



STAFF REPORT – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 21, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Netra Khatri, City Engineer

PREPARER: Netra Khatri, City Engineer

DATE: February 12, 2024

TITLE: **Adopt Resolution No. 234-33 Amending Resolution No. 156-09 Designating One-Way Streets and Alleys.**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Council adopt Resolution No. 234-33 amending Resolution No. 156-09 designating one-way streets and alleys.

INTRODUCTION:

The City of Arcata Municipal Code designates the City Council as responsible for adoption of resolutions to modify locations for placement of regulatory traffic control signs, one-way streets and alleys and designation of truck routes.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, Arcata's 8th and 9th Streets are one-way directional traffic between "F" and "I" Streets, and the remainder portions of 8th and 9th Streets west of "I" Street are two-way traffic with parking on both sides. The 8th and 9th Streets Improvements project extended one-way directional traffic by converting the two-way traffic portions of 8th and 9th Streets further west, between "I" and "K" Streets. The conversion of two-way traffic roads to single-lane one-way traffic roads will provide more space for bicycle and pedestrian facilities, allowing for pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure that fully meets the mobility needs for all users. One-way streets will benefit pedestrians and cyclists by shortening crossing distances, thus reducing exposure of vulnerable users to vehicular traffic. This is one of the priority projects selected by Plaza Improvement Task Force in 2019-2020.

In 2020, the City applied for and was granted \$850,000 in funding through the California Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD) Infill Infrastructure Grant Program of 2019 (IIG) for the design, planning and construction of the 8th and 9th Streets Improvements Project. The City Council awarded the initial phase for preliminary engineering, public engagement, and environmental analysis to CSW/Stuber-Stroeh Engineering Group, Inc. (CSW|ST2) at the March 16, 2022, Council meeting. The Phase 1 work has been completed and the Council approved the Conceptual Design and Environmental Document in January 2023, and authorized CSW|ST2 to complete Phase 2—Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E). The City received final PS&E from the consultant in May 2023, and immediately after the internal review of plans and technical

specifications, the engineering team advertised the project for bidding. The 8th and 9th Streets Improvements Project (CIP # 45-12) is listed on the City's Capital Improvements Program (CIP) list. Currently project construction is complete and waiting for suitable weather for striping and conversion of the streets, we anticipate that will occur on February 22, 2024.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (CEQA):

This project is Categorically Exempt (CE) from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to:

1. Section 15301(c) "Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety, and other alterations such as the addition of bicycle facilities, including but not limited to bicycle parking, bicycle-share facilities and bicycle lanes, transit improvements such as bus lanes, pedestrian crossings, street trees, and other similar alterations that do not create additional automobile lanes)."
2. Section 15304(h) "The creation of bicycle lanes on existing rights-of-way."

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:

No impact to current budget as it was planned and incorporated in the project improvements plans in 2023.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Resolution No. 234-33 (PDF)