



# City of Watsonville Bicycle Facilities Existing and Proposed Facilities

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# Bicycle Network Map

## WHAT IT IS

- Policy Element in General Plan
- Vision for Connectivity and Mobility

## WHAT IT IS NOT

- Final Design Guide
- Set in Stone

## HOW WILL CITY USE IT

- Policy Decisions for Funding/Grants
- Starting Point for Designs
- New Projects & Programs:  
Resurfacing Program  
Safe Routes to School



*Pennsylvania Dr @ Starlight Elementary School  
Class IV – Protected Bikeway*

# Bicycle Network Map

## Existing Conditions – Watsonville, CA

Last Formal Plan: 2005 General Plan

Updates: VISTA 2030 General Plan (Rescinded)

2012 Trails & Bicycle Master Plan





Downtown Complete Streets Plan (2019)

Complete Streets to Schools Plan (2020)

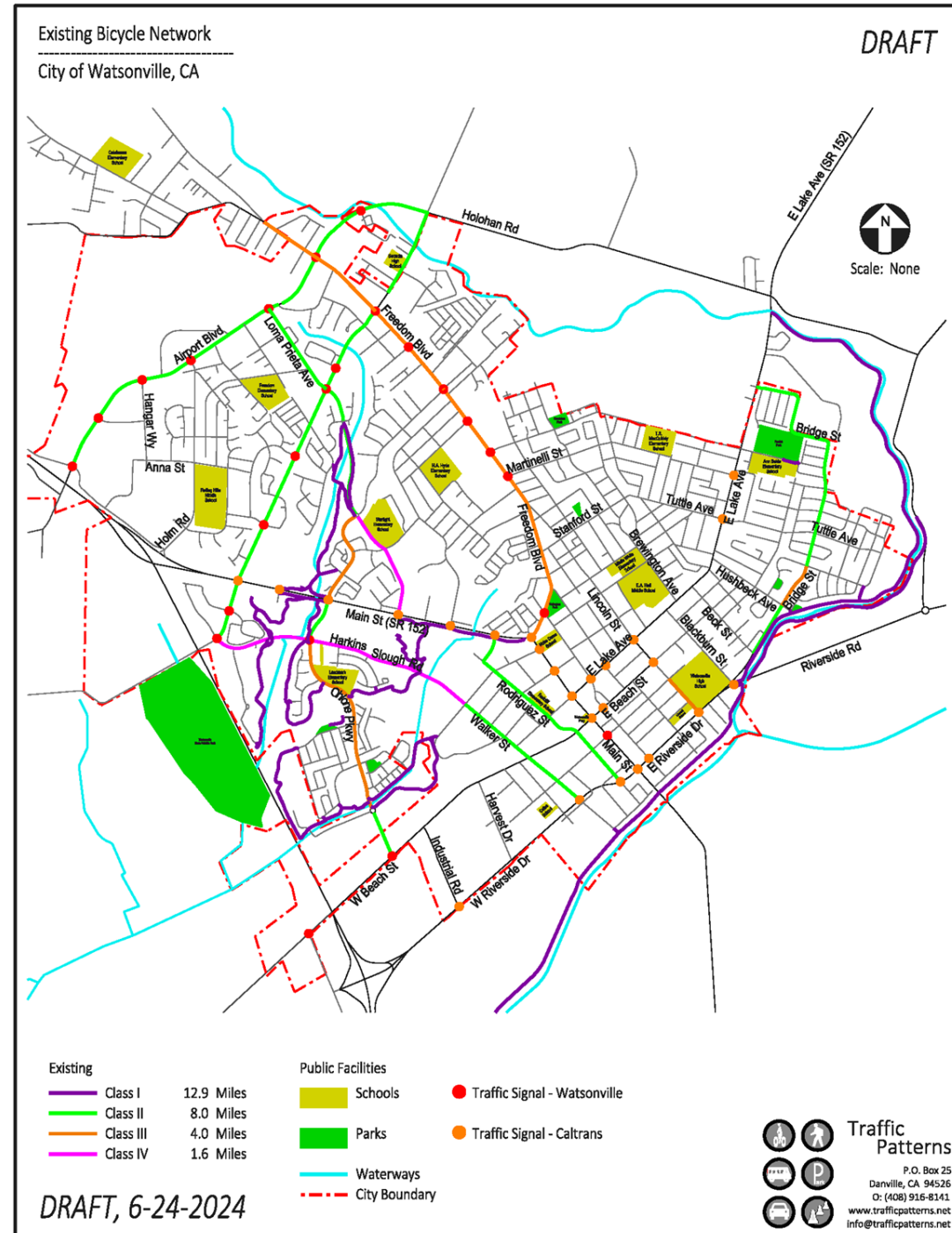
Downtown Watsonville Specific Plan (2023)

