



City of Sebastopol Planning Commission Staff Report

Meeting Date: April 25, 2023
Agenda Item: 5B
To: Planning Commission
From: Kari Svanstrom, Planning Director
Subject: General Plan Consistency for the Sunset Avenue/Taft Street Pedestrian Enhancements Project (CIP 0133-23.10)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution finding that the proposed CIP Project for Fiscal Year 2022-23 is consistent with the General Plan

Introduction:

the City of Sebastopol Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is a five-year program and the annual Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2022-23 is Year 1 of the five-year CIP. The Planning Commission adopted Resolution PC 22-04 finding the projects on the Fiscal Year 2022-23 CIP are consistent with the General Plan. On April 4, 2023, Council approved a new CIP project, Sunset Avenue/Taft Street Pedestrian Enhancements Project, pending a finding by the Planning Commission that the project is consistent with the General Plan.

Project Description:

The proposed project consists of A) pedestrian crossing improvements including flashing warning lights at Taft Street/Sunset Avenue, B) traffic calming striping on Sunset Avenue-Johnson Street from Taft Street to Eddie Lane and c) new crosswalks and solar streetlights at Sunset Avenue/Johnson Street and Johnson Street/Eddie Lane (West County Trail).

Project Location and Surrounding Land Uses:

Sunset Avenue, Taft Street, Johnson Street adjacent to Analy High School.

General Plan Consistency:

Staff has reviewed the finding for the proposed Sunset Avenue/Taft Street Pedestrian Crossing Enhancements CIP 0133-2.10 and the project is consistent with General Plan Policy Circulation CIR 2-2, "Routinely incorporate sidewalks and enhanced pedestrian crossing facilities as part of new street construction or enhancements to existing streets."

Public Comment:

No public comments have been received as of the writing of this staff report regarding General Plan consistency items.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission adopt the Resolution finding that the Sunset Avenue/Taft Street Pedestrian Enhancements Project is consistent with the General Plan.

Attachments:

Planning Commission Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 23-___

RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL FINDING
THAT THE PROPOSED SUNSET AVE/TAFT STREET PEDESTRIAN CROSSING
ENHANCEMENTS PROJECT CIP 0133-23.10
IS CONSISTENT WITH THE ADOPTED GENERAL PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of Sebastopol completed a comprehensive General Plan update with adoption of a new General Plan on November 15, 2016; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, codified at Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR, § 15000 et seq.), on November 15, 2016, the City Council certified and adopted an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Sebastopol General Plan (the "Project"; State Clearinghouse No. 2016032001); and

WHEREAS, the State of California Government Code Section 65401 requires the City's Planning Commission review the Capital Improvement Plan for consistency with the City's adopted General Plan prior to final adoption by the City Council; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council approved a new Capital Improvement Program project, Sunset Avenue/Taft Street Pedestrian Crossing Enhancements CIP 0133-23.10 on April 4, 2023, pending a finding of the Planning Commission that the project is consistent with the General Plan; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2023, the Sebastopol Planning Commission opened a duly-noticed public hearing to review the Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2022-23 for consistency with the adopted General Plan, heard a staff report and public testimony, and deliberated.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PLANNING COMMISSION DOES HEREBY ADOPT THIS RESOLUTION finding the proposed Sunset Avenue/Taft Street Pedestrian Crossing Enhancements CIP 0133-2.10 is consistent with the General Plan, and that the project is consistent with General Plan Policy Circulation CIR 2-2, "Routinely incorporate sidewalks and enhanced pedestrian crossing facilities as part of new street construction or enhancements to existing streets."

Approved on April 25, 2023 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Certified: _____

Kari Svanstrom, Planning Director