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Key City Projects and Initiatives
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Active Transportation Plan

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**Project Completion Date:** June 2023  
**Budget:** $160,000  
**Council Goal/Priority:** A City That Works & A Safe Community That Thrives—Workplan items 18, 20, 26, 28, and 85

**Project Description**
This project will update the 2008 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (also called the Active Transportation Plan) in coordination with the General Plan Update. The plan will incorporate a fresh look and best practices in active transportation and update city standards for bike and ped facilities. Existing conditions will be evaluated, and future projects and programs will be identified along with costs and potential funding opportunities. The wayfinding program will develop a comprehensive plan for pedestrian and bicycle signage citywide. This project includes the installation of the downtown area signage to kick off the implementation. The Active Transportation (AT) Plan update incorporates a robust community outreach program. It will rely heavily on feedback from community stakeholders and guidance and input from the Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee (PBAC).

**Current Status**
City staff is working with PBAC to establish the committee’s involvement in updating the AT Plan, reviewing relevant policies in the General Plan and 2008 AT Plan, and updating AT Plan Goals.

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1 Workplan items can be found in attached Goals and Priorities Booklet.
Airport Projects

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*Aircraft Parking Apron Rehabilitation – Ramp Seal Coat and Repaving*

**Project Completion Date:** Fall 2023  
**Budget:** Approximately $1.8 million funded by Federal and State grants (95%) and through the Airport Enterprise Fund (5%)  
**Goal/Priority:** A Safe Community That Thrives—Workplan item 74

**Project Description**  
The Aircraft Parking Apron Rehabilitation project involves rehabilitating the eastern half of the Aircraft Parking Apron, including drainage upgrades. The pavement condition was rated as Medium to High in Severity in the Airport Pavement Management System Report of 2017. The current drainage is inadequate, and water pools during heavy rains accelerate the pavement's deterioration and necessitate rehabilitation. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has already paid for the design. The construction of this project is reimbursable from the FAA and Caltrans Division of Aeronautics.

**Current Status**  
Construction bid documents are being finalized. The formal public Notice Inviting Bids is scheduled for February 2022. Bid Opening is tentatively scheduled for March.
**Bathroom Hangars 6-9 – Unisex 2 Unit Restroom Facility**

**Project Completion Date:** Summer 2025  
**Budget:** Approximately $250,000 funded entirely through the Airport Enterprise Fund  
**Goal/Priority:** A Safe Community That Thrives—Workplan item 74

**Project Description**
The Bathroom Hangers 6-9 project addresses the need for a bathroom facility serving the hangers at the south end of the airfield. This project, funded through Airport Operating Funds, will install a 2-unit ADA compliant restroom facility near Hangers Row 9.

**Current Status**
Design and scoping have been completed, and this shovel-ready project will be constructed after the Hangar & Apron Repairs project is complete.

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**Hangar & Apron Repairs – Hangar Row 1-8 Structural, Safety & Environmental Updates**

**Project Completion Date:** Summer 2023  
**Budget:** Approximately $657,000 funded entirely through the Airport Enterprise Fund  
**Goal/Priority:** A Safe Community That Thrives—Workplan item 74

**Project Description**
The Hangar and Apron Repairs project was created to address numerous deficiencies identified during a 2017 inspection of the airport hangars. The airport hangars require repairs throughout the inventory, including hangar doors, electrical systems, roofing, siding, drainage, and structural components.

Existing interior fluorescent strip lights were replaced with brand new LED vapor tight strip fixtures, as well as new LED full cutoff exterior floodlights. The lower wattage lights will reduce the airport’s carbon footprint, and the full cutoff floodlights will reduce light pollution.
Additionally, minor apron pavement repairs in the hangars are a part of the project.

**Current Status**
Non-standard electrical and lighting elements have been removed. All fluorescent lighting and floodlight packs have been replaced with LED fixtures. During this next phase in the summer of FY23, the metal roofing and gutters will be replaced as these components have exceeded their 30-year lifespan.

**South Taxilane B Rehabilitation – Seal Coat and Pavement Repair**

**Project Completion Date:** Fall 2025  
**Budget:** Approximately $1.3 million funded by Federal and State grants (95%) and through the Airport Enterprise Fund (5%)  
**Goal/Priority:** A Safe Community That Thrives—Workplan item 74

**Project Description**
Initially constructed in 1994, Taxilane B is a vital thoroughfare for tenant aircraft between the runway and the airport’s south hangars. Due to its age, Taxilane B requires sealing and reconstruction to maintain usability. This project is federal/state funding eligible and has been tentatively scheduled in conjunction with the Taxiway A Reconstruction project to reduce costs.

**Current Status**
Pending confirmation by the FAA through their upcoming Airports Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP) review process, the design can commence in the spring of 2023. Construction is tentatively scheduled for summer 2025.
Taxiway “A” Rehabilitation – Seal Coat and Pavement Repair

Project Completion Date: Fall 2025  
Budget: Approximately $1.3 million funded by Federal and State grants (95%) and through the Airport Enterprise Fund (5%)  
Goal/Priority: A Safe Community That Thrives—Workplan item 74

Project Description
In 2017, as part of the Airport Pavement Management System Report, the assessment rated the condition of Inner Taxiway “A” as Medium to High Severity. Due to the declining pavement conditions, cracks are forming, and the pavement needs repairs in the next two to three years. The Taxiway “A” Rehabilitation project involves the rehabilitation of the Inner Taxiway “A.”

The work will consist of “dig-outs,” edge repairs, crack seal, and overlay. The project is reimbursable from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Caltrans Division of Aeronautics. It will be funded through an FAA grant with matching funding through a combination of a State grant and Airport Operating Funds. Design is scheduled for completion in FY 22/23, with construction slated for FY 24/25.

Current Status
Pending confirmation by the FAA through their upcoming Airports Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP) review process, the design can commence in the spring of 2023. Construction is tentatively scheduled for summer 2025.

Budget and Financial Reporting Process

Project Manager: Corey Garberolio, Finance Director/Deputy City Manager  
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Project Completion Date: Budget – Late Spring 2022; Annual Comprehensive Annual Report (ACFR) – Winter 2022  
Budget: N/A
Goal/Priority: A City That Works—Workplan items 1 and 3

Project Description
Annually the city embarks on two lengthy financial processes. The first is creating and adopting the annual budget, consisting of the operations budget and Capital Improvement Program; typically, this process begins at the start of the calendar year. The City’s Fiscal Year begins on July 1st and ends on June 30th. After the adoption of the budget comes the Comprehensive Financial Annual Report. Once all invoices and receipts have been resolved for the previous fiscal year, typically in the fall, an audit begins on the year and review of the now completed fiscal year.

Current Status
On January 5th, 2022, the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report was posted to the City’s website. Budget season is underway, with work being conducted on the Capital Improvement Program and operations budget.

City Hall Upgrades – Council Chambers, East Wing, Permit Center, West Wing

Project Manager: Diane Ramirez, Public Works and Utilities
Contact Information: dramirez@cityofpetaluma.org
Project Completion Date: Fall 2022
Budget: $1 million, funded by City Facilities Impact Fee, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), SB2 Grant
Goal/Priority: Spaces and Places That Inspire—Workplan items 138 and 139

Project Description
Council Chambers
The Council Chambers Audio and Video Upgrades project addresses technology needs and safety for City Council members, public attendees, and City staff. Now almost fifty years old, the Council Chambers hosts all council, committee, and commission meetings. These chambers are the City’s primary location for conducting legislative business. In response to the pandemic, the City transitioned to virtual “Zoom” webinar meetings in
2020. With future hybrid (Zoom and in-person) meetings on the horizon as we transition again, these upgrades are designed to improve safety, enhance public participation, and ease using this technology for optimal public engagement. This project will enhance audio and video capability and add several video displays for the members on the dais and the audience. Other improvements include new moveable seating, flooring, and dais extension for the staff's working area.

**East Wing**
To provide better and seamless services to the community while operating safely during and following the COVID pandemic, this remodel will consolidate and expand existing City Hall departments housed in the east wing to facilitate the delivery of services and improve facility safety under pandemic conditions. These departments include Human Resources and Risk Management, General Services, City Attorney, Finance, and Economic Development & Open Government.

**Permit Center and West Wing**
This project strengthens the City’s public-facing permit program with a new dedicated “Permit Center” area in the west wing of City Hall. This facilitates our goals for improving community access and permit acquisition for building, planning, fire, and encroachment permits. This remodel was designed and permitted in FY 21/22, and construction is planned for spring and summer of 2022.

Another area of west wing work involved reprogramming the portion of the west wing that County of Sonoma services recently vacated. This project is now complete and includes space planning for that area to define individual office sizes and locations for City staff, identifying building improvements to meet code, and remodel construction activities. The Development Engineering Department is located here, with that portion of the remodeling project completed in January 2022.
Current Status
In Council Chambers, most of the new AV technology has been installed. An architect has been retained for the design and specifications of additional minor architectural modifications, new furnishings, and flooring.

A space planning design firm is under contract for the East Wing remodel, and space programming/design is underway.

The modifications to the Permit Center have been designed and permitted, with the bid phase and construction scheduled for spring/summer 2022.

The West Wing Development Engineering offices are complete.

Community Camera Registry Program

Project Manager: Jennifer Pritchard, Police
Contact Information: jpritchard@cityofpetaluma.org
Project Completion Date: Ongoing/Initiating in Spring of 2022
Budget: To be determined
Goal/Priority: A Safe Community That Thrives—Workplan item 78

Project Description
The Community Camera Registration program is a voluntary record of a home or business security camera to assist law enforcement during an investigation.

In the event of a critical incident or criminal investigation, business or residential security cameras may capture evidence essential to solving a case. These investigations frequently require the canvassing of neighborhoods surrounding a crime scene for security cameras. Knowing where cameras are located dramatically speeds up investigations by allowing investigators to prioritize where to begin looking for evidence. The best available video evidence is often not of the crime scene itself but pathways and streets that lead into and out of the crime scene.

