

The primary goal of the BTP is to identify facilities and programs that will increase the use of and safety of bicycles as a means of transportation within Los Altos and by the residents of Los Altos. Almost anyone can ride a bicycle, and the BTP seeks to address the needs of all riders and potential riders. As a convenience, we categorize bicyclists into the following groups:

- **Commuters** - adults who regularly bicycle between their residences and work. This would include, among others, a Los Altos resident who works at Stanford and an hourly employee commuting to work in the village
- **Enthusiasts** - skilled adults.
- **Casual / Family** riders - adults who use bicycles for running errands, exercise, or as a family activity
- **School Children** - children who bicycle to school.

Recognizing these types of categories, the BTP establishes the following basic goals:

For Commuters:

1. To provide suitable (we'll have to explain what we mean by suitable for each category later) commute routes for bicyclist passing through Los Altos between Sunnyvale and Cupertino and Palo Alto.
2. To provide suitable routes for residents working to the west (e.g., Stanford), north (e.g. Mountain View), and east (e.g., Cupertino).
3. To provide effective commute routes for bicyclists working in the primary employment areas within the city: downtown, the Rancho, Loyola Corners, the El Camino corridor.
4. Through policy and ordinance, to encourage and provide for adequate bicycle parking and locker room facilities for employees working in Los Altos.
5. To support the county-wide bicycle plan developed by the VTA.

For Enthusiasts:

1. Promote Los Altos business districts and their offerings as a destination rather than just a place to ride by.
2. Promote safety awareness for large groups of bicycle enthusiasts riding through town

For Casual / Family Riders

1. For casual / Family Riders we believe that any destination within a 20 minute ride is bikeable. The BTP identifies a number of destinations within the city (and nearby). Los Altos will provide suitable routes to these destinations from any point within a 3 mile radius.
2. Through policy and ordinance, to encourage and provide for adequate bicycle parking at destinations.
3. To support the completion of the Stevens Creek recreation trail.
4. To develop suitable routes that provide Los Altos residents with access to the Stevens Creek recreation trail.
5. To create a bikeable business districts.
6. To create a North-South bicycle route alternative to Foothill Expressway.

For school children:

1. To provide suitable safe routes to schools for every child living within 2 miles of his/her elementary or middle school. (This applies to children whose schools are in Los Altos and to Los Altos residents whose schools are in neighboring communities.)
2. To provide safety training and programs to encourage bicycling as a means of getting to schools.