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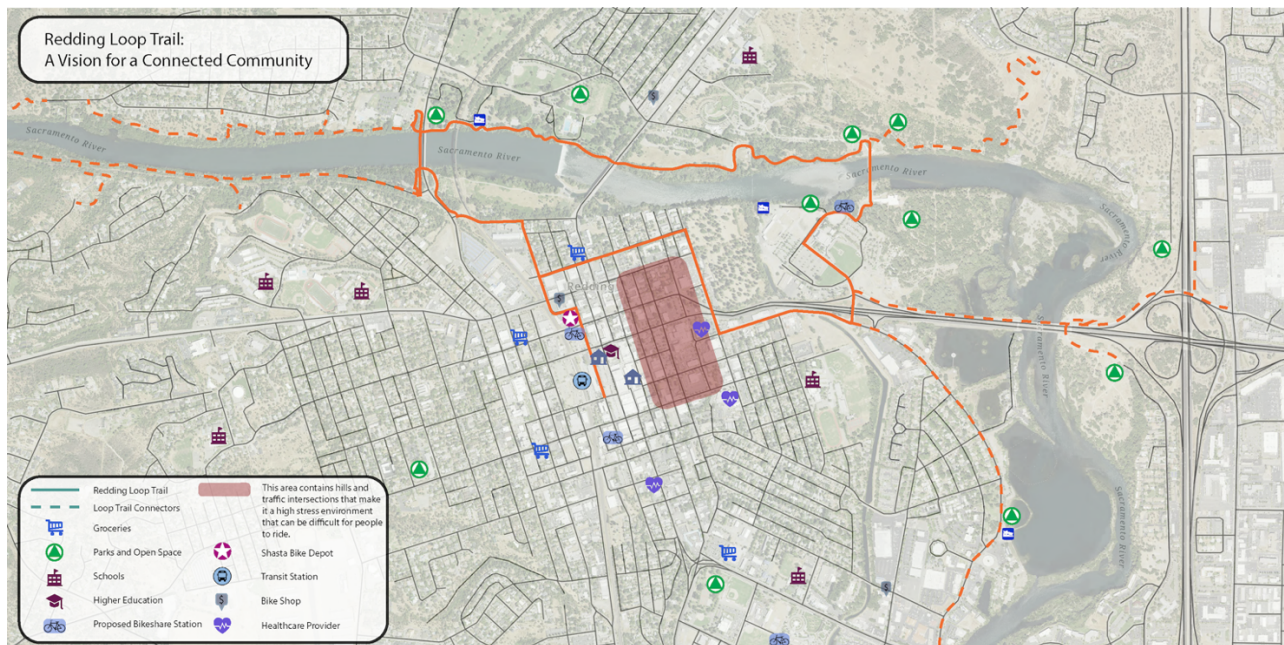
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Protected bike lanes: Extending a trail-like experience in and out of Downtown Redding

The City of Redding has installed two-way protected bike lanes on more than two miles of city streets that connect Downtown Redding and the Sacramento River Trail.

The connected city-street protected bike lanes make up more than half of a 5.1-mile loop through Downtown and along the Sacramento River Trail.

The newly completed protected bikeway extends four blocks of California Street, past the Shasta Bike Depot and the Downtown Transit Center, into the heart of Downtown Redding.



Continuous Loop of safety and comfort. The protected bike lanes connect downtown and the Shasta Bike Depot to the Sacramento River Trail at the South Diestelhorst and Turtle Bay trailheads, creating a 5.1-mile bike route. Inspiration comes from the Indianapolis Cultural Trail.

Connecting people from across the city. Many people can comfortably ride a bike 3 miles. More than 68,000 people live within three miles of this loop (GPS analysis, population data).

Inspired by The Indianapolis Cultural Trail City Revitalization. One inspiration for the city trail-like experience comes from Indianapolis Cultural Trail. A public-private partnership effort building initial 8 miles of city trail system connecting Downtown, businesses, neighborhoods and parks and including a high-quality bikeshare system. Executive Director Karen Haley has visited and presented in Redding two times in recent years. Studies show: assessed value of properties within 500 feet of the trail increased by \$1 billion in the initial 6 years. Other findings: Users feel safe on the trail, city trail usage exceeds that of most other trails and greenways, businesses located on the trail have hired additional employees.



