

CITY OF SANTA ROSA  
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY BOARD  
STAFF REPORT  
August 17, 2023

**SUBJECT**

Draft Santa Rosa General Plan 2050  
Review

**ISSUE**

Staff will provide a brief update on the  
Draft Santa Rosa General Plan 2050 and  
seek feedback from the Board.

**STAFF PRESENTER**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

The Board may adopt a unified comment  
on the Draft Santa Rosa General Plan  
2050 to provide direction to PED staff and  
their consultant on edits as the Final Santa  
Rosa General Plan 2050 is prepared.

**BACKGROUND**

In March 2020, the Planning and Economic Development (PED) Department started the Santa Rosa Forward project. This three-year project entails a comprehensive update of the General Plan.

In August 2020, the Council accepted the Community Involvement Strategy for the Santa Rosa 2050 General Plan Update and the Community Advisory Committee (CAC).

In July 2021, the Council, jointly with the Planning Commission, reviewed and provided input on the Santa Rosa Forward Community Vision Statement.

In November 2021, the Council, jointly with the Planning Commission, received a report on the Housing Element Update and the Equity Priority Communities' Empowerment Work Plan.

In May 2022, the Council, jointly with the Planning Commission, received a report on the draft Land Use and Circulation Alternatives.

In June 2022, the Council received a report and provided input on the draft Housing Element.

In October 2022, the Council received a report and provided input on the Preferred Alternative. This report summarizes the work completed so far and the next steps.

In January 2023, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board (BPAB) received an update on General Plan progress by PED staff. At this meeting, BPAB members provided comment and general direction on the active transportation components of the General Plan.

In February 2023, the Council adopted the Housing Element.

In April 2023, the BPAB received another update on General Plan progress by PED staff and engaged in a conversation on potential goals and policies related to active transportation.

In April 2023, the California Department of Housing and Community Development certified the Housing Element.

In July 2023, the Draft Santa Rosa General Plan was released for public review and comment. The Draft document and associated information can be found at: [www.santarosafoward.com/DraftGP](http://www.santarosafoward.com/DraftGP).

## **ANALYSIS**

The Board will hear a brief update on the status of the Draft Santa Rosa General Plan 2050. Following this update, the Board will discuss Element 3, “Circulation, Open Space, Conservation, and Greenhouse Gas Reduction” to examine the inclusion of active transportation goals, policies, and actions. The Board will adopt a unified comment on the Draft Santa Rosa General Plan 2050 to provide direction to PED staff and their consultant on edits as the Final Santa Rosa General Plan 2050 is prepared.

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