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### **Mountain View Honored as a “Bicycle Friendly Community”**

#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**Mountain View, California** — The City accepted the League of American Bicyclists-Bronze Level award/designation as a “Bicycle Friendly Community” at the Council meeting on Tuesday, February, 24<sup>th</sup>. This was a great honor for the City as it adds to an extended track record of three honors! The Bicycle Friendly Community Program is the only national program that recognizes communities for improving their transportation networks and trail facilities for bicyclists. Mountain View is one of only 96 communities in the country that are designated as “Bicycle Friendly Communities.”

**Bicycle Friendly Mountain View** — In the City 100 percent of arterial streets are outfitted with bike lanes or paved shoulders. The City’s most significant bicycle-related investment is the Stevens Creek Trail, a major north/south bicycle commute and recreation corridor. Currently, 4.3 miles of the 6 mile paved trail have been constructed. Design has begun on the next phase of the Trail, Sleeper Avenue to Dale/Heatherstone, which will re-unite the east and west sides of the City divided in the 1960s as a result of construction of Highway 85. In 2007, the first phase of the City’s bicycle boulevard network, the 3.4 mile Mayfield-Whisman Bicycle Boulevard was completed.

Key accomplishments noted as qualifying the City for as a “Bicycle Friendly Community” award/designation include:

- Completing Reach 4 Segment 1 of Mountain View’s Stevens Creek Trail.

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- High numbers of bicycle commuters—over four times the national average and plans to increase these numbers.
- A 52-space bicycle shelter at the Downtown view Transit Center—a multi-modal transit hub and the primary transit station in Mountain View.
- Education efforts such as the elementary school bicycle safety education program, in which all seven schools participated.
- Identifying and pursuing more educational opportunities for cyclists of all ages.
- Use of “Safe Routes to School” Program funds to construct safety improvements such as speed deterrents, traffic circles, pedestrian signals, and radar speed warning signs.
- “Bike-to-Work” Day Energizer stations located throughout the City staffed by many volunteers and organizations such as the City’s Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

**For Further Information** — Should you have further questions or inquiries concerning bicycle friendly Mountain View, please contact Genevieve Fire, P.E., Senior Civil Engineer, Public Works Department at (650) 903-6260 or by E-mail at [jenny.fire@mountainview.gov](mailto:jenny.fire@mountainview.gov) For other media inquiries, please contact Kimberly S. Thomas, Assistant to the City Manager at (650) 903-6210 or by E-mail at: [kimberly.thomas@mountainview.gov](mailto:kimberly.thomas@mountainview.gov) Additional information about the City of Mountain View is available online at: [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov)

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