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## Valley Springs Town Center Connectivity Plan

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**Public Meeting:** 

Monday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:00-8:00 pm

Location:

Valley Springs Elementary School, Multi-Purpose Room

The Valley Springs Town Center Connectivity Plan will provide an implementation framework for transportation projects that improve safety and access for students, residents, shoppers, and visitors. The plan will develop realistic projects, based on available near-term and long-term funding sources, that improve student and resident safety, improve vehicular circulation, and create a bicycle and pedestrian friendly community that people of all ages and abilities can enjoy.

This first public meeting provides an overview of the project, the intended outcomes, public engagement opportunities and a summary of the information collected to date. We will explain the work moving forward and in-form the public of opportunities to provide input on development of the project. Most importantly, the first community meeting will provide an opportunity for "ground floor" input regarding existing issues and barriers, as well as potential opportunities the community would like the Design Team to consider.

## About the Project:

In 2016, the Calaveras Council of Governments (CCOG) submitted an application to Caltrans for a Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant to fund the Valley Springs Complete Streets Capital Infrastructure Plan. In December 2017, Caltrans notified CCOG that the plan had been selected for funding in Fiscal Year 2017/2018. In 2018, CCOG, in partnership with Calaveras County and Caltrans, selected GHD, in partnership with Design Workshop, to complete the plan.

The project will work with the Valley Springs community, Calaveras County, and Caltrans to identify infrastructure projects that enhance bicycle, pedestrian, and vehicular connectivity in the Town Center. The Valley Springs Town Center Connectivity Plan will identify and prioritize projects that provide safe connectivity within the Town Center and between Valley Springs Elementary School, residential uses, commercial services, and retail destinations along the State Route 12 and State Route 26 corridors. This project is dedicated to the enhancing mulit-modal mobility, accessibility and connectivity to enhance community identity and quality of life.