

RESOLUTION 2017-170

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO ADOPTING THE CITY OF SAN PABLO'S 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;

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;

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

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;

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;

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 creation of 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. 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;

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;

WHEREAS, on August 3, 2017, the Economic Development/Project Management Standing Committee (Cruz/Kinney) received an overview of the proposed Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, and supported its consideration at the next regular City Council meeting on August 7, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the foregoing recitations are true and correct, and are included herein by reference as findings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council adopts the Citywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

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ADOPTED this 7th day of August, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Cruz, Kinney, Morris, and Calloway
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	NONE
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Valdez
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	NONE

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

/s/ Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado
Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado, City Clerk

/s/ Genoveva Calloway
Genoveva Calloway, Vice Mayor