

RESOLUTION 2017-12

RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY SAN PABLO TO APPROVE THE CITY OF SAN PABLO BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, the 2011 General Plan of the City of San Pablo includes policy C-I-18 in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Circulation section of the Circulation Element to adopt a Bicycle Master Plan to enhance bicycle circulation and planning, based on the route network and the Contra Costa Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the City received two grants totaling \$102,500 from the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) and Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to prepare a citywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, after release of a Request for Proposal and review of the proposed Scope of Services, the City Council approved to retain Alta Planning + Design to prepare the citywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City conducted significant community outreach to understand the issues or locations where pedestrian or bicycling opportunities could be enhanced, and this outreach consisted of making presentations to local community groups, interviewing the public at community events, and distributing surveys at these presentations or via the City's website that were in English and Spanish; and

WHEREAS, the City convened a Steering Committee, consisting of local advocacy groups, business representatives, City Council appointed Commissioners, and City of San Pablo staff from various City Departments, to provide feedback to materials that were prepared by City staff and the consultant at three meetings that were held between August 2016 and March 2017;

WHEREAS, two community workshops were held on November 17, 2016 and April 26, 2017 to present the recommendations to be included in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and receive comments and feedback about these recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan establishes a range of options on how to improve the pedestrian experience with either the installation of improvements or creating more pleasant public spaces; establishes a citywide bicycle network where a series of new shared use paths, bicycle lanes, routes or boulevards could be created, and recommends conducting further study on certain streets in the City to better understand constraints that exist before any creation of new shared use paths, bicycle lanes, routes or boulevards could be created. As part of any future studies, the residents in the area where the potential new bicycle facilities could be created will be engaged in neighborhood discussions or meetings before establishing a more refined approach to these potential new bicycle facilities, if this is appropriate and feasible at these locations; and

WHEREAS, approval of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan is not considered a "project" pursuant to Section 15262 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as this Plan is considered to be a feasibility or planning study for possible future actions, and does

not require consideration of environmental factors. The Plan meets these criteria because the Plan is a study document that serves as the basis for future grant applications, and in the near future, may be included as part of an update of the San Pablo General Plan, San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan or other related documents to more fully implement the Plan. The Plan serves as a guiding document related to the education, encouragement, enforcement, and evaluation of future walking and bicycling network improvements. Therefore, this Plan has no legally binding effect on current activities (e.g. development project application review) or later activities (i.e., the General Plan Update); and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2017, the City of San Pablo Planning Commission held a public meeting to receive comments on the City of San Pablo Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, and recommended that the City Council approve the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission recommends that the City Council of the City of San Pablo approve the Citywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

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Adopted this 20th day of June, 2017, by the following vote to wit:


AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	Inglis, Shi, Xavier, Trujillo, and Feliciano
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS:	None
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS:	None
ABSTAIN:	COMMISSIONERS:	None

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



Michele Rodriguez
Secretary



Rita Xavier
Chairperson