The Police Department will be working collaboratively with community members seeking voluntary participation and registration. Any community member or business with security cameras on their property can register with the department. Participation in the camera
registration program is entirely voluntary, and there is no fee. All registered information is confidential and will only be accessible to law enforcement personnel during criminal investigations. This camera registration program does not provide access to any cameras or systems; it only documents their locations and the contact information provided by the owner.

Current Status
The Department is developing a web-based registry and website to accept registrations.

Once established, it is anticipated that the Police Department will conduct a public awareness campaign encouraging community members to enroll in the program via our city website voluntarily.

Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Fueling Station Ellis Creek & Ellis Creek High-Strength Waste Facility Projects

Project Manager: Lisa Cameli, Public Works and Utilities
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Project Completion Date: Spring 2023
Budget: $14.3 million
Goal/Priority: Our Environmental Legacy—Workplan items 42 and 51

Project Description
CNG Fueling Station
This project includes designing and constructing a gas scrubbing facility, a Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueling station, and related site improvements at the Ellis Creek Water Recycling Facility (ECWRF) and Recology Sonoma Marin’s facility in Petaluma.

The anaerobic digester at ECWRF produces methane gas used to fuel a boiler to heat sludge. The excess methane gas is flared off. With the construction of another digester and the addition of high-strength waste to the treatment process, the plant will produce nearly double the amount of methane gas. The gas will be scrubbed, compressed, and used to fuel both City and Recology vehicles.
The City obtained grant funds from the California Energy Commission to construct the CNG facilities, with the remainder of the funding coming from the Wastewater Capital Fund.

**High-Strength Waste (HSW) Facility**
This project repurposes existing acid-phase digesters at the Ellis Creek Water Recycling Facility to receive and blend high-strength waste from local industries with wastewater solids for anaerobic digestion. The project includes the addition of screw press sludge dewatering capacity. The design of this project began in FY 16/17, and construction is expected to be substantially complete in FY 22/23, in conjunction with the CNG fueling project.

**Current Status**
Project completion and startup have been delayed due to delays in obtaining required Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) permits.

Work is ongoing to perform preventative maintenance of the system. Additional work is needed to complete repairs to the HSW receiving pump station.

Lastly, the City is currently negotiating project closeout with the prime contractor and completing as-builts and operations and maintenance (O&M) manuals for ECWRF operations.

**COVID Administration**

**Project Manager:** Erika Leahy, Human Resources  
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**Project Completion Date:** Ongoing  
**Budget:** Not Applicable  
**Goal/Priority:** A City That Works and A Safe Community That Thrives—Workplan items 169 and 179
Project Description
Implement mitigating measures to protect the health and safety of City of Petaluma staff and community by (1) complying with all COVID-19 health guidelines, regulations, and local health orders, and (2) administering the City’s COVID-19 Vaccination/Weekly Testing Policy.

Current Status
Effective September 20, 2021, for Police and Fire staff and effective November 1, 2021, for all other staff, the City implemented a COVID-19 Vaccination/Weekly Testing Policy requiring employees to submit proof of being fully vaccinated or undergo weekly testing. The policy outlines testing procedures and protocols if an employee tests positive. Currently, the majority of City employees have submitted proof of vaccination. In addition to administering the COVID-19 Vaccination/Weekly Testing Policy, the City continually monitors the ever-changing protocol standards issued by federal, state, and local health agencies and determines how to implement those protocols. For example, California’s Occupational Safety and Health Agency (CalOSHA) released updated Emergency Temporary Standards (ETS) relating to COVID-19 effective January 15, 2022. The City ensured that our policies complied with the updated Standards.

Additionally, Sonoma County Public Health released an updated Health order requiring all unvaccinated law enforcement and Fire personnel to undergo twice-weekly COVID-19 testing starting February 1, 2022. The City is currently updating our processes and acquiring testing supplies to comply with this new Health Order. Due to the recent surge in positive cases from the Omicron variant, over 80 employees have been affected. They have been required to take time off work due to their own or a family member’s illness and/or quarantine requirements. This has impacted overall staffing and the ability to perform services; however, City staff remain committed to performing their jobs to ensure staffing coverage during these challenging times.

As you know, due to the Omicron surge, the City has temporarily closed City Hall through February 11, 2022, to be in alignment with the County’s current Public Health Order. We have encouraged all employees who can work remotely to do so. The entire staff of the City has worked together to ensure the continuation of City services during the temporary closure and while working remotely. Plans to partially reopen effective February 15, 2022, remain in place.
Creating a Diverse, Equitable, and Inclusive City Organization

Project Manager: Charla Freckmann, Human Resources
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Project Completion Date: Ongoing
Goal/Priority: A City That Works—Workplan items 8, Recruit, hire, retain, and advance a workforce that is diverse, representative, skilled, talented, and prepared to meet the demands of a full-serve City, and 10, make the City of Petaluma a model employment, encouraging creativity and innovation, and enhancing connections between our staff and the community.

Project Description
Recruitment is the lifeblood of every organization. The department will strive to meet the hiring goals set forth with our vacant positions and Measure U position changes, including but not limited to classification and compensation studies and applicable meet and confers with labor partners. This workforce stabilization task will ensure that all City hiring practices and training and development requirements are seen through a lens of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI).

Current Status
Recruitment is an ongoing process requiring constant and dedicated staff time; the volume of activity depends on the number of current vacancies needing to be filled. For January, staff completed the full recruitment process for 21 positions. The passage of Measure U has enabled the City to add numerous key positions, including establishing numerous new positions and upgrading the classifications of existing positions. The attached chart indicates the current status of implementing the new positions and position upgrades, This month, Human Resources is on track to establish and allocate four (4) key Measure U positions: Director of Community Development, Director of Parks and Recreation, Engineering Manager, and Emergency Manager. Human Resources is currently reviewing many aspects of our recruitment process to enhance the diversity of our applicant pool and employee workforce. This includes advertising open positions on websites and social media representing and supporting BIPOC professionals and potential candidates, ensuring interview questions are sensitive to inclusion and moving from an “equal opportunity employer” to an employer that actively seeks diversity, equity,
and inclusion, as well as creating an organizational culture where all of our employees have a voice and feel represented and supported.

Creekwood Housing Development – 280 Casa Grande Road

**Project Manager:** Greg Powell, Community Development  
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**Project Completion Date:** To Be Determined – In Planning Process  
**Budget:** Cost Recovery Project  
**Goal/Priority:** A Safe Community That Thrives—Workplan item 86

**Project Description**

Creekwood is a 59-lot residential housing project that proposes demolishing one of the existing single-family homes on the site and subdividing the property to create 59 mostly attached single-family units. To accommodate the development, the site would be regraded to create street improvements and elevate building pads for new dwellings (to be above the FEMA flood level). A new bio-retention/floodwater basin would be constructed to connect to Adobe Creek on the adjacent City-owned parcel to the east. The project would also include the construction of a pedestrian pathway adjacent to Adobe Creek to connect to the Casa Grande Subdivision that abuts the site to the south and, potentially in the future, connect north to the Casa Grande Senior Apartments. The proposed pedestrian pathway would also connect to a new pedestrian bridge over Adobe Creek that would connect this site and the residential areas west of Adobe Creek with the existing pathways and residential areas to the east on Spyglass Road. Vehicular, emergency, and pedestrian access would be provided from Casa Grande Road via a new private street. Five of the proposed dwellings would be designated for Low-Income households, and four additional dwellings would be designated for Moderate-Income households. All new dwellings would be sold as condominiums.
**Current Status**
The project application was submitted on November 22, 2021, and was determined incomplete for filing on January 7, 2022.

To support the City’s review of the application and to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act, an Environmental Impact Report will be prepared. The City is reviewing proposals received in response to the Request for Proposal to complete the necessary environmental review and anticipates that work will commence on the Environmental Impact Report in spring 2022.

No public hearings are scheduled at this time.

**Public Information**
A detailed project description and application materials are available electronically at: https://cityofpetaluma.org/creekwood-housing-development/. When public meetings are scheduled for this project, links to meeting agendas and staff reports will also be made available.

**Davidon/Scott Ranch**

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**Project Completion Date:** To Be Decided – In Planning Process  
**Budget:** Cost Recovery Project  
**Goal/Priority:** Spaces And Places That Inspire—Workplan item 152

**Project Description**
The Scott Ranch project includes a 28-lot single-family residential subdivision and approximately 47 acres of open space/parkland to expand Helen Putnam Regional Park. The latter component of the project consists of multi-use trails north and south of Kelly Creek, connecting the existing barn complex on the east of the site to the existing Helen Putnam Regional Park to the west. The project also includes an approximately 800-foot offsite sidewalk gap closure on the east side of D Street between Windsor Drive and Sunnyslope Avenue.
The applicant has requested the following entitlements: (1) a General Plan Amendment to modify General Plan Policy 2-P-68, (2) Amendment of General Plan Figure 5-2 regarding the location of the urban separator planning path, (3) a Zoning Map Amendment to change the zoning from Residential 1 (R1) to a Planned Unit District (PUD), (4) a Zoning Text Amendment to adopt PUD Plan and Guidelines; and (5) a Vesting Tentative Map to subdivide the project site. In addition, Site Plan and Architectural Review (SPAR) will be required for the development of the single-family homes, associated landscaping, and lighting in the residential component and public improvements proposed as part of the Putnam Park Extension Project component.

Current Status
The project has been in review since its initial submittal to the City in 2003 and has been through several revisions in response to public comment. The Final Environmental Impact Report is currently being reviewed by staff and will be brought forward with the project entitlements for Planning Commission review and recommendation. The City Council is the discretionary body for both certification of the EIR and approval of the entitlements. The Planning Commission hearing is tentatively scheduled for March 22, 2022.

Public Information
A detailed project description and application materials are available at: https://cityofpetaluma.org/scott-ranch/. When public meetings are scheduled for this project, links to meeting agendas and staff reports will also be made available.

