



STAFF REPORT – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 02, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Netra Khatri, City Engineer

PREPARER: Netra Khatri, City Engineer

DATE: July 25, 2023

TITLE: **Approve Modification to the Design for the 2023 Arcata Annual Paving Project; and Authorize the City Engineer to Make Those Edits.**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Council approve modification to the design for the 2023 Arcata Annual Paving Project; and authorize the City Engineer to make those edits.

INTRODUCTION:

This is the City's annual paving project and includes street improvements on H Street from Sunset Avenue to 11th Street, G Street from 5th to 7th Streets, and West End Road from Giuntoli Lane to the City limits. The project plans were approved, and the contract was awarded to the contractor on June 21, 2023. During the same meeting, the Council directed the staff to investigate an option to incorporate a bike lane on H street between 17th and 18th Streets. The approved plans depict sharrows instead of a bike lane due to lack of available width, and to accommodate existing parking.

DISCUSSION:

Immediately after the Council meeting, City staff scheduled a special Transportation Safety Committee (TSC) meeting for July 11, 2023, to discuss this item, staff contacted the property owners along the H street via phone and invited them to the meeting. At the TSC meeting two options to include bicycle facilities were discussed and the TSC recommended elimination of the parking on the west side of H street to include a bike lane for the section of H Street between 17th and 18th Streets. The original and recommended striping plans are depicted on Attachment A. As there was not a lot of public participation at the TSC meeting, staff contacted the residents in that block and informed them about the proposed changes. The responses received to date are positive and staff have not received a strong opposition to the proposal yet.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (CEQA):

The California Environment Quality Act (CEQA) determination for the sidewalk and paving portion of the project is a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c), for the restoring and rehabilitating of existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and

pedestrian trails, and similar facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that presently existing.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:

No additional budget warranted as the approved contract amount has sufficient contingency to cover the cost of striping and additional work necessary.

ATTACHMENTS:

A. Alternative Layout with Bike Lane (PDF)