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**RE: Request: Community Bike & Traffic Safety Education Event at City Hall — May 2026**

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**From** Teresa Vargas <tvargas@ci.lathrop.ca.us>

**Date** Wed 4/1/2026 5:24 PM

**To** Todd Sebastian <tsebastian@ci.lathrop.ca.us>; Thomas Hedegard <thedegard@ci.lathrop.ca.us>

I informed Thomas that Sealy had previously told the Vice Mayor (on 3/24) that he would look into this request and incorporate the event into the Bike Rodeo events scheduled for this year. So, it sounds like Sealy needs to provide a update so the resident.

*Thank you,*

**Teresa Vargas, MSL, MMC**  
Government Services Director  
& City Clerk

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**From:** Todd Sebastian <tsebastian@ci.lathrop.ca.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 1, 2026 5:16 PM  
**To:** Teresa Vargas <tvargas@ci.lathrop.ca.us>; Thomas Hedegard <thedegard@ci.lathrop.ca.us>  
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**From:** Jennifer Torres - O'Callaghan <jtorres@ci.lathrop.ca.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 1, 2026 5:01 PM  
**To:** Stephen Sealy <ssealy@ci.lathrop.ca.us>; Todd Sebastian <tsebastian@ci.lathrop.ca.us>; Stephen Salvatore <ssalvatore@ci.lathrop.ca.us>  
**Subject:** Re: Request: Community Bike & Traffic Safety Education Event at City Hall — May 2026

Good afternoon! I just wanted to quickly reach out to you - even though I am sure the Mayor probably already has.

First, I wanted to personally thank you for your passion about bike safety month in Lathrop. As a mom, I share your concern and fear for Lathrop children's safety while riding. I too believe Education is a key step in improving safety on Lathrop's roads.

Lathrop Police Department is currently undertaking a public safety campaign which focuses in part on bike and evehicle safety. I do believe they have an event in the works already planned for bike safety month.

From your email, it sounds as if you have already spoken with Todd Sebastian our Parks and Rec Director. I did, however, forward your follow up email onto Chief Sealy and Todd Sebastian (Parks and Rec). Please feel free to reach out to them with any follow up questions.

You are very welcome to come and speak about bike safety during Public Comment of our City Council meeting. If you haven't done so before, it is really easy. Just grab a purple card by the entry and fill in your name and hand it to

the City Clerk and she will call you forward for your three minutes to speak during public comment. I hope to meet you in person there.

Again, thank you for your compassion and care of our kids and for bike safety in Lathrop!

Yours in service,

**JENNIFER TORRES-O'CALLAGHAN**

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**Vice Mayor**

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On Apr 1, 2026, at 2:40 PM, Jennifer Torres - O'Callaghan  
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Good afternoon! Just wanted to forward this follow up email I received today onto you all . The resident is requesting a e-bike safety event in May for bike safety month. I believe something is already in the works with LPD and our safety campaign but just wanted to make sure this resident is followed up with as she has an online survey generating signatures for an event from Lathrop families.

Thanks everyone for your help.

Jennifer

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**Subject: Re: Request: Community Bike & Traffic Safety Education Event at City Hall — May 2026**

Dear Mayor Akinjo and City Council,

I am following up on my previous requests dated March 23 and March 30 regarding the proposed Community Bike and Traffic Safety Education Event for Saturday, May 17, 2026.

As the event is now six weeks away, I am concerned that I have not yet received a substantive response. Director Sebastian of Parks, Recreation & Fleet indicated on March 30 that coordination for this event is handled by the Lathrop Police Department, and I have contacted Chief Sealy accordingly. However, to ensure we can move forward with partner coordination and community outreach, I need the following from the City:

1. Confirmation of access to the City Hall parking lot for May 17, 2026.
2. Direction to the appropriate staff contact for event permitting.
3. A brief meeting to discuss logistics.

If I do not receive a response, I am prepared to present this proposal during public comment at the April 13 City Council meeting.

This event is a zero-cost opportunity for the City to improve safety for Lathrop families. I look forward to your prompt response so we can work together to make it a success.

Respectfully,

Torie Cortez  
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