District Elections
Project Manager: Ingrid Alverde, Economic Development & Open Government
Contact Information: districtelections@cityofpetaluma.org
Project Completion Date: April 2022
Budget: $300,000
Goal/Priority: New Initiative
**Project Description**

Petaluma is moving to a district election model to ensure that voices from all corners of our community are heard. This move is a significant change in how Petalumans will vote for city council representation. Petaluma currently uses an at-large election system, which means all voters in the city cast a ballot for all six council members and our Mayor. In our new district election model, voters from a specified area will vote directly for one of six Councilmembers to represent them. The entire city will be mapped into six distinct districts of nearly equal population that equitably represent all people who live in Petaluma, whether they are eligible to vote or not. The Mayor will continue to be selected with the at-large election system.

**Current Status**

A communications campaign has been developed under the title “Petaluma for All” with a logo to provide visual recognition and consistent messaging about the transition. The process has been included in 2 community updates. It has also been shared in a full-page ad and a spadea in the Argus-Courier. A website has been developed that provides for printable and fillable community of interest forms. A mapping tool has been configured and launched. Staff shared the information at a tabletop event at the December 4th Kentucky Street Marketplace. An Open House was held on December 15, 2021, and a stakeholder meeting was held on December 16, 2021. We have a toolkit for anyone who can share this information with their networks. The first Public Hearing to review maps will be held on January 31, 2022. Draft maps were distributed on January 24, 2022.

**Electric Vehicle Pilot Project and the Patrol Vehicle Hybrids**

**Project Manager:** Nick McGowan, Police  
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**Project Completion Date:** (5) Hybrid Patrol Vehicles May of 2022; Pilot Project Evaluation Ongoing  
**Budget:** Fiscal Year 2021-2022: $440,000 (1 Electrical Vehicle $100,000 and 5 Hybrid Patrol Vehicles $340,000)  
**Goal/Priority:** Our Environmental Legacy—Workplan item 42

**Project Description**

The City of Petaluma aims to achieve greenhouse gas carbon neutrality by 2030. In 2020, the Petaluma Police Department needed to replace patrol vehicles beyond their serviceable use in their fleet. The Petaluma Police Department began researching currently available hybrid police patrol vehicles to be environmentally responsible. The FY 21/22 budget granted $340,000 to purchase five (5) hybrid patrol vehicles and $100,000 for one (1) Electric Vehicle Pilot Program. Aside from gas vehicles generating higher emissions, the cost of gas continues to increase and impact the overall budget.
The Police Department has been actively researching current electric vehicle technology to achieve our climate goals. While the EV technology has not yet resulted in a factory-produced all-electric public safety vehicle, we initiated a Police EV Pilot Project to provide a sustainable alternative as we seek to create and maintain an environmentally responsible patrol fleet. The electric vehicle pilot program proposes implementing and testing an all-electric vehicle intended for full police patrol duty and evaluating alternatives as we replace older, less efficient gasoline-powered patrol vehicles. This pilot program will help determine the suitability and the overall cost of a patrol-equipped electric vehicle compared to the overall cost of a gasoline or hybrid patrol vehicle. The cost analysis will include the cost of the vehicle, the emergency equipment, the maintenance, and projected fuel costs.

**Current Status**
The Petaluma Police Department ordered (5) Ford Interceptor Hybrids in the Summer of 2021; however, due to supply chain issues created by the pandemic, the vehicles were delayed in production and will begin production in March of 2022. The Petaluma Police Department hopes to have the hybrid vehicles in service by May of 2022.

Along with transitioning gas patrol vehicles into more efficient carbon-neutral hybrid patrol vehicles, the Petaluma Police Department is preparing to seek authorization, to begin with, the Electric Vehicle Hybrid Pilot Program. The resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) Tesla Model Y SUV and standard police equipment will go before the City Council on February 28, 2022.

This project aims to reduce carbon emissions without forgoing our preparedness or ability to respond to any public safety emergency.

**Ellis Creek WRF Chemical System Upgrades Project**

**Project Manager:** Josh Minshall, Public Works and Utilities  
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**Project Completion Date:** 2025
Budget: $7.5 million funded from the Wastewater Enterprise Fund.
Goal/Priority: Our Environmental Legacy—Workplan item 53

Project Description
This project will upgrade chemical, mechanical, and electrical equipment used to disinfect and dechlorinate water as part of the final treatment before it is discharged into the environment. The existing equipment is outdated and will be upgraded to comply with current regulations and safety standards while enhancing efficiency in the chemical treatment process. The scope of work includes the following:

- Replace 2,200 feet of deteriorated chemical transmission piping that runs through the site at Ellis Creek Water Recycling Facility (ECWRF).
- Replace and relocate pumps for chemical systems to provide more efficient operation.
- Upgrade mechanical and electrical deficiencies at the chemical storage buildings and correct structural components that have deteriorated over time and require safety improvements.
- Provide new switchgear, a motor control center, and allow for an environmentally friendly power backup system.
- Improve a 7000-foot drive to allow for access by large chemical delivery trucks.

Upon completion, this project will lower annual maintenance and operation costs.

Current Status
The project is currently in the scoping and evaluation phase to determine the full extent of required repairs, modifications, and improvements. The timing and sequencing of the project is being evaluated in conjunction with many other projects occurring at Ellis Creek.

Ellis Creek WRF Outfall Replacement

Project Manager: Josh Minshall, Public Works and Utilities
Contact Information: jminshall@cityofpetaluma.org
Project Completion Date: Fall/Winter 2023
Budget: $2.4 million
Goal/Priority: A Safe Community That Thrives—Workplan item 74
**Project Description**
The original outfall was installed in the 1970s and crossed a long distance of wetland to the river. Over time, the materials used for the outfall pipe have become fragile, and its current condition is at risk of failure. The City installed a temporary bypass as an emergency measure; however, this is not a long-term solution. The new outfall design will meet the needs of the Ellis Creek Water Recycling Facility while ensuring continued operations and protecting the environment from a potential failure of the old outfall.

**Current Status**
The project is currently in the design and permitting phase. The preliminary design (10%) is complete, with engineering and design development for 60% completion underway over the next few months. Environmental permits are being prepared, and a bird survey is underway.

Construction is planned to begin in Fall 2022, with the timing of construction activities limited by narrow environmental permitting windows.

**Fairgrounds Community Engagement**

**Project Manager:** Ingrid Alverde, Economic Development & Open Government  
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**Project Completion Date:** Summer of 2022  
**Budget:** To Be Decided  
**Goal/Priority:** A City That Works and Places That Inspire—Workplan items 128 and 161

**Project Description**
City staff is working with the subcommittees of the City Council and the 4th District Agricultural Association (DAA) to develop a community engagement campaign that would include a “lottery selected panel” in addition to our standard outreach programs. The lottery selected panel approach aims to bring new voices to the conversation and to represent all Petalumans with a panel that reflects Petaluma’s demographics, including all ages, ethnicities, locations, among other groups.
Current Status
A joint hearing of both subcommittees was held on January 18, 2022. The feedback from that meeting will be incorporated into a proposed outreach program will be presented to the City Council for review on February 28th, 2022.

First and F Street Bridge Replacement

Project Manager: Ken Eichstaedt, Public Works and Utilities  
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Project Completion Date: 12/2022  
Budget: $2,050,000  
Goal/Priority: A City That Works and A Safe Community That Thrives—Workplan items 15, 18, and 79

Project Description
The timber-framed bridge at 1st and F Streets (Bridge) spans a tidal portion of Thompson Creek, approximately 225 feet upstream from the confluence with the Petaluma River. The structure is a former railroad bridge with two sets of rail tracks. The bridge has been incorporated into the street and carries pedestrian, bicycle, automobile, and truck traffic.

The age of the Bridge is not known, but some elements may date back to the early 1900s from the construction of the Petaluma and Santa Rosa Railway (P&SR).

The 2014 structural assessment rated the bridge condition as “Poor,” with a Caltrans qualitative condition of 3 to 4 out of 4, and the condition has continued to deteriorate since that time. (The standardized rating uses 1 to represent the best condition and 4 to represent the worst condition.) In summary, the Bridge is in poor physical condition with signs of dry rot, failing structural elements, and significant overstress in some of the primary load-carrying components under current loading conditions.

Current Status
• The Bridge is currently closed because of its condition and safety concerns.
• The Construction project was awarded, and the Construction Contract was executed in February 2022.
• A deductive Change Order Amendment #1 is anticipated due to a reduction in unit quantities.
• Based on council and public comment, staff and design team members are exploring a redesign to include sidewalk gap closures and potential alternatives to enhance non-vehicular uses while reducing project costs.

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**Floodplain and Sea Level Rise (SLR) Modeling**

**Project Manager:** Gina Benedetti-Petnic, Public Works and Utilities  
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**Project Completion Date:** Phase 1 Late Spring 2022; Phase 2 FY 23-34 (dependent upon FEMA review period)  
**Budget:** Approx. $330,000 for Floodplain and SLR models (Phase 1); Additional $110,000 for the FEMA map revision (Phase 2). Funding for this project comes from $255,000 from Sonoma Water Zone 2A grant towards floodplain modeling; and $192,500 from CDBG Disaster Mitigation Grant toward SLR Modeling for Climate Adaptation.  
**Goal/Priority:** Our Environmental Legacy—Workplan item 71

**Project Description**  
**Phase 1: Floodplain Model Update and SLR Modeling**

Phase 1 of this project includes major updates to the floodplain model and new Sea Level Rise (SLR) mapping. The former will consist of converting the City’s current XPSTORM floodplain model to HEC-RAS 2D, as recently done in the upper watershed by Sonoma Water. This modeling project will build upon the county’s model and expand the City’s model. Included in the floodplain modeling update project, the new state-of-the-art HEC-RAS 2D model will be recalibrated to the City’s recently expanded network of stream...
gauges and adds Kelly and Thompson Creeks to the HEC-RAS 2D model along with recalibration.

The second critical component of this phase of work is SLR vulnerability modeling that incorporates storm and Petaluma River, tide models. The combined effects of these risks have not been studied or modeled before and will provide our community with a complete understanding of climate-related flood risks in the future.

