



AGENCY: City Council
MEETING DATE: February 11, 2019
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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

TITLE:

Receive Report and Provide Direction on Future Adoption of 2018 Street Safety Plan

ISSUE:

The 2018 Street Safety Plan is an update to the Residential Street Safety Plan (2011) and includes recommended infrastructure improvements for both residential and commercial streets. The goal of these recommended improvements is to enhance street safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists along the following streets:

- Maple Street (from Franklin Street to Lincoln Street)
- Pine Street (from Franklin Street to Harold Street)
- Elm Street (from Main Street to Glass Beach Drive)
- Main Street (State Route 1 is under Caltrans jurisdiction and recommended improvements are provided as recommendations only)

In addition to the streets listed above, the 2018 Street Safety Plan also includes an evaluation of the effectiveness of existing street improvements that have already been implemented on Fir Street and Harold Street as a result of the 2011 Residential Street Safety Plan and Safe Routes to Schools funding. The intersections of Laurel Street and Harrison Street, and Oak Street and Franklin Street were also evaluated based on existing conditions. Finally, the 2018 Street Safety Plan includes community input that will be useful for future street safety planning efforts as the comments were about areas outside of the identified areas of concern for this planning effort. These comments should be the starting place for future street safety planning efforts and/or improvement projects.

ANALYSIS:

The City prepared the first Residential Street Safety Plan in 2005, and updated it in 2011. The 2018 Street Safety Plan updates and broadens the scope of the Residential Street Safety Plan to include all City streets (Attachment 1 – DRAFT Street Safety Plan). The Plan recommendations will be used to inform future grant applications, improvement projects and discussions with Caltrans. The primary goals of this project are to:

- Create safer neighborhood and commercial streets that encourage walking and bicycling as an alternative to the private automobile;
- Improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities; and
- Slow automobile traffic as it moves through residential neighborhoods and commercial districts, while still maintaining an efficient flow of traffic.

A request for proposals (RFP) to prepare a traffic study and conceptual plans for traffic calming measures along residential and commercial streets within the City was issued by invitation only to three qualified firms: W-Trans, Fehr & Peers, and TJKM. The traffic engineer firm, W-Trans was

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awarded the contract and City Council adopted a resolution to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Whitlock & Weinberger Transportation, Inc. (W-Trans) on April 23, 2018. A kick-off meeting was held on May 3, 2018 between City staff and W-Trans before field work was conducted May 29, 30 and 31, 2018.

W-Trans reviewed the fieldwork data collected, existing documents (the City's General Plan Circulation Element, 2009 Bicycle Master Plan, 2005 and 2011 Residential Street Safety Plan), results from an on-line community survey and feedback from community meetings. Staff developed and implemented the on-line survey, hosted a public outreach table at a weekday Farmer's Market table, and hosted two community meetings: 1) a weekend meeting at CV Starr Center; and 2) an evening meeting at Town Hall.

In summary, the 2018 Street Safety Plan was prepared with significant input from the community, City staff and consulting traffic engineers. Steve Weinberger, Senior Principle of W-Trans will present recommendations with conceptual plans and discuss the process in more detail (Attachment 2 – Power Point Presentation).

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Provide direction to staff regarding any necessary revisions to the DRAFT 2018 Street Safety Plan, prior to approving FINAL 2018 Street Safety Plan as a Consent Calendar item at a future meeting of City Council.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The 2018 Street Safety Plan project is fully funded through a grant from Mendocino Council of Governments (MCOG) Overall Work Program 9. Upon the City Council's approval, implementation could involve: 1) adding the proposed projects to the capital improvement program; 2) preparing grant applications; and 3) implementing the proposed improvements over time. All of these efforts would require staff time and thus, the expenditure of funds.

CONSISTENCY:

This plan targets multiple goals within the Circulation Element of the *City of Fort Bragg Inland General Plan*:

- Prioritizing complete street planning to prioritize bicycle and pedestrian safety, especially along roadways where pedestrian and bicyclist activity is most expected to occur.
- Reduce through-traffic on local/residential streets, examples of measures include road narrowing and widening of sidewalks.
- Emphasis on the Central Business District, which is addressed with the project's proposed traffic calming measures to provide improved crossing facilities for pedestrians and bicyclist at various locations on Main Street.

IMPLEMENTATION/TIMEFRAMES:

Implementation steps include:

1. Revise Capital Improvement Program, as necessary;
2. Prepare grant applications for design, engineering and construction (2018 – 2023)
3. Undertake design, engineering and construction (2019 – 2024)

ATTACHMENTS:

1. DRAFT 2018 Street Safety Plan with Appendices
2. Power Point presentation by W-Trans

NOTIFICATION:

1. 'Notify Me' subscriber list: Fort Bragg Downtown Businesses