

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA  
RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COUNCIL THE ADOPTION OF THE BICYCLE AND  
PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN UPDATE 2018 AND APPROVAL OF 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 Pedstrian 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 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 Metroplitian 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](http://www.srcity.org/bpmp)), Social Media and E-mail distribution groups, three Public bi-lingual Open Houses, eleven Stakeholder Interviews, six Pop Up Events and Bi-lingual Information materials 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, 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 Planning Commission 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).

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 Planning Commission of the City of Santa Rosa recommends that the City Council adopt the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update 2018 and approve the General Plan Amendment in the form set forth in Exhibit "A" to this resolution.

REGULARLY PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Planning Commission of the City of Santa Rosa on this 14h day of February, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
PATTI CISCO, CHAIR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
CLARE HARTMAN, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

ATTACHMENTS:  
Exhibit A – General Plan Amendment