

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA FINDING THAT THE SIX NEW PROJECTS INCLUDED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA GENERAL PLAN 2050

WHEREAS, each year the Planning Commission reviews all new Capital Improvement Program (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); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has reviewed the following six new projects included in the Fiscal Year 2026–2027 CIP for consistency with the City of Santa Rosa General Plan 2050; and

Project ID	Project Information
2426	Trunk sewer and manhole rehabilitation south of Ludwig Avenue.
2487	Stormwater capture and aquifer recharge location and feasibility studies.
2502	2026 Citywide Creek Master Plan.
2578	Laguna Treatment Plant Programmable Logic Controllers (PLC) replacement.
2579	Bennett Valley Road and Maple Avenue bicycle and pedestrian improvements.
2581	Use of Parks Development Fees from downtown projects for Parks projects within the area.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on May 28, 2026, at which it considered the list of CIP projects, the City’s General Plan, staff reports, oral and written, and the testimony and evidence of all those wishing to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has determined that a finding for General Plan consistency for the 2026–2027 CIP is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378. The CIP General Plan consistency determination is not a project which has the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Further, each of the 6 projects included in the 2026–2027 CIP must undergo environmental review before those projects are initiated, with the sponsoring department responsible for obtaining an environmental determination from the Environmental Coordinator, and, if applicable, from the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning Commission of the City of Santa Rosa hereby determines that the six new projects included in the Fiscal Year 2026–2027 CIP, as identified above are consistent with the City of Santa Rosa General Plan 2050 based on the following findings:

A. In accordance with the General Plan, including but not limited to its goals, policies, implementation actions and objectives, purpose statements, appendices, diagrams, and tables, the proposed CIP will enhance the achievement of the General Plan goals, policies and actions by promoting public and environmental health, safety, and welfare, and by accommodating Santa Rosa's existing and future residents and businesses.

B. The Fiscal Year 2026-2027 CIP is consistent with General Plan goals, policies and actions, including, but not limited to:

Goal 2-1 Ensure that growth and change serve community needs, protect the environment, improve the City's fiscal stability, and enhance quality of life for all members of the community.

Goal 3-5 Protect, expand, maintain, and restore natural resources, open space, and the limited remaining agricultural land.

Policy 3-5.3 Conserve and protect creeks, wetlands, vernal pools, wildlife ecosystems, rare plant habitats, and waterways.

Policy 3-5.5 Maintain, restore, and protect the city's waterways.

Action 3-5.15 Periodically review the status of local creeks and plan for ongoing restoration, planning, and stewardship, as identified in the Citywide Creek Masterplan.

Action 5-2.5 Protect floodplains by retaining and expanding, as feasible, open space areas that can retain stormwater, recharge groundwater/aquifers, and prevent/reduce flooding.

Goal 5-9 Provide adequate and high-quality city services for water, wastewater, recycled water, stormwater, and solid waste.

Policy 5-9.1 Ensure water quality, water service delivery, and wastewater treatment are sufficient to meet the needs of current and future residents.

Action 5-9.10 Implement the Water Supply Alternatives Plan to mitigate potential impacts of climate change, drought, and natural or human-caused catastrophic events by enhancing water supply resiliency and reliability.

Action 5-9.21 Actively maintain an inventory of existing infrastructure and operations and maintenance requirements (staffing and budget) in addition to capital, operations, and maintenance needs of planned infrastructure.

Action 5-9.22 Maintain existing levels of wastewater service by preserving and improving infrastructure, including replacing sewer mains, as necessary.

- Action 2-4.3 Create environments with safe, connected streets, sidewalks, and bicycle facilities that include shade trees to establish a pleasant streetscape.
- Action 3-1.7 Prioritize transportation alternatives such as active and public transportation, that reduce demand on existing facilities in lieu of widening roadways and further impacting the natural environment.
- Goal 3-2 Provide a safe and accessible active and public transportation network that emphasizes active transportation connections and service to Equity Priority Areas and Areas of Change.
- Policy 3-2.2 Continue to expand and improve the active transportation network toward completing a safe, continuous, convenient, and attractive network of designated routes that connect all neighborhoods and that is equitably accessible for all ages and abilities.
- Action 3-2.11 Support pedestrians and bicyclists by incorporating their needs and interests into regular planning activities for all City projects, including, at a minimum, any project on the Capital Improvements Project list.
- Action 3-2.13 Ensure that there are no physical barriers to bicyclists or pedestrians as they cross high traffic roadways at intersections of Class I or Class IV facilities through improvements such as crosswalks and beacon lights.
- Action 3-2.19 Continue to look for opportunities to install High-Intensity Activated Crosswalks and Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons to increase pedestrian safety.
- Action 3-2.29 Reduce neighborhood traffic in all areas of the city by ensuring arterial and collector streets can accommodate all modes of transportation.
- Action 2-1.4 Address the need for gathering places by providing amenities such as parks, community centers, and cultural facilities for community members in all neighborhoods. Establish development priorities for Equity Priority Areas and Areas of Change where these spaces provide vital resources for vulnerable populations and support placemaking for neighborhoods that are becoming more complete, pedestrian friendly neighborhoods.
- Action 2-4.1 In Areas of Change, evaluate area needs, including parks and open space, streets, bicycle facilities, transit improvements, and other infrastructure, and seek funding for projects that will catalyze and assist future development.
- Policy 6-7.1 Ensure adequate funding to keep parks safe, attractive, and responsive to community needs, including funding for park acquisition, planning, capital improvements, lifecycle replacement of amenities, recreation programming, recreation centers, and maintenance operations.

- Action 6-7.1 Seek ongoing operating funding for recreation and maintenance that keeps pace with population growth.
- Action 6-7.2 Evaluate park development and maintenance costs periodically. Work to ensure sufficient funds for park acquisition, development, and maintenance.
- Action 6-7.15 Achieve an equitable distribution of quality parks across the city by prioritizing new park acquisition and development in:
- More densely populated neighborhoods with limited parkland;
 - Areas that are more than a half mile from a neighborhood or community park;
 - Areas where substantial new housing growth is expected, based on the forecasts of the General Plan; and
 - Areas where social and economic conditions compel a greater investment in parks to improve health, public safety, and community well-being.

REGULARLY PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Planning Commission of the City of Santa Rosa on the 28th day of May, 2026 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

APPROVED: _____
KAREN WEEKS, CHAIR

ATTEST: _____
JESSICA JONES, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY