option than being on the road and is family-friendly within a park setting to allow for active transportation.

In 2018, Kern County Public Works was awarded approximately \$464,000 in Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds from Kern Council of Governments (KernCOG) to construct the Lake Ming Bike Path. In total, the project will cost approximately \$900,000 with Kern County Public Works funding \$435,995 and \$464,005 of funding from TDA.

"KernCOG's concern for continuity in the bike network was the nexus that sparked investment into furthering access around Lake Ming for County residents to enjoy nature through safe pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure," said Kern County Public Works Manager, Yolanda Alcantar.

Construction will begin on September 27, 2022 and is anticipated to be completed before the end of December 2022.

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