



STAFF REPORT

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

March 26, 2024

TO: Honorable Chair and Commissioners

FROM: David Loya, Director of Community Development

PREPARER: David Loya, Director of Community Development

DATE: March 19, 2024

TITLE: Find the 2024 Updates to the 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Program Consistent with the General Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Planning Commission: 1) Review and consider the new projects proposed for the Capital Improvement Program Fiscal Year 2024/25; 2) receive public comment, and 3) adopt Resolution No. PC-24-02 finding the new projects proposed for the Capital Improvement Program Fiscal Year 2024/25 are consistent with the Arcata General Plan.

INTRODUCTION:

The City of Arcata Capital Improvement Program (CIP) includes a variety of near- and long-term projects to address the City's infrastructure needs. Through the CIP, the City systematically plans, schedules, and finances capital projects. The Planning Commission is charged with ensuring that City-adopted plans are consistent with goals and policies of the adopted General Plan pursuant to California Government Code, Section 65403. In preparation for the 2024/25 budget process, staff identified new CIP projects that require consideration and recommendation from the Commission. The Commission's adoption of Resolution PC-24-02 would confirm the CIP consistency with the General Plan.

BACKGROUND:

By adopting and implementing a CIP, the City is proactively addressing the City's long-term needs for major capital improvements as well as upgrading/maintaining its aging facilities to continue providing high quality services in our City. These projects include public facilities, sewer and water infrastructure, roadway and sidewalk projects. The approval of a CIP also allows the City to seek necessary long-term financing for CIP projects that require major capital expenditures, such as making improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Facility and large-scale projects for City buildings. The CIP includes projects that are estimated to cost \$25,000 or more.

The Commission previously found the CIP updates consistent with the General Plan in 2023. The current review includes the addition of five new projects (Attachment A, Exhibit 1). This will add to the 2024/25 CIP list (Attachment B). The full five-year CIP can be viewed in the 2023/24 Budget at <https://www.cityofarcata.org/DocumentCenter/View/13273/23-24-Approved-Budget?bidId=> starting on page 27.

DISCUSSION:

Resolution PC-24-02 (Attachment A, Exhibit 1) lists the Summary Schedule for the Proposed CIP Fiscal Year 2024/25 that requires Commission General Plan conformance review. The Commission will affirm through this action that both the new projects under consideration and those previously found consistent are still consistent.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Commission is charged with ensuring that City-adopted plans are consistent with goals and policies of the adopted General Plan [California Government Code, Section 65401].

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REVIEW:

Each respective Committee engages in the CIP process during the planning and implementation of projects. These include but are not limited to Transportation Safety Committee, Park and Recreation Committee, Economic Development Committee, Forest Management Committee and so forth.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (CEQA):

Finding the CIP in conformance with the General Plan is not a project pursuant to Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Reso 24-02 (PDF)
- B. 24-25 CIP List (PDF)