

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY BOARD
STAFF REPORT
October 15, 2020

SUBJECT

Fourth Street and College Avenue
Corridor Study First Phase

ISSUE

Staff will provide an overview of a preliminary draft assessment for Fourth Street and College Avenue Corridor bicycling and walking.

STAFF PRESENTER

Nancy Adams, Transportation Planner

RECOMMENDATION

For information only. No action required.

BACKGROUND

The City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update 2018 (BPMPU2018) identified eight (8) corridor studies in the First Phase Project List. The Fourth Street and College Avenue Corridor is one of the eight studies.

In 2019, staff was contacted by California Walks (Cal Walks) about providing no cost technical assistance as part of the Community Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Training (CPBST) which is a statewide project headed up by Cal Walks and the University of Berkeley's Safe Transportation Research and Education Center (SafeTREC). The CPBST engages residents and safety advocates to develop a community-driven action plan to improve walking and biking safety in communities.

In response to that opportunity, staff submitted a brief application describing the Fourth Street and College Avenue Corridor for consideration. In December 2019, we were notified that the application was accepted.

In January 2020, Cal Walks and SafeTREC began developing a process to initiate the project. A part of the process included creating a Planning Committee. This Committee included representatives from MidTown Fourth, Sonoma County Vision Zero, Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA), Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition (SCBC), Proctor Terrace Elementary Schools, Santa Rosa City School District, Climate Action: Eco to School and City of Santa Rosa staff and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board.

In June 2020, the team reviewed and analyzed data. There was a virtual site visit held on July 15, 2020. A virtual workshop was held on August 12, 2020 to identify community assets, assess infrastructure conditions and observe how road users are engaging with the built environment.

ANALYSIS

A preliminary assessment on how to enhance walking and biking on the Fourth Street and College Avenue Corridor was developed by the team. This draft report largely focused on

outreach to the community and based recommendations on comments they heard from the residents. An engineering and operational evaluation of the recommendations needs to be completed to determine whether they are feasible.

Staff will provide the Board a copy of the final report once it is completed.

On a parallel track in December 2019, staff submitted an application to Caltrans as part of a countywide process through the Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) requesting funds through the Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) program.

We were awarded \$72,000 to conduct an engineering and operational feasibility study to enhance bicycle and pedestrian facilities for the Fourth Street and College Avenue Corridor. This study is similar to the one being conducted for the Stony Point Road Corridor and is expected to begin late Fall 2020.

RECOMMENDATION

For information only. No action is required.