



STAFF REPORT

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

March 14, 2023

TO: Honorable Chair and Commissioners

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DATE: March 06, 2023

TITLE: **Adopt PC-23-01, A Resolution of the City of Arcata Planning Commission finding updates to the 2023-2024 Capital Improvements Program conform to the Arcata General Plan.**

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt PC-23-01, A Resolution of the City of Arcata Planning Commission finding updates to the 2023-2024 Capital Improvements Program conform to 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 2023/24 budget process, staff has identified new CIP projects that require consideration and recommendation from the Commission. The Commission's adoption of Resolution PC-23-01 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. This approval is specific to projects that will be underway during this calendar year.

DISCUSSION:

Resolution PC-23-01 (Attachment A) lists the Summary Schedule for the Proposed CIP Fiscal Year 2023/24 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 with the current adopted General Plan.

The Council will be asked at a future meeting to adopt the CIP for fiscal year 2023/24 with the approval of the City's annual budget. It is timely for the Commission to consider the new projects proposed for the CIP or General Plan conformance.

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:

Attachment A. Resolution PC-23-01 (PDF)