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Active Transportation Plan

Project Manager: Bjorn Griepenburg, Public Works and Utilities
Contact Information: bgriepenburg@cityofpetaluma.org
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 85¹

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 pedestrian 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
The consultant hosted an AT Plan table at Ciclovia on July 17, 2022 to share information about the plan and collect feedback. The consultant is currently soliciting input from PBAC, City staff, and targeted stakeholder groups to develop a draft project list, which will be shared with the general public in Winter 2022/23 through community workshops and an interactive online mapping tool. The Draft AT Plan is expected to go to City Committees and Commissions for their review in Spring 2023, followed by Council review and adoption in Summer 2023.

¹ Workplan items can be found in attached Goals and Priorities Booklet.
Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project

**Project Manager:** Chelsea Thompson, Public Works and Utilities  
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**Project Completion Date:** December 31, 2025  
**Budget:** $11.5 Million  
**Goal/Priority:** Our Environmental Legacy—Workplan items 55 and 70

**Project Description**
The City plans on replacing the existing 20,388 water and recycled water customer meters that use Automated Meter Reading (AMR) with Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) meters and a customer engagement portal.

Upgrading all water and recycled water meters in the City to AMI technology will give all water customers access to real-time water use information through the customer engagement portal available for viewing on a smartphone or computer. AMI metering will provide the City with proactive water leak detection, increased water conservation, increased water distribution operational efficiency, real-time data collection, and improved water use data accuracy and resolution.

**Current Status**
On March 22, 2022, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced that the City of Petaluma’s AMI Project was awarded $7,502,702 by the Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Grant Program. The City recently executed the grant agreement with DWR and City staff are in the planning phase of this project. The City is currently implementing an AMI pilot project with 58 AMI meters. The goal of the pilot project is to test AMI technology performance in different areas of town, AMI compatibility with current metering and billing infrastructure, and the customer interface portal. The pilot project is showing that the AMI pilot meters are performing well with existing cellular infrastructure. The City is researching all available AMI technology in preparation for advertising for public bids by June 2023. AMI project information will be available on the City’s website once the project begins.
American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Chess Table Project

Project Manager: Rachel Beer, Parks and Recreation
Contact Information: rbeer@cityofpetaluma.org
Project Completion Date: Fall 2022
Budget: $10,000
Goal/Priority: A Safe Community That Thrives & Spaces and Places That Inspire—Workplan items 100, 121, and 152

Project Description
On April 19, 2021, an application was submitted for the AARP National Community Challenge grant program requesting project funding to install at least two concrete chess tables at sites yet to be determined. Although the City of Petaluma was not ultimately selected for the AARP National Community Challenge grant, the AARP California office was inspired by the Senior Advisory Committee’s compelling project, and responded with a notification to award a one-time grant of $10,000 to help fund Petaluma’s effort of installing community chess tables.

Parks and Recreation staff presented options for chess table designs and potential site locations to the Senior Advisory Committee meeting on November 18, 2021 requesting review and input. Staff then presented to the Recreation, Music, and Parks Commission on December 15, 2021 requesting review and input on potential locations. After commission and committee feedback and community engagement, Parks and Recreation staff landed on Water Street as the location for two chess tables with ADA accessibility and accompanying benches.

Current Status
Chess tables and benches have arrived, and staff are working through permits and plans for installation. Staff have been working closely with local fabricators to ensure modifications are made that satisfy the City’s building requirements. Once the modifications are completed, an event will be hosted by the Senior Advisory Committee to celebrate the completion of the project. This project is planned to be completed this Fall 2022.
Amy’s Kitchen Downtown Corporate Office

Project Manager: Isabel Castellano and Larissa Alchin, Community Development
Contact Information: icastellano@cityofpetalma.org and jalchin@cityofpetaluma.org
Project Completion Date: Conditional Use Permit – Approved on April 7, 2022
Historic Site Plan and Architectural Review (HSPAR) – In Planning Process
Budget: Cost Recovery Project
Goal/Priority: An Economy That Prospers

Project Description
This project relocates Amy’s Kitchen corporate offices to Downtown Petaluma. The proposed headquarters will occupy the existing 18,722 square foot historic Carither’s Department Store building at 109 Kentucky St., including the ground floor and street frontage areas. On April 7, 2022, a Minor Conditional Use Permit was approved for the proposed land use. Amy’s Kitchen office headquarters is designed such that the ground floor is a high energy open collaboration space, and the existing display windows will remain open and utilized for collaboration seating areas, product displays, and a reception desk. Located within the Downtown Parking Assessment District, the project will implement a range of strategies to reduce automobile trips for employees, including an extensive alternative transportation plan and a robust and flexible work from home policy.