Map Shown: Field Verification (On-Going)

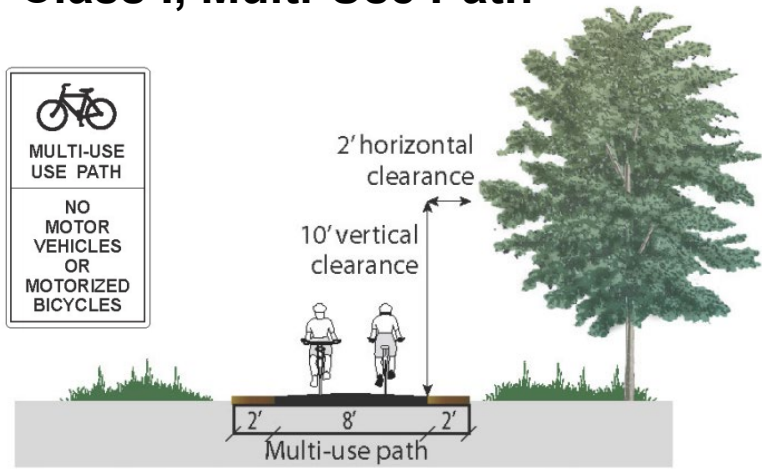
### Existing

	Class I	12.9 Miles
	Class II	8.0 Miles
	Class III	4.0 Miles
	Class IV	1.6 Miles

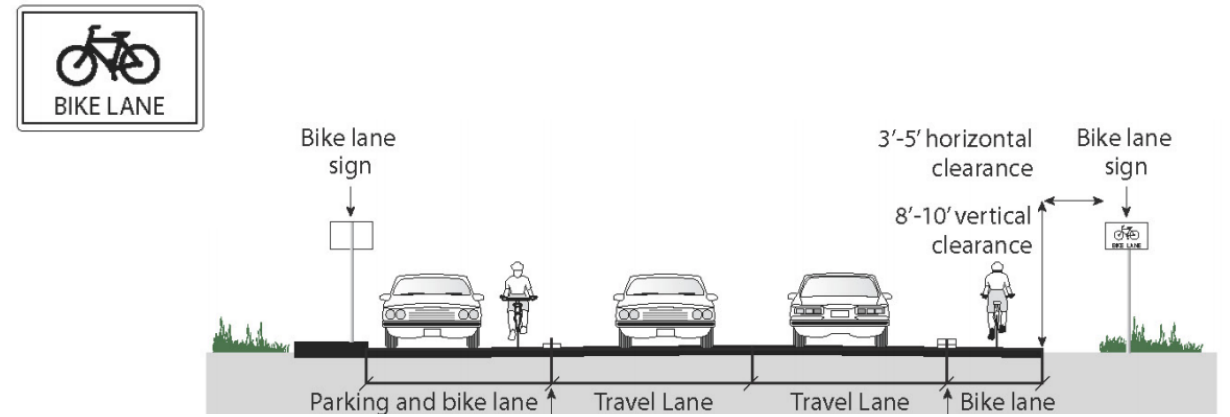
*Straight Street Miles  
Not Accounting for Two Directions  
On One Street*



