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## **Protected Bikeway Connecting South Fresno and North Fresno along Palm Avenue**

**FRESNO, CA** – Councilmember Esmeralda Soria and Council President Miguel Arias are hosting a virtual community meeting via Zoom tonight to discuss the creation of a Protected Bikeway along Palm Avenue that will connect South Fresno and North Fresno to Dakota and with the cooperation of the County of Fresno will add a stretch connecting to Shaw Avenue.

The City of Fresno will be applying for a grant to fund this project and wants to hear from residents regarding these upgrades. The bikeway will reduce travel lanes from 4 to 2 with a center turn lane and will include flexible posts between cyclists and vehicles.

“Cities across the state offer cyclists protected bikeways that add an extra layer of protection for riders and drivers. As the 5<sup>th</sup> largest city in the state of California, Fresno should already be at the forefront in providing a safe experience for our cyclists. This project will connect the north and south parts of our city and will open the doors to more protected bikeways in other areas,” said Councilmember Soria.

Community members are encouraged to attend and provide their input and vision for this project. A link to a survey was published asking for community input on this potential project. Hundreds of residents have provided their input.

Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T5NNCCS>

The Virtual Community meeting will be held on **Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM** via Facebook live and can be watched at: **@EsmeraldaForCityCouncil** or **@AriasForCouncil**.

Residents may also join via Zoom using the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/99170680769>

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