**Phase 2: FEMA Map Revision**

Phase 2 comprises completing the FEMA map revision, including preparing work maps for 100- and 500-year inundation and providing a study report for FEMA, further coordination, public outreach and review period, and final submittal of the data and report. More flood management information is available on the City’s website: [https://cityofpetaluma.org/flood-management/](https://cityofpetaluma.org/flood-management/)

**OBJECTIVES:**

Identifying sea level rise-affected parcels and understanding this risk in the context of flooding from storms and tides is a significant step in mitigating future flood hazards. This modeling information will help inform policies and goals in the General Plan Update, particularly in the Housing Element related to future development, land use, and equity. The goal is to reduce flood risk and increase resilience ultimately.

This project will:

1) Enhance the accuracy and extent of the City’s flood plain modeling.

2) Provide consistency with the county’s model and FEMA’s modeling standards and best practices, which recently adopted guidance to use HEC-RAS 2D.

3) Prepare a FEMA map revision to reflect existing floodplain characteristics and features more accurately.

4) Cumulatively assess SLR vulnerability with storm and tide models.

5) Coincide with the upcoming Petaluma General Plan Update.
6) Enable more effective and responsive flood plain management and planning.

**Current Status**

Phase 1 work commenced in January for the floodplain model update and the SLR modeling work. The City’s hydrology and flood risk specialist, West Consultants, Inc., is coordinating closely with City staff and the General Plan Update team in developing the new models. Phase 1 work is being expedited to meet the GP Update schedule and will be complete in late spring of 2022.

Completion of the Phase 2 FEMA task is anticipated to require five months after that, with FEMA’s review to follow, a process that will likely take an additional 3 to 6 months.

**General Plan Update**

**Project Manager:** Heather Hines, Community Development Director  
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**Project Completion Date:** 2023  
**Budget:** $2,774,195  
**Goal/Priority:** Our Environmental Legacy and Spaces And Places That Inspire—Workplan items 57, 126, and 192

**Project Description**

The City of Petaluma is currently operating under the City of Petaluma: General Plan 2025, adopted in 2008. As the 2025 planning horizon approaches, the City has initiated a comprehensive update for the City’s 20+ year horizon. The General Plan serves as the guiding vision document and provides policies and implementation programs to achieve the City’s goals. Every local jurisdiction in California is required to adopt a General Plan with at least seven mandatory topical areas, referred to as elements, including Land Use, Open Space, Conservation, Housing, Circulation, Noise, and Safety. One of the City’s most significant elements is the Housing Element, which is required by State regulations to be updated every eight years. The City’s Housing Element (Chapter 11 of the current General Plan) was adopted in 2015 and must be updated and adopted by December 2022.

Petaluma has experienced a great deal of change since adopting the current General Plan. High priority concerns include availability and affordability of housing, climate change, public health and equity, and sustainability. Although the current General Plan
horizon year is 2025, the City initiated a comprehensive General Plan Update process starting in 2020 to coordinate the General Plan update with required statutory deadlines to adopt the City’s 6th cycle Housing Element. This proactive approach to updating the General Plan positions the City to adapt to the changing regulatory landscape and ensure appropriate focus on local priorities.

In 2021 the City Council approved a multi-year contract with Raimi + Associates as the lead consultant to work with the City to create a visionary General Plan update focused on the City’s priorities and provide concrete implementation to ensure the City achieves the community vision for its future. The Raimi team includes a group of sub-consultants selected to best address the community’s needs and provide technical expertise to address the city’s challenges.

Hand in hand with the General Plan Update, the City, along with the General Plan consulting team, will be developing the 6th cycle Housing Element, a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, and the associated programmatic Environmental Impact Report.

Also, in 2021 the City Council appointed a 21 member General Plan Advisory Committee comprised of community representatives who will serve as advisors and project ambassadors throughout the General Plan process. The GPAC provides feedback and direction intending to develop policies and objectives responsive to community input, conditions, goals, and vision. Additionally, the GPAC helps tailor the project to local conditions, including the approach taken for each major step in the process and public engagement strategies employed. The GPAC reviews plan materials and guide key project milestones, and communicates information about the General Plan to Petaluma community members to encourage all interested parties to participate in the process.

**Current Status**
The General Plan Update process is broken down into several phases, including Initiation, Discovery, Visioning, Alternatives, Policy Framework, Plan Development, Review, and Adoption. City staff and the consultant team are revising the Existing Conditions Report in response to community feedback and culminating the Discovery Phase. The GPAC is currently working on final revisions to the Vision Statement, Pillars of Petaluma, and Guiding Principles for recommendation to the City Council as part of the Visioning Phase. The GPAC will begin to engage in more substantive topical discussion as part of small working groups to explore alternatives and policy development.

**Public Information and Engagement**
The General Plan is the community’s vision, and public engagement is critical to a successful outcome. Initial public outreach has included various events to engage the community. While most events have been virtual due to the global pandemic, there have
been opportunities for in-person outdoor events such as pop-ups at community events. The team hopes to increase in-person engagement as health mandates evolve in 2022.

Monthly GPAC meetings (3rd Thursday at 6:30 p.m.) are public meetings with opportunities for public comment and are a great way to stay informed in the process. The General Plan website https://www.planpetaluma.org/ includes a wealth of information on the process and will continue to be updated as new information is available and public engagement opportunities are scheduled. Members of the public can sign up for notification of General Plan updates on the website to ensure that they don’t miss out!

Home Depot – 261 North McDowell Boulevard

Project Manager: Erica Baptiste, Community Development
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Project Completion Date: TBD--In Planning Process
Budget: Cost Recovery Project
Goal/Priority: An Economy That Prospers—Workplan item 101

Project Description
An application has been submitted for Major Site Plan and Architecture Review (SPAR) for a 107,891-square-foot main building and a 28,216-square-foot Garden Center in the area that was previously the Kmart in the northwest corner of the Plaza North Shopping Center located at 261 North McDowell Boulevard. The proposal includes effectively demolishing the former Kmart building and constructing the new building in a similar enlarged footprint. The proposed building is approximately 25 feet tall with an increased parapet height of 34 feet at the main entrance with access from North McDowell Boulevard and the existing shopping center parking lot. The project includes the allocation of 454 parking stalls in the existing Plaza North Shopping Center surface parking lot and a Tool Rental Center, which among other things, would offer truck and van rentals for customers.

Current Status
The Major SPAR application was initially submitted on November 3, 2021, and deemed incomplete, as documented in a letter to the applicant. Home Depot resubmitted plans on February 1, 2022,
and is currently being reviewed by staff. The proposal also requires the completion of a Fiscal and Economic Impact Assessment (FEIA) based upon the proposed land use and square footage consistent with City Council Resolution 2019-136 N.C.S. Staff is currently reviewing the FEIA Request for Proposal submissions. At this time, the application is incomplete, and no public hearing is scheduled.

Public Information
A detailed project description and application materials are available electronically at: https://cityofpetaluma.org/home-depot-261-north-mcdowell/. When public meetings are scheduled for this project, links to meeting agendas and staff reports will also be made available.

Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPMP)

**Project Manager:** Patrick Carter and Rhianna Frank, City Manager’s Office  
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**Project Completion Date:** Spring 2022  
**Budget:** $69,900  
**Goal/Priority:** Our Environmental Legacy—Workplan item 196

**Project Description**
The City of Petaluma is responsible for pest management in recreation, parks, open spaces, facilities, 396 miles of roads, associated rights of way, and an airport, including 47 parks and 480 acres of open space. The City discontinued using glyphosate to manage vegetation and is developing an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Plan to guide staff and inform the public on its methods to address pests – particularly vegetation – in the City.

**Current Status**
The consultant reviewed existing IPM documents to obtain historical information and explore a future program framework. City staff is engaging with a community-led working group. The team is now performing site reconnaissance and conducting interviews to understand site types and features, pest types, pest control techniques used, and pesticide use history to best meet the City’s pest management goals.
Local Road Safety Plan

Project Manager: Jeff Stutsman, Public Works and Utilities  
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Project Completion Date: Summer 2022  
Budget: $78,509 funded through a state grant  
Goal/Priority: A City That Works and A Safe Community That Thrives—Workplan items 15 and 79

Project Description
The City of Petaluma is developing a Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) to establish a framework and process for identifying, analyzing, and prioritizing roadway safety improvements on our streets.

An LRSP provides a tailored framework for organizing stakeholders to identify, analyze, and prioritize roadway safety issues and needs on local streets. The plan begins with an analysis of historical crash data to identify patterns and high incident areas throughout the City, and then provides ideas to address these safety issues.

It is important to note that LRSPs are generally data-driven plans that must be prepared in compliance with both state and federal guidelines. Moreover, plans must be approved by municipalities as a prerequisite to receiving Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grants for projects. The HSIP is an important federal-aid program with the primary purpose of achieving significant reductions in fatalities and serious injuries on public streets and roads. In recent years, we have been very successful in securing HSIP grant funding for myriad projects throughout the City.
**Current Status**
Staff presented a preliminary draft of the LRSP to Council in December 2021. Valuable feedback was received on ways to improve the plan and staff has been working with its consultant to incorporate edits, obtain further information on high-risk areas, and initiate a renewed and broader public outreach campaign.

Our public outreach strategy involves the following: (1) meetings are being held with school district representatives, crossing guards, and other community stakeholders; (2) information is being shared on social media platforms with polling opportunities, including our consultant’s “Social Pinpoint” website (click here); and (3) there will be a presentation and discussion at an upcoming Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee (PBAC) meeting.

A revised and updated plan will be presented to City Council in late spring of 2022.

