

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
STAFF REPORT FOR PLANNING COMMISSION

JUNE 10, 2021

PROJECT TITLE

Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Capital
Improvement Program Projects
Consistency with the City of Santa Rosa
2035 General Plan

APPLICANT

N/A

ADDRESS/LOCATION

Citywide

PROPERTY OWNER

N/A

ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER

Citywide

FILE NUMBER

N/A

APPLICATION DATE

N/A

APPLICATION COMPLETION DATE

N/A

REQUESTED ENTITLEMENTS

N/A

FURTHER ACTIONS REQUIRED

N/A

PROJECT SITE ZONING

Various

GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION

Various

PROJECT PLANNER

Shari Meads

RECOMMENDATION

Finding of consistency with the
General Plan

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
PLANNING COMMISSION

TO: CHAIR WEEKS AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

FROM: SHARI MEADS, CITY PLANNER
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2021–2022 CAPITAL IMPROVMENT PROGRAM
CONSISTENCY WITH THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA 2035 GENERAL PLAN

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning and Economic Development Department recommends that the Planning Commission, by Resolution, find that the 16 new projects included in the fiscal year 2021–2022 Capital Improvement Program are consistent with the City of Santa Rosa 2035 General Plan.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

As part of its budget process, the City prepares a five-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) that prioritizes and assigns funding for public infrastructure improvement projects. Government Code Section 65401 requires that the Planning Commission review annually new public projects associated with the CIP to ensure their consistency with General Plan goals and policies. There are 14 new Water Department (Water) and two new Transportation and Public Works Department (TPW) projects to be evaluated as part of the fiscal year (FY) 2021–2022 CIP.

New Water projects include two local projects and 12 that are of regional scale. Local projects include sewer main replacement and water main upsizing in the Sherwood Forest neighborhood and rehabilitation of the Robles sewer trunk. The twelve regional Water projects are related to Laguna Treatment Plant waste and wastewater processing and distribution.

New TPW projects include a signalized crosswalk at the SMART multi-use path intersection with W. 3rd Street and the design and installation of approximately 1400 feet of sidewalk/walkway to fill gaps along Corby Avenue between Baker Avenue and Cottonwood Drive. The CIP funding requested for the TPW projects will serve as local seed money to allow project commencement and will be leveraged with State grant funds anticipated to become available in FY 2022–2023.

BACKGROUND

1. The City's General Plan and the CIP are the principal tools used to guide planning and programming of public infrastructure improvements. The General Plan contains numerous goals and policies that provide direction in addressing the City's short- and long-term infrastructure needs. The CIP is a five-year expenditure plan that prioritizes and sets funding for infrastructure improvement projects. Projects included in the CIP are required to be consistent with the goals and policies of the General Plan.
2. Each year the Planning Commission reviews all new CIP projects that will be planned, initiated, or constructed during the ensuing fiscal year for conformity with the General Plan as required by California Planning and Zoning Law (Government Code Section 65401).
3. The City Council, in compliance with the City Charter, holds an annual public hearing to solicit budget priorities from the community. Community requests and staff provide recommendations that are evaluated and prioritized based on need and the amount of funding available. The CIP then undergoes a series of reviews, as identified below:
 - City Manager's Office review;
 - City Council preliminary review;
 - Planning Commission General Plan consistency; and
 - City Council action during budget hearings
4. The 2021–2022 CIP incorporates previously developed City Council funding priorities and, to the greatest extent possible, meets the critical needs of the community and the goals established by the City Council. The new fiscal year 2021-2022 CIP Water Department projects were prioritized based on the 2018 City of Santa Rosa Regional Water Reuse System Master Plan and collaboration with Regional staff.
5. Each individual CIP project must undergo environmental review before the project is carried out. The project's sponsoring department is responsible for obtaining an environmental determination from the City's Environmental Coordinator and, if applicable, the Board of Public Utilities or City Council.
6. Planning staff has completed review of the fiscal year 2021–2022 CIP projects and finds that all projects are consistent with the General Plan. Following the consistency action by the Planning Commission, the CIP will be forwarded to the City Council for consideration and adoption as part of the City's budget hearings.

ANALYSIS

The 2021–2022 CIP includes projects that will further General Plan infrastructure and transportation related goals and policies. The following narrative highlights a few of the CIP projects and demonstrates the relationship between the General Plan and the CIP. Project Information Sheets for each project are included as Attachment 1 to this report.

