

Agenda Item # 7.1  
For Waterways Advisory Committee Meeting of: October 24, 2024

CITY OF SANTA ROSA  
WATERWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TO: CHAIR RABINOWITSH AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS  
FROM: ROBERT SPRINKLE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRAFFIC  
ENGINEERING TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS  
DEPARTMENT  
SUBJECT: SANTA ROSA ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

AGENDA ACTION: INFORMATIONAL

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RECOMMENDATION

This item is informational. The Committee may ask questions and provide input on the Active Transportation Plan and upcoming community engagement.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Transportation and Public Works Department is updating the 2018 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, to be renamed the Active Transportation Plan. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board is the guiding advisory body for the Active Transportation Plan. It is anticipated that the Plan will be adopted by the City Council in the Spring of 2025. The item is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

BACKGROUND

Transportation and Public Works staff met with the Waterways Advisory Committee on three occasions during the preparation of the 2018 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. Collaboration with the Committee helped ensure that the 2018 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and the 2013 Citywide Creeks Master Plan were consistent with one another and with General Plan 2035.

The 2018 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan was a critical tool in laying a blueprint to complete a transportation system that is friendly to bicycles and pedestrians. The update to the Master Plan, to be renamed the Active Transportation Plan, will expand opportunities for creating a bicycle and pedestrian friendly network while ensuring that future improvements focus on a network built for all ages and abilities.

Transportation and Public Works staff met with the Waterways Advisory Committee in March 2024 to discuss the launch of the first phase of public outreach, as well as to

solicit initial feedback on the planning process and items the committee wished for staff to consider.

### ANALYSIS

Transportation and Public Works staff working on the Active Transportation Plan are gearing up for the second phase of community outreach. The first phase of community outreach was held in April and May of 2024 and was focused on gathering initial thoughts on barriers to using active transportation. Outreach included pop-up events, community workshops, stakeholder meetings, focus groups, advisory body meetings, and an online interactive map.

The second phase of outreach will be conducted between October 3, 2024 and October 27, 2024. During this time, City staff will request that the public engage with an online interactive map that shows the proposed active transportation network that will be adopted in the Active Transportation Plan. This proposed network is built on existing conditions, public feedback, and roadway configuration and other data that influences what projects may be possible on a given segment. City staff specifically asks the public to determine if the proposed network is inclusive of the needs and desires of those who already, or will eventually, use the active transportation network. The online interactive map is available on the project webpage at: <https://www.srcity.org/3906/Active-Transportation-Plan>

### FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact related to this item as the funding has already been allocated to the Active Transportation Plan project.

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The Active Transportation Plan is exempt from CEQA analysis under Statute Section 21080.20, which states that “(1) “Active Transportation Plan” means a plan developed by a local jurisdiction that promotes and encourages people to choose walking, bicycling, or rolling through the creation of safe, comfortable, connected, and accessible walking, bicycling, or rolling networks, and encourages alternatives to single-occupancy vehicle trips.”

Any projects identified in the Active Transportation Plan would undergo independent environmental analysis at the time of project start.

ATTACHMENTS

- N/A

PRESENTER

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