Direct access to four river crossings making connections into and out of Downtown, and across the City of Redding - north, west, and east. These linked, protected bike lanes and trails provide safe and comfortable, direct access by bike to the Diestelhorst, Sundial, Ribbon Bridge, and Highway 44 bikeway bridge crossing of the Sacramento River, enabling bike trips between Downtown Redding and the neighborhoods to the north, west, and east.

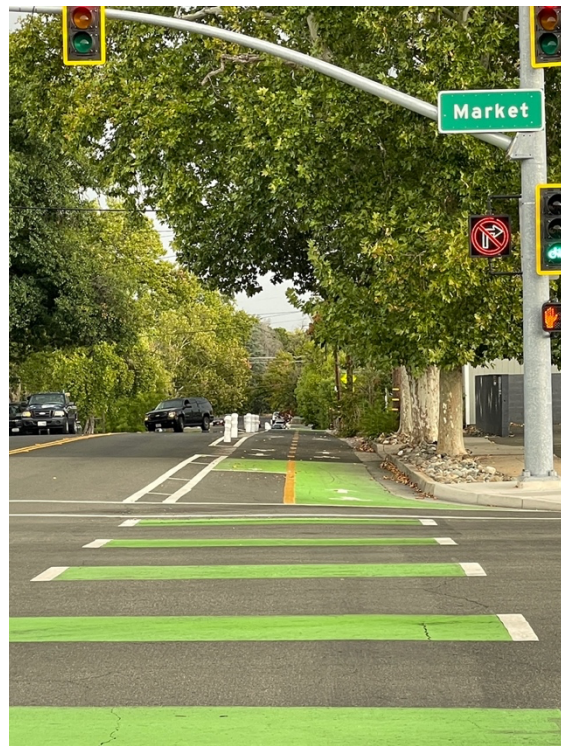
Trail and Park connections. The protected bike lanes will provide direct access by bike from Downtown Redding to sites along the Sacramento River Trail, including the Turtle Bay Exploration Park, Sundial Bridge, McConnell Arboretum & Botanical Gardens, Caldwell Park, Redding Aquatic Center, Caldwell Recreation Center, the Redding Bike Parks, and the Ribbon Bridge. In total, the connection to and from downtown will enable people on bikes to access 30 miles of paved trails and more than 125 miles of unpaved trails along the Sacramento River and up into the foothills west of town.

Access to public transit and trains. The protected bike lanes will provide safe, comfortable access to the Downtown Transit Center for people traveling by bike. People on bikes will be able to ride to and park at the neighboring Shasta Bike Depot secure bike parking station (for up to ten days), and walk over to the Downtown Transit Center to catch a local or regional transit bus, or the train.

Images



A view of the *newly completed* section on California Street at Shasta Street



View of the Butte-Continental-Trinity "BCT" section completed Fall 2024



Key Concepts

Protected bike lanes on city streets create the comfortable, safe conditions that so many people in Redding appreciate on Redding Trails. City bikeways are designed to provide safe, comfortable conditions for people of all ages and abilities, with concrete, or bollards that create separation between bike and vehicle traffic. The success of downtown revitalization investments depends on attracting people from across the community, many of whom are not comfortable riding in car traffic. Protected bike lanes are the new normal, installed on city streets throughout California and the U.S.

The protected bike lanes will provide direct access by bike to the Sacramento River Trail for residents of Downtown Redding, including in the new affordable housing sites.

The protected bike lanes enable visitors riding on the Sacramento River Trail to ride directly to downtown restaurants, lodging and entertainment and cultural venues. It's a comfortable 15-20 minute ride on a bike from the Sundial Bridge to Downtown Redding on the new routes.

The protected bike lanes provide safe, comfortable access for people using Redding Bikeshare along all areas of the 5 mile Loop.

Funding Includes

The portion of the connected bikeway loop on city streets is supported by four separate grant-funded projects:

Newly Completed California Street protected bikeway. From Division St. to Yuba St. Funded in 2017 as part of the \$15 million grant from the state Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program for the Market Center mixed-use project at Market and Butte streets, with \$2.8 million in additional Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funding in 2023.

The BCT. Butte, Continental and Trinity streets: Funded in 2019 as part of the \$20 million grant from the state Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program for the \$111 million mixed-use housing, commercial and transportation California Place project. Shasta Bike Depot and Redding Bikeshare are part of this project.

Diestelhorst to Downtown. 2-way bikeway along Riverside Dr., Center St., Division St. Funded in 2020 by a \$1.63 million Active Transportation Program grant.

Turtle Bay - Sundial Bridge to Butte Street. Planning underway. Funded in 2020 by a \$1.27 million Active Transportation Program grant.

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