

SCAC Project Proposal - City of Sebastopol Active Transportation Safety Improvements 01/10/2026

Objective/Scope

CAC drafts a document that recommends low cost improvements in our pedestrian and biking infrastructure that the City of Sebastopol can implement. The document also will examine the feasibility and make recommendations for the City of Sebastopol to add a web form to the City's website that enables residents to submit suggestions for traffic safety improvements, as was done this last summer in the [City of Sonoma](#).

Goal/Results

The City of Sebastopol through the City Council working in coordination with the Traffic Safety Group decides if the proposed active transportation items are desirable and feasible and implements the improvements.

The addition of a public suggestion site for residents to report speeding, pedestrian hazards and other concerns on city streets will enable city staff to help make more informed decisions and help prioritize needed improvements.

Motivation/Climate Incentive

Most of the items identified in the 2025 City of Sebastopol Active Transportation Plan required substantial investment. To make progress on those needed items, the City of Sebastopol would need to secure grants. The Climate Committee wants to propose low cost improvements that the City can quickly move on. These improvements are intended to increase bike and pedestrian safety which encourages more active transportation. Some of these low-cost improvement items that we will most likely be recommending were already specified in the Active Transportation Plan and ranked as Tier 2 (Project # 80 and 81).

Having a web based submission system for traffic safety improvement suggestions provides citizens with an ongoing opportunity to participate in infrastructure priority decisions and provides staff with feedback on improvement plans.

Sebastopol City General Plan

Action CIR 2p: Support and implement policies and recommendations related to transportation from Health Action's Action Plan Sonoma.

These include:

- Increase in percent of commuters who use active transportation (walk, bike, or public transit)
- Implement and strengthen policies and programs to enhance transportation safety.

Climate Action Framework T3. Make biking, walking, and other active transportation options safer and easier by implementing a Complete Streets approach to street design.

GP Policy CIR 2-10: Increase the safety of popular bicycle and pedestrian routes to schools, downtown, and other destinations in the City that don't involve riding on SR 116, SR 12 and/or Bodega Avenue including enhanced crossings of SR 116, SR 12 and/or Bodega Avenue.

GP Action CIR 1k: Ensure regular monitoring of traffic accidents, traffic levels of service, and intersection capacity to update base data and respond to safety problems and changing conditions. Prioritize locations with high collision rates for safety improvements.

GP Policy CIR 1-4: Promote public education and participation in transportation issues and decisionmaking.

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Who

The Transportation working group will draft the low cost bike and pedestrian improvement document and return to the CAC for approval.

Timeline/key Milestones for Project (Connect this with Goals/Results)

CAC Transportation Working Group will present a draft of the recommendation for low cost traffic safety improvements at the next CAC meeting.

CAC Transportation Working Group will gather a ballpark staff resource estimate to implement an online traffic safety suggestion site, and reach out to the City of Sonoma on their experience so far with their site. The Transportation Working Group will present an update at the next CAC meeting.

CAC Transportation Working Group will reach out for feedback from the City of Sebastopol Traffic Safety Group.

Budget/Resource Needs

Anticipated 12 hours of staff time to review and finalize the request to the City Council and agendize a Consent Calendar item for the City Council. It is too early to determine the resource needs for the online suggestion site.