**Lucchesi Synthetic Turf and Lighting Replacement**

**Project Manager:** Josh Minshall, Public Works and Utilities
**Contact Information:** jminshall@cityofpetaluma.org
**Project Completion Date:** Spring 2023, pending funding
**Budget:** Turf: $122,000 (funded through Measure M); additional $700,000 Budgeted; $585,000 Undetermined
Lighting: $107,000

**Goal/Priority:** Spaces And Places That Inspire—Workplan item 151

**Project Description**
The Lucchesi Turf Field Replacement project will replace the existing multi-use synthetic turf with new materials and address drainage issues at the site. The all-weather field is used heavily by resident youth and adult recreation programs and leagues. Soccer and lacrosse groups primarily use the facility, and the turf is past its expected 10-year service life. Before laying new turf, the contractor will correct drainage issues. Additionally, City staff is investigating options for new infill materials that meet the city’s environmental goals. Fees charged for the use of the field will provide most of the funds for the project. New energy-saving LED lights will replace the existing field lighting, while a control system upgrade will allow remote activation.
Current Status
Geotechnical testing was performed in January 2022. Turf design is scheduled to be completed in Spring 2022, with the construction anticipated to begin in FY22-23. The design team is exploring a potential shock-absorbing underlay to help with drainage while improving player safety. Although it would be a slightly higher initial cost, the shock pads are expected to last for two 10-year turf cycles. Funding sources will need to be identified to provide for the project increases due to drainage issues, current market conditions, shock pads, and environmentally friendly infill material options. Lighting upgrades are in the contract phase, and construction is anticipated in Spring 2022.

North McDowell Complete Streets

Project Manager: Ken Eichstaedt, Public Works and Utilities
Contact Information: KEichstaedt@cityofpetaluma.org
Project Completion Date: Summer 2023
Budget: $10.5M (Preliminary Estimate; the budget will vary based on the timing of proposed Corona SMART Station and corresponding affordable housing development and final design scope.)
Goal/Priority: A City That Works and A Safe Community That Thrives—Workplan items 15, 16, 20, and 84

Project Description
The North McDowell Boulevard Complete Streets Project (Project) is 1.75 miles long, stretching from the southerly limit at Sunrise Parkway north to Old Redwood Highway. The Project proposes a full reconstruction of the current 4-lane roadway with Active Transportation (AT) improvements to include: new sidewalks and gap closures, pedestrian crossings, and upgraded bike facilities.

“Complete Streets” is a transportation policy and design approach that requires streets to be planned, designed, operated, and maintained to enable safe, convenient, and comfortable travel and access for users of all ages and abilities regardless of their mode of transportation.

Existing Conditions: This corridor is a main arterial, with an Average Daily Traffic (ADT) of over 20,000 as recorded in 2019. The posted speed
limit is 40 miles per hour (mph), and the 85-percentile speed, which is measured to define the legally enforceable speed limit, is recorded as 44 mph (City study from 2019).

Various land uses and zoning surround the project corridor: commercial, industrial, and residential. A SMART train crossing is located south of Corona Road on North McDowell. A proposed affordable housing development, transit hub, and the future Sonoma Marin Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Station at Corona Road are also sited just south of the Corona Road intersection along this corridor. Preliminary design is underway for a corresponding proposed SMART Multi-Use Pathway (MUP) primarily located in the railroad right of way from Southpoint Blvd north to Penngrove, including a proposed crossing on North McDowell.

The North McDowell Boulevard pavement in the project location is over 30 years old in places and in poor condition. The Pavement Condition Index (PCI) is 7 to 38; a PCI of 100 is the highest possible rating representing new pavement conditions.

Bicycle facilities range from Class 1 to Class 2 and are non-existent in places. Continuity between the different bicycle accommodations is lacking and not user-friendly, causing confusion to riders in many locations. There is poor access for the transitions from the roadway to the Class I pathway, with fragmented bike lane continuity issues throughout the corridor. Existing striped Class II bike lanes are not comfortable for many cyclists due to the proximity to vehicles (without any separation) on this busy arterial with significant traffic volumes and speed differentials. Compounding these challenging conditions are the lack of wayfinding signage and limited bicycle facility signage.

The current sidewalk configuration ranges from no sidewalk to a narrow sidewalk with conflicting utility poles located in the path of travel. The walking surface condition ranges from deteriorated to fair condition. There are significant gaps in sidewalk continuity.

**Current Status**

- Geotechnical Investigation June/July 2021
- Utility Coordination Ongoing
- PG&E Coordination Ongoing
- Transit Coordination Ongoing
- Tree Survey Nov. 2021
- 10% Design March 2021
- 50% Design May 2021
- PBAC presentation March 2022
- Final design May 2022
- Project Completion FY 23-24
Onboarding—New Employee Orientation

**Project Manager:** Charla Freckmann, Human Resources  
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**Project Completion Date:** Fiscal Year 2022  
**Budget:** Not Applicable  
**Goal/Priority:** A City That Works—Workplan items 8, 10, and 169

**Project Description**
The City’s onboarding process development will involve expanding the current new employee orientation meeting on the first date of employment to a comprehensive program that truly initiates the new employee from the agency-wide level to the team and departmental level and the individual level. The new onboarding process will begin before the new employee’s first day of work and continue over the employee’s first year of employment with the City.

**Current Status**
The City’s current onboarding process consists of a new employee orientation generally on the first date of employment, including an overview of City benefits, pertinent personnel policies and procedures, and completing required payroll and benefits implementation documents. The goal of developing a comprehensive onboarding process is to acclimate the new employee by creating a sense of welcoming and inclusion before their first day of work, by connecting with them and assisting with required paperwork before their start date. The newly designed onboarding will have benchmarks occurring with the new employee starting with the first day of employment, such as a welcome by the Department Director, supervisor, and work team; department-specific information will also be covered at this time. In addition to the first day of employment, benchmarks have been identified to occur during the new employee’s first week, first month, first 90-days, first 6-months, and finally within the initial 12-months of employment. Interviews with all Department Directors have taken place outlining the plans for enhanced onboarding and to allow for specific departmental onboarding as appropriate.

Additionally, the new onboarding process plans include the creation of an employee and supervisor/manager portal on the City’s intranet, which will be “self-service.” Roles and responsibilities are being developed for the Human Resources, Information Technology, and Finance Departments and the hiring departments. At each benchmark of the
onboarding process, elements of socialization, inclusion, and connection will highlight the experience for the new employee. Creating a workforce that embraces DEI starts with inclusion on day one of an employee’s new job. An inclusive workplace generates more engagement, creativity, and teamwork. Onboarding is a pivotal moment for making the new employees feel included, and that is a primary goal of this project. Onboarding creates a first impression of an employer and who the new employee works for, and we want the experience to be a lasting impression.

Pavement Restoration: Measure U Bond-Funded Projects

**Project Manager:** Ken Eichstaedt, Public Works and Utilities  
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**Project Completion Date:** Ongoing  
**Budget:** FY22/23 – $7 million construction  
**Goal/Priority:** A City That Works and A Safe Community That Thrives—Workplan items 15, 79, and 84

**Project Description**
Construction is underway and will continue at an unprecedented rate over the next five years. Improvements consist primarily of seal coats and overlays along with repairs of failed areas and crack sealing. The method selected and streets identified for improvements are based strategically on an evaluation of many factors: Pavement Condition Index (PCI), community input, location, utility work, and usage, among others. The proposed work incorporates Complete Streets elements that focus heavily on improving active transportation opportunities. This includes buffered bicycle lane striping, bulb-outs for traffic calming, pedestrian safety enhancements, and transit accommodations.

Measure U Sales Tax Revenues have facilitated the issuance of bonds for infrastructure improvements, which has allowed the City to triple its annual investment in its street preservation projects. This investment enables the City to stabilize, preserve, and improve our community’s streets. In Fiscal Year 21/22, the City will have completed an unprecedented $4 million of pavement preservation projects on approximately 30 miles of streets—this is more than double the City’s investment in any previous single year.
This halts a decline in annual PCI ratings and reverses this trend by increasing the overall average PCI for the City of Petaluma by approximately 2 points.

Current Status
City staff is working with a contractor to perform the next $2 million of seal work, which will begin in March 2022. Meanwhile, the next phase of design services will be undertaken this spring in preparation for summer construction.

Payran/Madison Water and Sewer Main Replacement

**Project Manager:** Dan Herrera, P.E., Senior Civil Engineer  
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**Project Completion Date:** Winter 2022  
**Budget:** $1.6 million – Water Capital Funds (Water Main Project); $2.8 million – Wastewater Capital Funds (Sewer Main Project)  
**Goal/Priority:** Our Environmental Legacy—Workplan item 55

**Project Description**
As a result of inspections and testing, the Payran/Madison area was identified to have multiple sewer and water mains needing replacement and repair. The project will include open trench and pipe-bursting construction methods to replace sewer and water mains within roadways and backyard easements. City staff has prioritized areas of the city with both water main and sewer main replacement needs within close proximity to maximize efficiency and minimize disruption and costs. The Payran/Madison area is bordered by Lakeville Street, Ellis Street, and East Washington Street. The project will focus on several areas:

- Replacement of consolidation of sewer mains on Madison Street.
- Replacement of sewer mains within backyard easements using pipe bursting methods to minimize disruption.
- Replacement of undersized water mains and relocation of water mains located behind sidewalks.

**Current Status**
City staff has prepared 30% draft design documents, which are under review. Design is expected to be complete in the spring of 2022, with construction beginning early summer of 2022.
Permanent Parklet Program

**Project Manager:** Nancy Sands, Economic Development & Open Government  
**Contact Information:** nsands@cityofpetaluma.org  
**Project Completion Date:** Fall 2022  
**Budget:** $300,000 (includes Free Range program expenses)  
**Goal/Priority:** An Economy That Prospers and Spaces And Places That Inspire—Workplan items 184 and 212

**Project Description**

Petaluma’s temporary Free Range program was established in May 2020 to help businesses create safe and ADA-accessible outdoor setups so that they could continue operating during COVID-related restrictions on indoor operations. These setups share similarities with the "parklets" developed in San Francisco and other cities before the COVID pandemic.

The Free Range outdoor setups have proven extremely popular with community members and business owners. In the March 2021 goal setting session, Council directed staff to develop a permanent program for parklets after the COVID emergency.

