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Lompoc To Host Open Streets Event In Downtown

Volunteers sought for fest that will feature mile of open streets to play and exercise in

LOMPOC, CA, June 29, 2017 – For the first time ever, Lompoc is hosting a unique “Open Streets” event featuring a mile of motor vehicle-free space in downtown Lompoc to play and exercise in.

The event scheduled for **Fri. July 21** is a joint effort between numerous local organizations, including the Healthy Lompoc Coalition, the Lompoc Fire Department, Explore Lompoc, the City of Lompoc, the Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau, the Santa Barbara Bicycle Coalition, Traffic Solutions, and the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS). This event is designed to boost local economics, get people moving, and provide a fun, family-friendly way for community members to explore their city.

Open Streets will run from **4 p.m. to 8 p.m.** on **July 21** as part of Old Town Market, which is hosted on Friday evenings all summer by the Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau.

Emily Casarez, Healthy Lompoc Coalition Community Health Program Manager, said that the Open Streets concept is internationally recognized and is a destination event for many.

“This event will allow the local community and visitors to connect with the downtown Lompoc area in a uniquely fun and active way,” she said. “The Healthy Lompoc Coalition is excited to partner with a variety of local organizations, and introduce this event to our community. We would like to invite everyone to join us for an evening of active entertainment.”

At this “no cars allowed” event, attendees will be encouraged to walk, bike, scooter or skate to the various activities, consisting of a mini bike rodeo, street safety education, sports, games, art, performances, music and more.

Organizers are seeking volunteers to assist in various capacities with Open Streets, including by running activities and with security. Volunteers will be scheduled to work in two-hour shifts.

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In addition, applications are being accepted from community members wanting to run interactive booths at the event, free of charge to the booth host. Distribution of items or services for sale will not be permitted at Open Streets.

For more information on volunteer opportunities and booth hosting, visit:
www.healthylompoc.org/open-streets-3/.