



City of Sebastopol Planning Commission Staff Report

Meeting Date: October 22, 2024
Agenda Item: 7B
To: Planning Commission
From: Fehr & Peers
Subject: Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Grant update
Recommendation: Receive presentation and provide comments

Introduction:

On August 31, 2023 the City of Sebastopol was awarded a Sustainable Transportation Grant from the California Department of Transportation titled Sebastopol Main Street State Highways Subregional Planning and Core Redesign. The grant awarded amount was \$230,178 with a local match of \$29,822 for a total of \$260,000.

Project Description:

The overall project objectives are listed below

- Enhance multimodal safety, accessibility, and comfort to help make Downtown Sebastopol a more desirable place to walk, bike, or use transit.
- Encourage mode shift to reduce vehicle travel and increase the use of alternative transportation modes to support the City's greenhouse gas reduction goals.
- Reduce the negative impacts of regional through traffic on Downtown Sebastopol, including truck traffic.
- Engage with the Downtown business community to identify mobility and design enhancements that would help to revitalize the area and create a more inviting place to do business.
- Develop consensus with Caltrans, County of Sonoma, and City of Santa Rosa regarding recommended improvements to enhance regional circulation on selected roadways in the vicinity of Sebastopol and supports the preferred alternative for Downtown.
- Engage disadvantaged residents in the planning process to identify and address their mobility priorities.
- Identify a preferred alternative to improve active transportation while maintaining adequate vehicle circulation to, within, and through Downtown.
- Develop urban design and streetscape concepts to enhance the sense of place in Downtown and contribute to establishing the Downtown area as more of a destination.
- Develop a set of concept-level design plans for Downtown multimodal mobility enhancements that can be used to pursue grant funding to complete design and construction.

Analysis:

City staff had the first kick off meeting with the consultant Fehr & Peers and various stakeholders which included members of the public, local business owners, and a variety of designers at two separate meetings, July 1, 2024 and July 16, 2024.

Schedule & Next Steps

Project next steps include:

- Workshop and Open house Thursday Nov 14
- Winter 2024 Develop alternatives based on community input
- Spring 2025 Share findings with stakeholders and community
- Summer/Fall 2025 identify preferred alternative and implementation plan

Recommendation:

Receive report and provide comments or recommendations to staff and or the consultant.

Attachments:

PowerPoint Presentation