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Transportation Development Act Awards \$44,000 Grant to Kern County Public Works for New Bicycle Facilities in County Parks

KERN COUNTY, Calif. March 3, 2026 – Kern County Public Works has secured grant funding from the California Department of Transportation's Transportation Development Act (TDA) to support the construction of new bicycle facilities within Kern County parks – strengthening its Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Program.

In collaboration with the Kern Council of Governments (KernCOG), the project includes the installation of five (5) public benches with integrated bicycle parking, as well as three (3) bicycle repair stations. These amenities were strategically installed at key access points within County parks at the beginning and end of the Kern River Parkway Trail to enhance accessibility and convenience for trail users.

The new bicycle facilities are now open at Lake Ming, Hart Memorial Park, and Lake Buena Vista. Additional locations to be added as the program continues to grow.

Professional-Grade Bicycle Repair Stations

"The bicycle repair stations make it easier than ever for cyclists to stay safe and keep riding. Each station features a user-friendly air pump that works with both Schrader and Presta valves, the two most common valve types, so riders can quickly inflate their tires and get back on the trail," said Kern County Public Works Planner II, Logan Clairday. "To help with unexpected flats or quick adjustments, the repair stations include tire levers, Allen wrenches, and standard bike wrenches. Whether it's tightening a loose seat, adjusting handlebars, or removing a wheel, cyclists have the basic tools they need right at their fingertips."

These repair stations are now available near the western Lake Ming restrooms, the Sheriff's Range at Hart Park, and near the restrooms at Lake Buena Vista, providing convenient support for riders throughout the community.

**[Lake Ming
Location Map](#)**

**[Hart Memorial Park
Location Map](#)**

**[Lake Buena Vista
Location Map](#)**

The project was completed by a local vendor, Premier Welding Fabrications, with the majority of materials sourced within Kern County, supporting local businesses and the regional economy. Kern County Public Works is excited to continue expanding bicycle infrastructure and looks forward to installing additional facilities like these in the future to further promote active transportation and recreational opportunities.

Funding for this program was provided by KernCOG through the TDA.

Kern County Public Works is a department of the County of Kern and is responsible for the planning, design, construction, maintenance, and operation of roads, bridges, traffic signals, sanitary landfills, and publicly owned facilities. Kern County Public Works strives to provide quality public services including road permit inspection, building permit inspection and plan check, code compliance, engineering and surveying review of proposed land development, solid waste and hazardous waste disposal, wastewater treatment, public transportation, and community outreach, which serve to protect and enhance the lives of the people of Kern County. For more information, visit www.kernpublicworks.com and follow us on Facebook and Instagram @kerncountypublicworks.

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