**Current Status**

In summer 2021, staff from Economic Development, Public Works, and Planning researched parklet programs in other cities. Based on this research and the City’s experience with the temporary Free Range program, staff identified components/decision points of a permanent program, such as design/aesthetics, use fees, safety, and ADA compliance. Staff presented this information to select City commissions and committees and the Petaluma Downtown Association to share what has been completed so far and get input on moving forward. In February 2022, staff will present to the Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee to get general input on the program. We will contact existing Free Range permit holders to get feedback on what they would like to see in a permanent program. Based on these outreach efforts and continued research, staff will develop recommendations that can be taken to the Directors and the City Manager by mid-March, and ultimately, to City Council by late Spring 2022 to have program guidelines in place by July 2022.

With mask mandates still in effect and COVID variants continuing to emerge, staff has recommended that the temporary Free Range program be extended through at least Fall 2022. This would allow businesses to operate outside while COVID-19 is still an issue, giving them time to decide whether to pursue and invest in a permanent parklet.
Petaluma Boulevard South Complete Streets (Road Diet)

**Project Manager:** Jeff Stutsman and Mario Traverso, Public Works & Utilities  
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**Project Completion Date:** May/June 2022  
**Budget:** $3,745,291 from OBAG2 Grant, Street Maintenance, Traffic Mitigation Funds  
**Goal/Priority:** A City That Works—Workplan items 7, 15, 18, and 20

**Project Description**  
The purpose of this Complete Streets project is twofold: (1) to reconstruct the failed pavement and reconfigure the current boulevard striping to enhance safety, and (2) to create a more pedestrian and bicycle-friendly thoroughfare—the curb-to-curb width of Petaluma Blvd. South will remain unchanged as the design revamps four existing through-lanes into two through-lanes with new bike lanes and one center 2-way left turn lane on Petaluma Blvd. South. The project limits extend from E St. south to the Crystal Lane traffic circle. This design will improve safety for all modes of transportation and encourage more bicycle and pedestrian use by adding bicycle lanes, improving sidewalks, and installing ADA accessibility improvements. Construction will be complete in summer 2022.

**Current Status**  
Construction activities began on January 10th, 2022. In February, the contractor is removing and replacing curb ramps on the east side of the Boulevard, working southerly from E Street. Curb ramp and sidewalk installations and repairs will continue into March 2022. Paving and restriping will follow later in the early summer of 2022.
Petaluma Community Baseball Field

**Project Manager:** Ken Eichstaedt and Jonathan Sanglerat, Public Works and Utilities  
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**Project Completion Date:** Provided adequate funding is secured, the project is slated for completion in FY 22/23.  
**Budget:** $5,164,000 (total for project base bid after value engineering)  
**Goal/Priority:** An Economy That Prospers and Spaces And Places That Inspire—Workplan items 116 and 154

**Project Description**

This second phase of the Petaluma Community Sports Fields includes constructing a new baseball field and ancillary facilities to provide year-round youth and adult programming. The project fulfills the adopted master plan concept for the East Washington Park site following phase one completion of the three multi-use synthetic soccer and lacrosse fields currently in use. This project is scheduled to bid in February/March 2022.

Initial construction will provide a regulation-sized baseball field with spectator viewing areas, dugouts, fencing, and increased parking capacity adjacent to the current playing fields. Subsequent baseball field project phases will include constructing a press box, bleachers, lighting, and concession facilities. Other considerations include relocating wetlands under mandated federal and state permitting and lime-treated soil stabilization. The project will be funded partially by Parkland Impact Fees and contributions from community donors.

The project is not yet fully funded, and complete construction will depend upon acquiring sufficient funding. Future construction phases will include a softball field, a baseball field, a multi-use field, and additional amenities.
Current Status
Design is 100% complete, and in close coordination with Petaluma’s American Legion League baseball team, the Leghorns, staff recently completed value engineering and redesign to optimize construction and reduce project costs. These modifications have now been approved, and the project is scheduled to be re-bid on February 17th, 2022, with a bid opening date scheduled for March 17th, 2022.

Primary Influent Pump Station (PIPS) Projects

**PIPS Parallel Force Main**

**Project Manager:** Dan Herrera, Public Works and Utilities  
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**Project Completion Date:** Winter 2024  
**Budget:** Approximately $18.5 million – Wastewater Capital Funds  
**Goal/Priority:** Our Environmental Legacy and A Safe Community That Thrives—Workplan items 55 and 81

**Project Description**
The Primary Influent Pump Station (PIPS) force main is a 2.5-mile-long, 36-inch diameter pipeline that delivers the City’s wastewater from the PIPS, located on Hopper Street, to the Ellis Creek Water Recycling Facility (ECWRF), located off of Cypress Drive.

The force main is a critically important pipeline nearing the end of its service life and requires rehabilitation. This project involves installing a parallel force main adjacent to the existing force main, which will provide redundancy and resiliency to the City’s wastewater collection system. Once complete, rehabilitation efforts on the existing force main will commence.
Current Status
The Draft Preliminary Design Report (PDR) has been completed and is planned to be finalized in late February 2022. Once the final alignment is approved, easement procurement and environmental compliance efforts will begin.

Rainer Avenue Active Transportation and Pavement Restoration

**Project Manager:** Ken Eichstaedt, Public Works and Utilities  
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**Project Completion Date:** December 2022  
**Budget:** $11,850 Design; $75,000 Est. Construction (markings)  
**Goal/Priority:** A City That Works and A Safe Community That Thrives—Workplan items 15, 20, and 84

**Project Description**
The Rainier Avenue Active Transportation improvements project will enhance traffic safety with traffic calming features and provide Active Transportation (AT) improvements for all users. The project location is in the 0.7-mile-long section between North McDowell Boulevard and Sonoma Mountain Parkway and is part of the greater Pavement Restoration and Reconstruction Citywide CIP program. A focused public outreach effort is being undertaken in conjunction with the design of the upcoming pavement preservation project for this street. The goal is specifically to develop and refine the AT components and safety of the project. There is a great opportunity on this street to improve pedestrian crossings, provide a safer path of travel for bicyclists, and facilitate safer/slower traffic flow when the pavement preservation work is implemented. Restriping traffic lanes and other alternatives to the existing roadway configuration are being explored to allow the street space to be reallocated and to help make the roadway more inviting, safer, and more comfortable for all users.

Currently, the bidirectional roadway contains four travel lanes, Class II bicycle lanes, and on-street parking. There are no turn lanes between North McDowell Boulevard and Sonoma Mountain Parkway. The street has had nine crashes over three years and five involved injuries. The 85% speed is 44 mph, although the speed limit is signed for only 35 mph.
Current Status

- The preliminary design is complete.
- “Save the Date” postcards have been mailed out to invite the public to an upcoming community workshop.
- On February 23, 2022, Public Works staff and Parisi Transportation Consulting will be hosting a Virtual Community Workshop to solicit input from the public to hear about their traffic-related concerns on this street, review the preliminary design concepts, solicit feedback, and discuss Complete Streets design components for the project.

ReLeaf Petaluma – 150 New Trees Planting at Wiseman Park

**Project Manager:** Cindy Chong, Parks and Recreation  
**Contact Information:** cchong@cityofpetaluma.org  
**Project Completion Date:** Fall 2022  
Budget: approximately $37,000 funded primarily through a California Fire Grant.  
**Goal/Priority:** Our Environmental Legacy—Workplan items 42, 46, 200, and 201

**Project Description**
Trees are critical resources in helping to sequester carbon, create calming and cooler landscapes, and provide both clean air to breathe and native habitats for other wildlife to thrive. In partnership with ReLEAF Petaluma, the City aims to plant 150 native trees at Wiseman Park, consisting of twenty acres of developed parkland and open space adjacent to the Petaluma Municipal Airport. Planting trees throughout City parks and open spaces will improve the quality of life for community members and will be integral in helping our City achieve our Climate Action goals provided by our Emergency Framework.

**Current Status**
The City is coordinating with ReLeaf Petaluma to assist with this project. Potential planting dates have been set, and reclaimed water will come from the City’s Ellis Creek Water Recycling Facility. Tree planting is to occur this spring.
Resilient Energy Back-Ups

**Project Manager:** Diane Ramirez, Public Works and Utilities; Patrick Carter and Rhianna Frank, City Manager’s Office  
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**Project Completion Date:** Winter 2024  
**Budget:** Airport – $100,000, Airport Maintenance Funds; Community Center – $300K, CalOES Grant, CDBG Funds; City Hall – $180K, Measure U, CDBG Funds; Police Department – $180K, Measure U, CDBG Funds  
**Goal/Priority:** Our Environmental Legacy—Workplan item 202

**Project Description**

The Community Center is the City’s primary temporary shelter and evacuation center and is a critical facility during emergencies. This project will strengthen the facility’s resiliency by providing an emergency power supply for periods of both planned and unplanned power shut-offs. Work started in FY 21/22 with modification of the building’s electrical system to accommodate quick connection of an external power backup system. The project is funded by a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant. Research is ongoing to identify the most appropriate renewable power backup system for implementation in FY 22/23.

The Petaluma Police Department is the City’s Emergency Operations Center and currently has a generator that has exceeded its service life and needs to be replaced to ensure uninterrupted operations. City Hall does not have an emergency power backup system for general operations—and risks service disruption by a PG&E Public Safety Power Shutdown or other emergency power outage events. This project will design environmentally-friendly power backup systems for each facility and provide for facility connections, including proper disposal of existing equipment.

This project will analyze City facilities that play an essential role in the continuity of services during an emergency. This analysis will identify facility power needs and potential implementation solutions for renewable energy technology. Community Development Block Grants fund this project.
Current Status
Modifications to the Community Center’s main electrical panel have been completed. The building now has an external automatic transfer switch making the building capable of receiving power from a temporary generator set during an emergency when grid power is unavailable.

An energy services company has been selected to analyze City facilities for appropriate renewable energy technologies to continue support and shelter during an emergency.

