

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2019-027

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ADOPTING THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN UPDATE 2018 AND APPROVING A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT CONSISTENT WITH THE MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, on February 15, 2011, the City Council, by Resolution No. 27835, adopted the 2010 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, on February 15, 2011, the City Council by Resolution 27834, approved and adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the 2010 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Mater Plan Update 2018 (Plan Update 2018) establishes a long-term vision for enhancing walking and bicycling in Santa Rosa by updating the previous plan adopted by the City Council in 2011; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the City received a grant from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for \$192,300 of Transportation Development Article (TDA) III funds to prepare the Plan Update 2018; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2018, the Planning Commission conducted a hearing in consideration of a General Plan Amendment for properties located at 6450 Timber Springs Drive and 545 White Oak Drive to remove a segment of the proposed bicycle Route 231 from Figure 5-2 of the General Plan, in compliance with the court ruling in *City of Santa Rosa v. Villages at Wild Oak Association, et al.*; and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2018, the City Council, by Resolutions 2018-078, 2018-079 and 2018-080 amended the General Plan, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and the Citywide Creek Master Plan, respectively to remove a portion of a Route 231 designation which would connect Annadel State Park to White Oak Drive; and

WHEREAS, Community Engagement was a major component of the Plan Update 2018 process, which included Online bi-lingual Survey, Online Interactive Mapping Tool, City Website – bi-lingual (www.srcity.org/bpmp), Social Media and E-mail distribution groups, three Public bi-lingual Open Houses, eleven Stakeholder Interviews and six Pop Up Events were held to assess the community's ideas and visions for enhancing walking and bicycling in Santa Rosa; and

WHEREAS, approximately 129 miles of new bikeways are proposed in the Plan Update 2018 which would more than double the current 113 miles of bikeways in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Update 2018 includes approximately 22 miles of proposed walkways citywide; and

WHEREAS, there were thirty-nine (39) proposed crossing locations suggested for possible pedestrian enhancements and thirty-one (31) proposed trail bridges connecting to the creek trails included in the Plan Update 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Update 2018 recommends that the City focus on a short list of twenty-eight (28) projects and studies in a First Phase implementation strategy; and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2018, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board (BPAB) provided input on the Public Draft Plan Update 2018; and

WHEREAS, on November 29, 2018, the Waterways Advisory Committee (WAC) provided input on the Public Draft Plan Update 2018; and

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2019, the BPAB by motion recommended that the City Council adopt the Plan Update 2018 and approve amending the General Plan; and

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2019, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended adoption of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update 2018 and approval of a General Plan Amendment, consistent with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an Initial Study was prepared for the 2010 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, which resulted in a Mitigated Negative Declaration that was approved by the City Council on February 15, 2011 (Resolution No. 27834). CEQA Guidelines section 15162 provides that no additional review is required where a negative declaration has been adopted for a project and there are no substantial changes to the project or changed circumstances which will result in new or more severe environmental impacts and there is no new information showing the project will have significant effects not discussed in the negative declaration. No substantial changes have been proposed in the Master Plan Update that would result in new or more severe environmental impacts than were analyzed in the 2010 Master Plan mitigated negative declaration; there have been no changes in circumstances resulting in new or more severe impacts; and there is no new information indicating that the project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous mitigated negative declaration. Therefore, further environmental review is not required; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the changes to the General Plan text and Figure 5-2 (Bicycle Corridors Diagram) are justified to achieve the objectives and policies of the General Plan in that:

- A. The proposed amendments ensure and maintain internal consistency with the goals and policies of all elements of the General Plan;
- B. The proposed amendment would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or welfare of the City;
- C. The proposed project has been reviewed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and

WHEREAS, the proposed General Plan Amendment is part of the Spring 2019 package, which is one of the three General Plan amendments allotted to the City per year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa adopts the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council approves the General Plan Amendment in the form set forth in Exhibit "A" to this resolution.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 12th day of March, 2019.

AYES: (5) Vice Mayor Rogers, Council Members Combs, Fleming, Olivares, Sawyer, Tibbetts

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Mayor Schwedhelm

ABSTAIN: (1) Council Member Sawyer

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
City Clerk Vice Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

Exhibit A –Recommended Changes to the General Plan