

Media Alert

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Ribbon-cutting Celebrating the Lake Ming Bike Path

1.1 miles of newly constructed path for all to enjoy



What: Kern County Public Works celebrates the completion of the Lake Ming Bike Path with a ribbon-cutting, followed by an inaugural bike ride in partnership with Kern Wheelmen and Bike Bakersfield.

When: **Friday, March 31, 2023**
10 a.m.: Ceremony with an inaugural bike ride to follow

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 first Lake Ming gate entrance; proceed through the gate and the event will be located on the left-hand side.

Who: Ribbon-cutting Remarks and Attendees:

- Kern County Supervisor Jeff Flores, District 3 – *Master of Ceremonies*
- Kern County Public Works Assistant Director Scott Radsick & Staff
- Kern Wheelmen President Joe Watkins
- Tony Renteria, Bike Bakersfield
- U.S. Congressman David G. Valadao's Field Representative
- Senator Shannon Grove's Field Representative

Background: Join Kern County Public Works, elected officials, and community members as we celebrate the completion 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, completes the Kern River Parkway alignment, providing a continuous loop around Lake Ming, and completing the lake-to-lake alignment with more than 30 miles of continuous Class I & II bike infrastructure from Lake Ming to the Buena Vista Aquatic Recreational Area.

The Lake Ming Bike Path 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 the Kern Council of Governments (KernCOG) to construct the Lake Ming Bike Path. In total, the project cost approximately \$946,000 with Kern County Public Works funding approximately \$482,000 and \$464,000 of funding from TDA.

Taking three months to complete, the project began in September 2022 and was completed on December 22, 2022.

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