Water, Wastewater, and Solid Waste

The ability to provide existing and future land uses with an adequate supply of water, and adequate wastewater service, and exploring and developing new uses for treated wastewater and biosolids are fundamental goals of the General Plan. The CIP includes projects that replace aging infrastructure and increase water delivery and wastewater system efficiency and reduces liquid and solid wastes.

- Goal PSF-F Ensure that an adequate supply of water is available to serve existing and future needs of the City.
- Goal: PSF-G Ensure that adequate sewer capacity is available to serve existing and future needs of the City.
- Goal: PSF-H Meet the City's solid waste disposal needs, while maximizing opportunities for waste reduction and recycling.

CIP Projects:

- Sherwood Forest Neighborhood Sewer Replacement Phase 1. This project is the first phase in a series of projects to replace the aged sewer main and upsize water mains in the Sherwood Forest Neighborhood area. Sewer mains will be replaced from downstream to upstream throughout the neighborhood over the span of several years. Replacing older deteriorated VCP pipe reduces inflow and infiltration and reduces maintenance costs. Upsizing the water mains will improve fire flow and reduce maintenance costs. (Project ID 188)
- Robles Trunk Lining Phase 2. This sewer trunk rehabilitation project will decrease maintenance costs, inflow, and infiltration, and increase longevity of the trunk. In addition, a corrosive environment has resulted in minimal cement holding. (Project 2115)
- Laguna Treatment Plant projects including:
 - Replacement of Filter Valves and Actuators Phase II (Project ID 2096)
 - Manhole Rehabilitation and Coating of Influent Suction Pipes (Project ID 2170)
 - Cathodic Protection Improvements (Project ID 2331)
 - Recycled Water Storage Ponds and Discharge Outfalls Evaluation (Project ID 2343)
 - Aeration Basins and Header Improvements (Project ID 2366)
 - Maintenance Building Roof Improvements (Project ID 2367)
 - Digester 4 Repair (Project ID 2368)
 - Biosolids Land Application Properties Improvements (Project ID 2369)
 - SCR and Gas Conditioning Improvements (Project 2370)

- Laguna Treatment Plant projects (continued)
 - Bear Canyon (Geysers Pipeline) Pump Coating (Project ID 2371)
 - Pond D (Laguna de Santa Rosa) Incline Pump Replacement (Project ID 2372)
 - Rohnert Park Recycled Water Filter System Improvements (Project ID 2373)

Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements

The General Plan recognizes the importance of pedestrian/bicycle improvements to reduce the number of single-occupancy cars on regional/arterial streets, and to create a citywide system of designated walk/bikeways to maximize active transportation use for commuting, recreation, and local transport. The five criteria used to prioritize pedestrian and bikeway projects include collision reduction, connectivity, comfort network, gap closure, and equity.

The 2021-2022 CIP includes the design and installation of a signalized crosswalk at the SMART multi-use path intersecting with W. 3rd Street and the design and installation of sidewalk/walkways to fill gaps along Corby Avenue between Baker Avenue and Cottonwood Drive.

Goal T-J Provide attractive and safe streets for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Goal T-K Develop a safe convenient, and continuous network of pedestrian sidewalks and pathways that link neighborhoods with schools, parks, shopping areas, and employment centers.

CIP Projects:

- New signalized crosswalk at the SMART multi-use path intersection with W. 3rd Street (Project ID 2321)
- Sidewalk/Walkway gap closures Corby Avenue between Baker Avenue and Cottonwood Drive (Project ID 2322)

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this action does not have a fiscal impact on the General Fund.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The finding of General Plan consistency for new projects in the CIP is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act because it is not a project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378. Each of the 16 projects included in the 2021–2022 CIP must undergo environmental review before those projects are carried out. The sponsoring department is responsible for obtaining an environmental determination from the City’s Environmental Coordinator, and if applicable, the final review authority such as the Board of Public Utilities or City Council.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The CIP was reviewed with the City's Community Advisory Board (CAB) during their February 24, 2021 meeting and no changes were suggested by CAB members.

NOTIFICATION

Pursuant to California Code 65090, a public hearing notice in the form of a 1/8-page advertisement was placed in the Press Democrat on May 30, 2021. This noticing method also complies with Zoning Code Section 20-66.020(D) which allows for an alternative to mailed notices if the number of property owners to whom notices would be mailed exceeds 1,000. Additionally, the public hearing notice was posted to the Planning and Economic Development Department's website and emailed to the City's CAB.

ISSUES

This project has no unresolved issues.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – CIP Project Information Sheets

Resolution – CIP Projects General Plan Consistency

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