Hi {{FirstName or "Friend"}},{

Maybe you're as surprised as we are that it's nearly April! We've got so much to share with you, and we've captured a number of state, local, and partner updates below. As always, we thank you for supporting our work on pedestrian safety and healthy, walkable communities for people of all ages and abilities.

We rely on your support as we continue to grow and help support residents and agencies across California create positive change in their communities. Please consider making a donation to help strengthen our engagement with communities across the state.

Thank you!

The Cal Walks Team

Around the state...

Is it a main street or a highway? Sometimes it's both.

We've got an update on Senator Scott Wiener's SB 127, which would help ensure that Caltrans plans for and implements projects that make it safer to walk and bike on state highways that function as local streets.

Learn more about why Californian's need SB 127, and why we're co-sponsoring this legislation »
Greenfield youth leaders are 2019 Safe Routes to Parks grantees!

On February 6, the Greenfield Walking Group received news that they’d been awarded the Activating Communities Grant, and we could not be more proud. The youth’s proposal is one of twelve communities selected (out of 115), and the only California community awarded!

Read more about the Greenfield Walking Group’s journey from vision to implementation funding »

Caltrans releases guidance for permitted parklets on state highways

Our partners at Shasta Living Streets worked with Caltrans in 2015 on a parklet demonstration in downtown Redding – the first on a state highway. Now, Caltrans has developed guidance on encroachment permits for parklets on state highways that also serve as local roads.

Take a closer looks at the Caltrans memo and guidance for parklet permits on state highways »

ICYMI, Cal Walks youth leaders reflect on APHA and PedsCount! 2018

Last fall, Cal Walks Youth Leaders Jacelyn Gomez and Barbara Perez attended and presented at the PedsCount! Summit in San Jose and the American Public Health Association’s annual meeting in San Diego, and they shared some of their experiences and reflections with us.

Read Jacelyn's reflections from APHA »
Read Barbara's reflections from PedsCount! »

Walk SF is hiring a Vision Zero Advocacy Manager

With only 5-years left to reach Vision Zero in San Francisco, Walk SF is hiring a Vision Zero Advocacy Manager to see to it that we get to zero fatalities and severe injuries by 2024. This is a pivotal time, and this is position will help create a San Francisco where everyone — of every age and ability — is able to get around safely, easily, and affordably.

Learn more about the position and how to apply »
Berkeley conducts traffic enforcement in memory of Zachary Cruz

February 27 marked the 10-year anniversary of the death of 5-year-old Zachary Cruz in Berkeley. This year, the Berkeley Police Department conducted traffic enforcement in memory of Zachary, with a focus on stop sign, seatbelt, and right-of-way violations around the Warring and Derby Street intersection.

Learn more about OursDid.org, and an upcoming art show in honor of Zachary »

In San Jose...

We are hiring a Walk San Jose Program Manager

California Walks established the Walk San Jose program to serve as a linchpin organization for walkability efforts in San Jose. To that end, we are looking for a highly organized and motivated person to join our team to build and manage Cal Walks’ local policy advocacy and community engagement work in the City of San Jose.

Learn more about the position and how to apply »

Car culture has created a Silicon Valley public health crisis

Actually, car culture has created a public health crisis across the state and country. Cal Walks deputy director and Walk San Jose founder, Jaime Fearer, is now writing a monthly transportation and sustainability column for San Jose Spotlight, a new, local online news source. You can catch her column on the first Thursday of the month.
Climate Smart San Jose's 2019 Outstanding Transportation Champion

In mid-March the City of San Jose's Environmental Services Department announced the winners of its inaugural Climate Smart Champion awards, recognizing champions in seven different categories for helping to achieve the goals of Climate Smart San Jose. We are thrilled to share that California Walks/Walk San Jose, led locally by Cal Walks deputy director Jaime Fearer, was named this year's Outstanding Transportation Champion!

Upcoming Events + Trainings

[Webinar] What's Next for Walkable Communities
April 10, 2019 | 11:00 am PT | Hosted by America Walks

[Webinar] Speed Management Strategies in the US and around the Globe
April 11, 2019 | 12:30 pm PT | Hosted by Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) + Vision Zero Network

2019 National Planning Conference
April 13-16, 2019 | San Francisco, CA | Hosted by American Planning Association

GHSA and IIHS Speeding Forum
April 15-16, 2019 | Ruckervile, VA | Hosted by Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) + Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS)

April 18, 2019 | 10:00 am PT | Hosted by Vision Zero Network

Safe Systems Summit: Redefining Transportation Safety
April 23-24, 2019 | Durham, NC | Hosted by Collaborative Sciences Center for Road Safety

[Webinar] Fuel for Active Bodies: Increasing Access to Healthy Foods
May 8, 2019 | 11:00 am PT | Hosted by America Walks

[Webinar] Safe Speeds, Safe Communities: Partners in Speed Management
June 12, 2019 | 11:00 am PT | Hosted by America Walks

2019 APBP Conference
August 25-28, 2019 | Portland, OR | Hosted by Association of Pedestrian & Bicycle Professionals

Save the Date! Vision Zero Cities Conference
October 10-12, 2019 | New York, NY | Hosted by Transportation Alternatives

New Resources

Dangerous by Design 2019
Smart Growth America + National Complete Streets Coalition

Speeding Away from Zero: Rethinking a Forgotten Traffic Safety Challenge
Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA)

Pedestrian Traffic Fatalities by State: 2018 Preliminary Data
Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA)

We work hard to ensure our state invests in transportation dollars in communities that need it the most and equip community leaders with the tools they need to advocate for equitable and walkable communities locally. Every dollar helps—can you help sustain our work with a donation?

Have an item you want to share with the Cal Walks Network? Send an e-mail to Jaime Fearer, Deputy Director