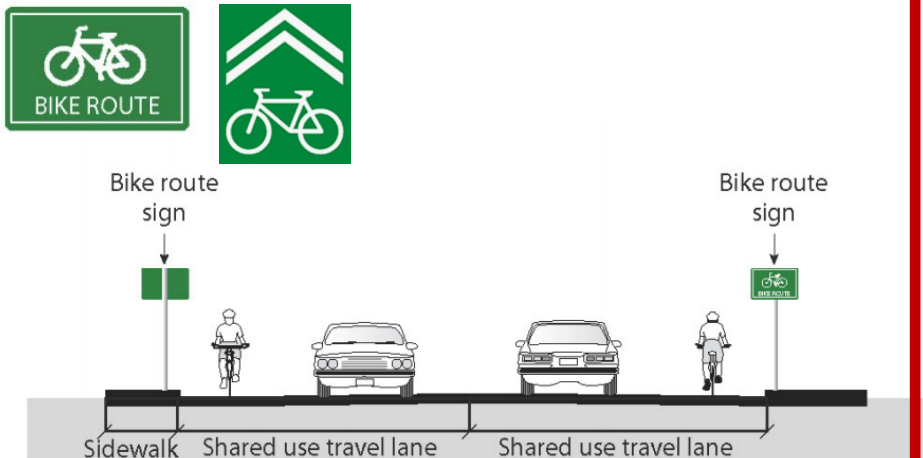
### Class I, Multi-Use Path



### Class II, Bike Lane



### Class III, Bike Route

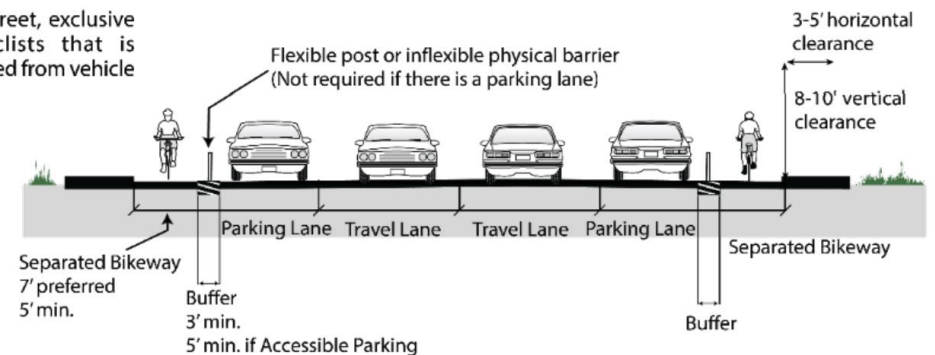


### Preferred Treatment on Collector and Arterial Streets

### Class IV, Protected Bikeway

*(Proposed for Study as Part of Project Implementations)*

Provides an on-street, exclusive space for bicyclists that is physically separated from vehicle travel lanes.



# Class I – Multi Use Trails

## Existing Conditions – Watsonville, CA

**Design Elements:** Grade Separated from Vehicle Traffic  
Min. 8 FT  
Preferred Width. 10 – 12 FT  
Paved. 2-FT D.G. Shoulder (Runners)

**Watsonville: 12.9 Miles**

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**Best Serve:** Safe Routes to School  
Recreational Use

**Ex. Condition** Pavement Maintenance Required  
**Observations:** Remove Barrier Elements



*Pennsylvania Dr – South of Winding Wy*

# Class II – Bike Lanes

## Existing Conditions – Watsonville, CA

**Design Elements:** On Street – Buffer Preferred  
Preferred Width. 6 FT  
Green Bike Lane Markings  
Sign Network Connections  
Traffic Calming Plan

**Watsonville: 8.0 Miles**

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**Best Serve:** Commuter Routes  
Safe Routes to School  
Regional Connections

**Ex. Condition** Narrow Bike Lanes  
**Observations:** Add Buffers where Feasible



*S Green Valley Rd*



*Freedom Blvd at Callaghan Park*

# Class III – Bike Routes

## Existing Conditions – Watsonville, CA

**Design Elements:** Shared Lane on Street  
Green Sharrow Markers  
Sign Network Connections

**Watsonville: 4.0 Miles**

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**Best Serve:** Neighborhood - Safe Routes to School

Constrained Commute Routes  
(Super Sharrow Markings)

**Ex. Condition Observations:** Bike Route Signs Non-Standard  
Use Greenback Sharrow at Sign Locations



*Freedom Blvd at Stanford St*



# Class IV – Protected Bikeways

## Existing Conditions – Watsonville, CA

**Design Elements:** On Street w/Vertical Element in Buffer Zones  
Green Bike Lane Markings  
Parking can Serve as Buffer Zone

**Watsonville: 1.6 Miles**

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**Best Serve:** Commuter Routes  
Safe Routes to School  
Regional Connections

**Ex. Condition Observations:** Street Sweeping Required



*Harkins Slough Rd  
@ Sunset Cover*



*Pennsylvania Dr*





# Proposed Bicycle Network

Compiling past recommendations into the General Plan 2050

- Watsonville 2005 General Plan (1994)
- Draft VISTA 2030 General Plan (2008)
- Trails & Bicycle Master Plan (2012)
- Downtown Complete Streets Plan (2019)
- Complete Streets to Schools Plan (2020)
- Downtown Watsonville Specific Plan (2023)



# Netherlands Study Visit 2024



# TRAFFIC PATTERNS



## Questions & Comments



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