Rotary Club Project to Install Waste and Recycle Standards in City Parks

**Project Manager:** Drew Halter, Parks and Recreation  
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**Project Completion Date:** Summer 2022  
**Budget:** Approximately $28,000 in matching funds sponsored by the three local Rotary Clubs  
**Goal/Priority:** Our Environmental Legacy—Workplan items 42 and 59

**Project Description**
Since the onset of the global pandemic, parks, trails, and outdoor gathering spaces have seen an unprecedented increase in use as the community collectively sought opportunities to find refuge outdoors. The rise in activity coincides with challenges to keep up with the increase in demand for waste and recycle services and strain on receptacles. This project is a joint effort between Parks & Recreation Staff and dozens of community volunteers representing the three Rotary Clubs to purchase and install durable new waste and recycle units in over a dozen city parks and public spaces throughout the city and help mitigate the effects of the increase in park usage.

**Current Status**
Parks and Recreation staff are working closely with Rotary Club organizers and Recology Representatives to identify locations in heavily used parks or provide new installations in those public spaces currently without adequate receptacles.

Safe Space Anti-Hate Program

**Project Manager:** Jennifer Pritchard, Police  
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**Project Completion Date:** Ongoing/Initiating in Spring of 2022  
**Budget:** TBD- Estimated ongoing expenses of $5,000+  
**Goal/Priority:** Safe Community That Thrives—Workplan items 78 and 82
**Project Description**
Safe Space is a public awareness campaign that also has a physical component to keep a community member who is a victim or concerned for their safety safe while awaiting the arrival of police. Businesses and organizations can receive and display a Petaluma Police Department Safe Space logo sticker so community members concerned for their safety can easily recognize the location as being safe and willing to help or assist.

It is sponsored by the City of Petaluma in partnership with the community to assist victims of crime (specifically anti-LGBTQ bias-motivated crimes). The program's purpose is to encourage reporting of these crimes, deter hate-related incidents, reduce Anti-LGBTQ bullying and harassment through increased public awareness, and provide a physical safe space for victims of crime while they await the arrival of police.

The Police Department sees the value of accurate reporting of all crimes, so appropriate strategies can reduce and prevent crime.

This is anticipated to be a low-cost program entirely in line with the City’s goal of creating a safe community for all to thrive.

**Current Status**
Safe Space logo stickers were produced and generously donated by Paragon labels. Marketing materials such as brochures, city banners, and website content.

The Police Department will collaborate with business owners and organizations in the Spring 2022 to inquire about voluntary participation in this program. Similar to our existing Safe Return Program registry already in existence, interested parties will be able to enroll by completing a downloadable form and submitting it to the Police Department via mail, email, or in-person to receive their Safe Space logo sticker. By displaying a Safe Space logo sticker, businesses and organizations agree to:

- Allow victims to enter and remain at your premises until the Police arrive.
- Call, or assist victims in contacting 9-1-1 immediately to report hate crimes.
- Owners-managers will instruct all employees and volunteers to assist victims and/or witnesses in this protocol to prevent crime.
- The Safe Space anti-hate program applies to anyone regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion, or age.

The Police Department plans to continue to make the Safe Space logo stickers available upon request at the Police Department located at 969 Petaluma Blvd. North.
Sewer Master Plan

**Project Manager:** Dan Herrera, Public Works and Utilities  
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**Project Completion Date:** Spring 2023  
**Budget:** $450,000 – Wastewater Operation Funds  
**Goal/Priority:** Our Environmental Legacy—Workplan item 55

**Project Description**
The Sewer Master Plan is a vital planning document that provides direction and implementation of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for wastewater operations. The City’s current sewer master plan was last updated in 2006. The new sewer master plan project will create an updated calibrated sewer model of the City’s wastewater collection system. Using this calibrated model, current and future capacity deficiencies can be identified in the sewage collection system. The Sewer Master Plan will create an extensive CIP project list that will drive the program and ensure the City will operate and maintain the system for years to come.

**Current Status**
City staff has begun calibration efforts by installing manhole flowmeters throughout the City. These flowmeters will measure flows for calibration and assist in identifying areas of stormwater intrusion into the wastewater collection system, which impacts city operations. Calibration and model creation is expected by the summer of 2022, with analysis and evaluation of the system completed in the fall of 2022.

Solar Initiatives – Community Center, Ellis Creek Water Recycling Facility, Petaluma Community Sports Fields, Police Department, Swim Center

**Project Manager:** Diane Ramirez, Public Works and Utilities; Patrick Carter and Rhianna Frank, City Manager’s Office  
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**Project Completion Date:** Winter 2024  
**Budget:** $0; Power Purchase Agreement  
**Goal/Priority:** Our Environmental Legacy—Workplan item 49
Project Description
In furtherance of the City of Petaluma’s Climate Action goals, the City entered into a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with ForeFront Solar to construct parking lot canopy photovoltaic solar arrays. Fully funded by the PPA with no capital expenditure from the City, this project’s 20-year cumulative projected savings is $20 million. This project will provide oversight of the construction of solar arrays at the Community Center, Petaluma Police Department, Swim Center, and Petaluma Community Sports Fields. Work commenced in FY 21/22 with design completed on the Community Center and Police Department. Installation at these four facilities is scheduled for completion in FY 22/23.

Current Status
The parking lot solar canopies are planned for the Community Center, Swim Center, Petaluma Community Sports Fields, and Police Department, with three of the four locations currently in design. The final location of the Swim Center array is still in discussion.

The Ellis Creek Water Recycling Facility has received qualification statements and pricing proposals from interested solar developers to explore the size and costs of a floating solar array on the surface of one retention pond.

Specialized Assistance For Everyone (SAFE) Mobile Crisis Response Pilot Program

Project Manager: Brian Miller, Police
Contact Information: bmiller@cityofpetaluma.org
Project Completion Date: Pilot Project Evaluation Ongoing
Budget: Annual Estimated Budget is $1,070,000 with one-time start-up costs for approximately $175,000 funded with an initial investment of $500,000 (Measure “U” FY21)
Goal/Priority: A Safe Community That Thrives—Workplan items 78 and 181
Project Description
The City of Petaluma is proud to partner with Petaluma People Services Center (PPSC) to bring our community the SAFE (Specialized Assistance for Everyone) program, a mobile crisis response team modeled after the successful and nationally recognized Crisis Assistance Helping Out on the Streets (CAHOOTS) program in Eugene, Oregon.

The SAFE approach empowers us to achieve more efficient and successful outcomes for crisis response, intervention, and treatment for long-term improvement of our community members' quality of life.

In 2020, our community called on us to offer services designed to assist law enforcement in addressing crises involving issues associated with mental health, addiction, and homelessness - bringing professionals trained in these areas to provide help in place of, or in addition to, police officers. We are grateful to our community for this call to action and honored to answer the call. Petaluma is the first city in Sonoma County and the first in the region to provide a program like SAFE.

Current Status
The SAFE Team began serving the community of Petaluma in a limited-service model in July of 2021 and expanded to 7 days a week, 24 hours a day in October of 2021. In just its first six months, the SAFE Team has handled over 1,800 calls for service, resulting in many successful and positive outcomes for the involved community members. This program also provides additional available time for limited police and fire resources to address other important community safety issues.

Calls for service involving mental health, addiction, and homelessness account for a significant number of calls our police and fire department respond to annually. Through the SAFE program, these calls are responded to by a team with the tools, resources, and knowledge to address the unique needs of community members more effectively. In
partnering with PPSC, the City can leverage existing behavioral health programs and ensure a seamless referral to an established continuum of care.

The SAFE team provides three primary services to the community:

- Emergency response for issues relating to mental health, addiction, and homelessness
- Non-emergency response for people in need
- Proactive community outreach

SAFE team members are accompanied by police officers to calls for service only if a person is armed, believed to be in danger of causing harm to themselves or others, or if emergency medical care is needed. The SAFE team does not provide emergency medical care or execute involuntary mental health detentions.

In addition to responding to crisis situations, the team works proactively to address low-level issues and provides preventative outreach and support to help prevent a crisis from happening that requires a higher level of care. This program is intended to benefit all of public safety by keeping police officers, firefighters, and paramedics available for more appropriate emergencies.

The SAFE Team can be reached by calling 707-781-1234. More information regarding the team can be found online at cityofpetaluma.org/safe/

**Telecommunication Ordinance**

**Project Manager:** Eric Danly, City Attorney’s Office  
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**Project Completion Date:** Summer 2022  
**Budget:** N/A  
**Goal/Priority:** A City That Works—Workplan item 170

**Project Description**

This project will amend the City’s current wireless telecommunications ordinance to update the requirements for applications and installation of wireless telecommunication facilities. The update will allow City Council to quickly and efficiently adopt administrative policies that provide clear procedures for small wireless facilities, eligible facilities requests, and emergency standby generator applications and deployment in a fast-changing field. This update is necessary to protect public health, safety, welfare, and aesthetic interests of the City.
Current Status
Staff are finalizing a draft of the Ordinance amendment and administrative policies and anticipate sharing the draft for public comments and review a few weeks before the Planning Commission meeting. Staff will be presenting the draft ordinance and administrative policies to the Planning Commission for their input and potential recommendation to City Council. After Planning Commission, the Ordinance and Administrative Policies will be introduced for a first reading with the City Council.

The People’s Village

Project Manager: Karen Shimizu, City Manager’s Office
Contact Information: kshimizu@cityofpetaluma.org
Project Completion Date: March 2022
Budget: $2,400,000 (Combination of City American Rescue Plan Act funds and County of Sonoma general funds)
Goal/Priority: A Safe Community That Thrives—Workplan items 86 and 87

Project Description
The People’s Village will consist of 25 individual, non-congregate living units located in and around the parking lot of COTS’ Mary Isaac Center. The village will house chronically homeless individuals within our community and assist them with wrap-around services to achieve more permanent housing and employment. Service providers, including COTS, Downtown Streets Team, and the County of Sonoma, will collaborate to prioritize and place individuals into the village. In addition to the homes themselves, the village will also include restroom and shower facilities, outdoor dining/rest areas, and pet exercise areas for residents’ use.

