



STAFF REPORT – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 15, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: David Loya, Director of Community Development

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DATE: May 07, 2024

TITLE: **Consider Changes to the Gateway Area Plan and Gateway Code.**

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Council consider changes to the Gateway Area Plan and Gateway Code that have been proposed since the draft release in January 2024, and provide direction to staff.

INTRODUCTION:

The Gateway Area Plan released on December 12, 2023, and the Gateway Code released in January of 2024, included the input and recommendations of the community, City Committees, the Planning Commission, and Council collected over years of engagement. Since the December 2023 and January 2024 releases, there have been several minor changes recommended by staff, the public, or the Planning Commission. This agenda item provides the Council the opportunity to decide to accept or reject the changes that have been proposed. City Council will review the changes and direct staff whether to incorporate them or not.

BACKGROUND:

The December 12, 2023, version of the Gateway Area Plan was the result of restructuring at the end of 2023. The Gateway Code released in January included updated graphics. These documents provided the public and the decision makers a clean version to review and make final comments on. There were several changes proposed from a variety of sources between December 2023 and May 2024.

DISCUSSION:

The Gateway Area Plan, May 14, 2024, version incorporates recommendations of the Planning Commission to modify the December 12, 2023, version. Both versions are available at <https://www.cityofarcata.org/974/General-Plan-Updates>. The changes that were made are tracked and cataloged in Attachment A. While there have been other non-substantive changes that are not tracked, the May 14 version shows the revisions in underline strikeout track changes. In addition to these changes, the Council may wish to weigh in on any other body of policy they wish.

The Gateway Code was reviewed and modified by the Planning Commission on April 23. In addition, the May 14 version includes updates recommended by the public. The track changes version is located at <https://www.cityofarcata.org/965/Arcata-Gateway-Area-Plan>.

The Council's May 29 special meeting will be the first formal adoption hearing for the Gateway Area Plan and Gateway Code. Staff will incorporate any changes directed by Council before that meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (CEQA):

The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) developed for the General Plan and Gateway Code covers the proposed changes. No additional impacts or mitigation would be associated with these changes.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:

The budget allocated for the General Plan and related work is fully expended.

ATTACHMENTS:

A. GAP Amends Post Dec 12_2024.03.26_dl (PDF)