



City of Sebastopol Planning Commission Staff Report

Meeting Date: May 14, 2024
Agenda Item: 7A
To: Planning Commission
From: John Jay, Associate Planner
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Subject: Milestone #2 update on the Sebastopol Active Transportation Plan
Recommendation: Receive report and update

Introduction:

The City of Sebastopol is undertaking an update to its 2011 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, now branded as the Active Transportation Plan, as part of a countywide planning process led by the Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA). Fehr & Peers, consultant for SCTA, will be presenting the second milestone update to the Sebastopol Planning Commission. The primary focus of this meeting is to receive an update on project status and review draft projects and priorities to be shared with the broader public in April to June 2024. Feedback on the presentation contents and attached draft project list and maps are requested from the Planning Commission to help ensure local needs are prioritized and met through this effort.

The Sebastopol Active Transportation Plan (ATP) will be an update to the Sebastopol Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan adopted in 2014. The ATP is being developed as part of the Countywide Active Transportation Plan through a grant awarded to the Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) and contract held by SCTA.

City staff and SCTA have worked closely with the consultant team, Fehr & Peers and Leshner Planning, to gather data and establish existing conditions, engage the community, conduct technical analyses, and develop draft contents for the City's Active Transportation Plan. City staff and the consultant team presented an overview of the project to the Planning Commission on September 12, 2023.

The attached PowerPoint presentation provides an overview of the status of Plan Update and highlights the vision and goals for the plan, draft local projects and priorities, and draft topics being considered for local policies.

The maps presented in the attached PowerPoint presentation summarize the following:

- Existing Bikeway Network: Shows the existing bikeway network.
- 2024 Proposed Bikeways, Corridor Projects and Crossing Improvements: Shows draft proposed bikeways, corridor projects, and crossing improvements identified as part of ATP development.

- Existing & Proposed 2024 Active Transportation Network: Shows the combined networks of existing facilities with the proposed 2024 projects.

For more details, please refer to the attached PowerPoint presentation and attached maps and tables.

Schedule & Next Steps

Project next steps include:

- Public Engagement Opportunities for Input on Draft Projects, Priorities, and Topics for Policies (April – June 2024), including May 22 ATP Workshop at Sebastopol Center for the Arts (4-6pm)
- Public Draft Plan (Fall/Winter 2024)
- Next Update to Planning Commission (October 2024)
- Final Plan Adoption (Winter 2024/2025)

Public Comment:

No public comments have been received as of writing this staff report. However, staff does anticipate that public comments will be made as part of the outreach and engagement of this process.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission receive a presentation by city staff and the consultants, receive public comments, and provide questions, comments, and direction to staff.

Attachments:

<https://scta.ca.gov/planning/countywide-active-transportation-plan/>