Current Status
The People’s Village is currently under construction. This includes trenching for utility lines, placement of decking and ramps, wiring for electrical connections, creation of new parking areas, etc. The construction and program team is targeting move-in of the first nine units by approximately Friday, February 25th. As the second phase of the site is built out, the remaining 16 units can be brought online. The City and the COTS teams are finalizing the program manual that will guide the intake process and the residential rules.
The Studios at Montero

**Project Manager:** Karen Shimizu, City Manager’s Office  
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**Project Completion Date:** March 2022  
**Budget:** Housing and Community Development Grant $13.883 Million and County and City local match of $1.532 Million  
**Goal/Priority:** A Safe Community That Thrives—Workplan items 86 and 87

**Project Description**

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) announced the availability of approximately $1.45 billion in “Project Homekey Round #2”. The funding is intended to sustain and rapidly expand the housing inventory for people experiencing homelessness. The Studios at Montero is located at 5135 Montero Way, Petaluma, CA. The property is two-story with two adjacent buildings connected by a catwalk. All units intended for residents are the same 207 square feet rooms with no separate bedroom and a single-use bathroom. The City of Petaluma and Burbank Housing are partnering to convert the site into a supportive housing project providing permanent homes for 60 people experiencing homelessness. All 60 of the units would be assisted units dedicated to people who meet the definition of “Chronically Homeless.”

Upon its completion, the Studios at Montero would provide housing for over 10% of the chronically homeless population in Sonoma County identified through the 2020 PIT count.

**Current Status**

The City and Burbank Housing Development Corporation (BHDC) submitted a project application to HCD on December 6, 2021. The application is currently under review by HCD. BHDC applied to the County of Sonoma for 60 Project-Based Housing Vouchers (PBV). The vouchers will cover the on-site support services and subsidize a portion of the resident’s monthly rent. The residents will pay a maximum of 30% of their monthly income. The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors will discuss/consider program funding in March of 2022.
Tobacco Retail License

**Project Manager:** Dylan Brady, City Attorney’s Office  
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**Project Completion Date:** July 1, 2022  
**Budget:** N/A  
**Goal/Priority:** A Safe Community That Thrives—Workplan item 92

**Project Description**
Tobacco retail license is an ordinance adopted by the City Council on December 6, 2021, to encourage responsible tobacco retailing and discourage violations of tobacco-related laws, especially those that prohibit or discourage the sale or distribution of tobacco products to minors (Ordinance). The Ordinance requires all tobacco retailers in Petaluma to obtain a license from the City to sell their products and limits the number of future tobacco retailers within the City. The Ordinance also bans the sale of flavored tobacco products and electronic smoking devices and sets minimum prices for tobacco products.

**Current Status**
Tobacco retailers within the City will need to obtain their tobacco retail license by July 6, 2022, and stop selling flavored tobacco and electronic smoking devices. Staff will be presenting for Council’s consideration a resolution that sets the tobacco retail license fee. The proceeds from the license fee will be used to recompense staff time in enforcing this Ordinance. Staff also will be providing outreach to the tobacco retailers to educate them on the implementation of the ordinance.

Traffic Calming Pilots

**Project Manager:** Ken Eichstaedt, Public Works and Utilities  
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**Project Completion Date:** December 31, 2022  
**Budget:** $211,000  
**Goal/Priority:** A City That Works and A Safe Community That Thrives—Workplan items 15, 20, and 84
**Project Description**

This Project will implement traffic calming measures to support safe physical activity in the public right-of-way for pedestrians and bicyclists. The project will involve public outreach, planning, design, and construction of various traffic calming features, including bulb-outs, striping improvements, signage, chicanes, and landscape improvements.

In one of the first pilot projects, a traffic “safety” circle is planned for the intersection of Upham and Bassett Streets at the request of a neighborhood group. A Bike Boulevard is also in the concept design phase for a pilot project on 5th Street.

**Current Status**

Design is 100% complete for the pilot traffic calming “safety circle” at Upham and Bassett. It is currently in the final review process with emergency services and public works staff. Material orders were placed in early February.

The conceptual layout for the 5th Street Bike Boulevard has been completed. Staff presented initial traffic calming concepts to PBAC on January 5th for feedback and comments. Staff is working with a consultant to develop the preliminary bike boulevard design and to provide support during the community engagement process.

**Transit Facility & Fleet Electrification**

**Project Manager:** Jared Hall, Public Works and Utilities  
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**Project Completion Date:** Spring 2023  
**Budget:** Approximately $400,000 for facility improvements  
**Goal/Priority:** Our Environmental Legacy—Workplan items 42 and 52
**Project Description**

Transit will begin procuring its first wave of electric transit vehicles in the spring of 2022. This process takes around one year and will consist of four fixed-route buses. As noted in the recent Fleet and Facility Electrification Plan, the Transit Facility cannot accommodate the electric infrastructure needed to charge the vehicles adequately without site improvements. This project involves planning and constructing the first phase of electrical upgrades to the Transit Center. City staff will work with PG&E to ensure a fleet-ready program for future planned electrification of the Petaluma Transit bus fleet and infrastructure upgrades needed to accommodate the first wave of electric vehicles.

**Current Status**

Transit staff completed a Facility Electrification Study in conjunction with Sonoma Clean Power, Sonoma County Transit, and Santa Rosa City bus. This study outlined the infrastructure needs and cost estimates required to upgrade the Petaluma Transit Facility to accommodate the first wave of electric buses. The staff has met with PG&E to discuss their Fleet Ready program and outline coordinated timelines for yard improvements. Staff will have a design kickoff meeting in the Fall of 2022 to begin design work for the facility improvements. Staff is currently working on the procurement for four electric buses and anticipates having a recommended contract award to City Council by Winter of 2022.

**Veteran & Active-Duty Military Free Transit Fare Program**

**Project Manager:** Jared Hall, Public Works and Utilities  
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**Project Completion Date:** Spring 2022  
**Budget:** $15,000  
**Goal/Priority:** A City That Works and A Safe Community That Thrives—Workplan items 27 and 97
Project Description
This project will create a Veterans & Active-Duty Free Fare Pilot Program. The program will enable veterans holding a Veteran Administration (VA) identification (ID) card, Sonoma County Veteran ID card, or other relevant veteran ID to access Petaluma Transit free of charge. Similarly, active-duty military with valid ID will also be eligible to ride free under the program. All branches of the military will be included within these provisions.

Current Status
Council approved the creation of the Veterans & Active-Duty Military Free Fare program on Monday, January 24, 2022. The program will begin on President’s Day (Monday, February 21, 2022). Staff is currently working on the marketing, outreach, and communication elements for the project that will continue beyond the program's implementation. Through these efforts, staff will continue to work with veteran groups, schools, local non-profit organizations, media, and other relevant interests, to increase awareness of the pilot program and clarify various operational procedures.

Washington Street Bridge Seismic Rehabilitation

Project Manager: Jonathan Sanglerat, Public Works and Utilities
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Project Completion Date: Fall 2022
Budget: 2,579,000 funded through the Highway Bridge Program (HBP)
Goal/Priority: A City That Works and A Safe Community That Thrives—Workplan items 15 and 79

Project Description
The Washington Street Bridge over the Petaluma River was designed in 1968 prior to current seismic design standards. The seismic retrofit of the existing structure is eligible for Highway Bridge Program (HBP) funds with an 11.5% local match. The design work involves two distinct phases. Engineering staff first completed a field investigation with soil samples and submitted a proposed rehabilitation plan to Caltrans. This was followed by an environmental clearance document prepared in FY 19/20 and a complete set of construction drawings prepared in FY 20/21. It is expected that the same HBP funding source will be available for construction. The funding for the required match will be from the Street Maintenance Fund.
Current Status
Based on the new seismic design report prepared by the City Consultant, Mark Thomas, whose analysis shows the bridge does not require seismic retrofit, no retrofit strategies are required for the bridge. Staff is working on a no-build memo to Caltrans to close the project with Caltrans with new seismic analysis data.

Water Master Plan

**Project Manager:** Dan Herrera, Public Works and Utilities  
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**Project Completion Date:** Spring 2023  
**Budget:** $215,000 Water Operation Funds  
**Goal/Priority:** Our Environmental Legacy—Workplan item 55

**Project Description**
The Water Master Plan is a vital planning document that provides direction and implementation of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for water operations. The City’s current water master plan was last updated in 2006. In 2020, the City redeveloped the existing hydraulic model and calibrated the model using Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) and field-collected data.

The Water Master Plan Update will focus on continued water modeling services, supply redundancy, future development, and seismic evaluation. An updated CIP project list will be created to ensure the City can meet current and future water operational demands.
Current Status
Using the calibrated model created in 2020, the City and its consultant have begun evaluating the existing water distribution system. Staff has directed the consultant to assess system impacts for tank and well projects, with construction starting in 2022.

The housing element update to the general plan will provide valuable information regarding future demands on the water distribution network with expected completion in Summer 2022.

Westridge Trail Reconstruction

Project Manager: Ken Eichstaedt, Public Works and Utilities
Contact Information: KEichstaedt@cityofpetaluma.org
Project Completion Date: August 2022
Budget: $480,000 funded by Measure M/Parks
Goal/Priority: A City That Works and A Safe Community That Thrives—Workplan items 18, establish and improve paths, as useful transportation options, and make walking and biking east, fun and safe, and 85, implement City Vision Zero plan with a focus on pedestrian and cyclist safety with improvements to uncontrolled crosswalks, curb ramps, sidewalk, and bicycle infrastructure.

Project Description
The Westridge Trail consists of two trails surrounding Thompson Creek in the Westridge neighborhood. The trail connects to a community garden and a playground, which the community can access from several points.

The existing trail has a mix of degraded asphaltic concrete and unimproved dirt conditions. There is significant use of this area, with the trails providing recreation and connectivity for biking and walking.

Current Status
The design was completed in late 2021, and construction bids were received on January 6, 2022. Authorization for awarding the contract will be on the City Council meeting agenda on February 28, 2022.

The contractor is expected to start work in April 2022.