

Modesto Junior College
Academic Senate
Resolution: SP014-A
Support of the City of Modesto's Proposed Class 1 MJC Bike Path
Between the East and West Campuses

- Proposed by:** Bill Anelli, Brian Greene, Noah Hughes, Elizabeth McInnes and Michael Smedshammer
- Whereas:** City of Modesto engineers have a detailed proposal for an MJC Bike Path that is feasible given existing infrastructure considerations
<<http://youtu.be/21ngA0ICFJE>>;
- Whereas:** The proposed MJC Bike Path provides a safe, reliable, efficient transportation alternative to often-congested parking lots, facilitating access to classes;
- Whereas:** Bike paths are an example of modern public policy as discussed in various MJC courses (e.g. Philo 135: Environmental Ethics and POLSC 120: California Politics and Problems);
- Whereas:** The movement to improve bicycling options to and between MJC's campuses is an example of civic engagement, collaboration and advocacy with both City of Modesto planning/engineering staff and citizen groups that we strive to foster in students;
- Whereas:** Safer, more appealing bicycle routes encourage bicycling and exercise in general, positively impacting MJC student and employee wellness;
- Whereas:** The MJC Mission statement includes "provid[ing] a dynamic, innovative educational environment," and a bike path between campuses would contribute to such an environment, as has taken place at New York University, the University of California, Davis, and other bike-friendly campuses across the country;
- Whereas:** The MJC Values statement includes "innovation, professionalism, integrity, and responsible stewardship," all values that readily align with the MJC Bike Path Project;
- Whereas:** The MJC Vision statement is to "enrich lives by challenging all students to become successful, lifelong learners who strengthen their community," and the MJC Bike Path Project would be a source of pride as a model of good environmental stewardship, as well as a connection between the college and the community; and
- Whereas:** The MJC Bike Path Project aligns with College Goal #6, which states "MJC will expand and enhance outreach to business, industry, and the community based on identified needs and opportunities," because of the potential connection between the Virginia Corridor walking path and the proposed MJC Bike Path, as well as potential improvements to businesses and aesthetics on 9th Street;

Therefore: Be it resolved, that the MJC Academic Senate supports the City of Modesto in constructing the MJC Bike Path;

Therefore: Be it further resolved, that Associated Students of Modesto Junior College be included to gain student input and support for the MJC Bike Path and efforts to improve bicycling to and between campuses in a reliable and safe manner.

First Reading: April 3, 2014

Final Reading: April 17, 2014

Disposition: Carried