



STAFF REPORT – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

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DATE: February 23, 2023

TITLE: **Receive an Update on the Gateway Area Plan Engagement Process.**

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Council receive an update on the Gateway Area Plan with emphasis on the outcomes from engagement, and provide direction to staff as appropriate.

INTRODUCTION:

The City's Gateway Area Plan has been under public review since December of 2021. The Planning Commission has dedicated most of its meetings in 2022 and 2023 to its review. In addition, the Plan has been before several City Committees multiple times, as well as before the public at large in a range of meeting formats. In January 2023, the Council approved a contract amendment and budget allocation of General Funds to provide additional engagement on the Form-Based Code, which will regulate the look and feel of the streetscape and building designs in the Gateway Area. At that time, Council requested an update on engagement early in the execution of the added scope. This report provides that update.

DISCUSSION:

Staff will provide a discussion on the outreach on the Plan, focusing on the work that has transpired since the Council and Commission Study Session in August of 2022. Staff will put special emphasis on the additional Form-Based Code engagement and update on timeline for draft release.

The workshop materials, public comment, and survey results can be found at <https://www.cityofarcata.org/896/Strategic-Infill-Redevelopment-Program> and at <https://www.cityofarcata.org/940/Ongoing-Community-Outreach>.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Gateway Area is the first Infill Opportunity Zone, four of which were identified in the Housing Element, to be planned. This Plan will provide the opportunity for large-scale, high-density infill housing development in the City to meet its housing needs well into the future.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REVIEW:

All Committees and the Planning Commission have reviewed the Plan and are in progress of making a recommendation.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (CEQA):

An Environmental Impact Report is being developed for the Plan in coordination with the General Plan updates.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:

This report has no fiscal impact.