Historic Site Plan and Architectural Review (HSPAR) Summary: The property at the intersection of Kentucky Street and Western Avenue was built in 1941 and is located within the Historic Commercial District; therefore, HSPAR is required for proposed modifications. The modifications include a seismic retrofit, adaptive reuse of existing retail space, replacement of three windows, and three new windows below the original windows, a new double-door and infill wall for a side entrance, windows and a door on
the West façade, and new signage, as well as various alterations that are proposed for the interior of the building. Building square footage would be expanded to approximately 20,000 SF through the addition of a mezzanine space.

**Current Status**
Amy’s Kitchen Headquarters received approval of a Conditional Use Permit for office use on the ground floor and street frontage area on January 26, 2022 to the former Carithers Department Store within the Historic Commercial District. Planning received submittal of a HSPAR application to propose exterior alterations to the building on March 29, 2022. The Applicant’s HSPAR application was resubmitted on May 8, 2022 and planning review deemed complete for hearing and public review. The project was presented to the Historic & Cultural Preservation Committee on July 12, 2022 and was approved with amended conditions. The project has completed its appeal period, and construction drawings have been submitted to the Building Division.

**Budget and Financial Reporting Process**

**Project Manager:** Corey Garberolio and Isabel Craft, Finance

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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 June 6, 2022, the fiscal year 2022-2023 budget was approved by the City Council, and was effective July 1, 2022. Finance staff is currently working on fiscal year 2021-2022 year end audit. It is expected that the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report will be issued by December 31st, 2022.

City Hall Upgrades—Council Chambers, East & West Wing, Permit Center

**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 (AV) 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 fall / winter 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 the Council Chambers, the new AV technology has been used to run hybrid City Council meetings. An architect is working on the design and specifications of additional minor architectural modifications and furnishings. New audience seating will be delivered in October 2022 and the new flooring was installed in August 2022.

A space planning design firm is under contract for the East Wing remodel, and space programming/design is underway. Staff has met with contractors and vendors for preliminary cost estimates. The Human Resources and Risk Departments have been consolidated into the basement of City Hall. General Services has been moved to 22
Bassett Street. Staff will meet with the next departments scheduled to move to finalize department scope of work and budget.

The modifications to the Permit Center have been designed and permitted, the bid phase will occur in Fall 2022 and construction is scheduled for Winter 2022/2023.

Climate Ready

**Project Manager:** Rhianna Frank, City Manager’s Office  
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**Project Completion Date:** Ongoing  
**Budget:** Not Applicable  
**Goal/Priority:** Our Environmental Legacy

**Project Description**  
The City of Petaluma has progressive climate goals to be carbon neutral by 2030. Petaluma drafted the Climate Emergency Framework to support these goals. The Climate Ready Campaign is a phased marketing outreach approach to educate the public by highlighting actions to support goals detailed in the Climate Emergency Framework. The initial phase will focus on transportation as this is the greatest obstacle to meeting 2030 carbon neutrality goals. Potential actions and events will be cross referenced with suggestions identified in community driven feedback and will support established programs and projects, such as: Cool Cities; the General Plan; the Active Transportation Plan; and the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. Climate Ready actions and events will foster multi-departmental partnerships that highlight community services that the City provides for the community. The first phase of the Climate Ready Campaign will be launched over the next several months and will themed as an *Active Transportation Celebration*. This phase will be a “call to action” to get people out of their cars and onto their bikes or public transit. All aspects of the campaign will be zero waste as much as possible and will utilize innovative means to advertise these events.

**Current list of events:**  
- Bike Valet and Community Arts Project at Movies in the Park (8/19, 9/16, 10/21)  
- Student Mural Contest Arts Project for Transit Bus Shelters (9/16)
• Live Music on the Lawn Event with E-Transport Showcase w/Parks Dept (9/25)

Current Status
The Climate Ready Campaign partnered with the Sonoma County Bike Coalition to bring Sonoma County’s first ever Ciclovia event to Petaluma. With approximately 500 people in attendance, we were able to highlight the Lynch Creek Trail as an important crosstown connector and valuable cycling infrastructure.

Moving forward, the Climate Ready Campaign is continuing to partner with community groups to educate Petaluma residents about active transportation.

Community Art Grant Program

Project Manager: David Ward, Community Development
Contact Information: dward@cityofpetaluma.org
Project Completion Date: Ongoing
Budget: $21,800 (FY 21-22)
Goal/Priority: Spaces and Places That Inspire—Workplan items 134 and 135

Project Description
The Community Art Grant program is a new opportunity to fund community-driven and generated programs, projects, and activities. Created and launched in 2021, the program strives to streamline funding opportunities directly to members of the community using small, nimble grant requests. The City of Petaluma’s Community Art Grants Program was developed to provide arts funding to individual artists, community-based organizations, and 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations with projects or programs based in Petaluma. The purpose of this grant is to support public-facing projects and activities that exemplify high artistic quality, represent the diversity of people and cultures within Petaluma’s community, and celebrate the history and City of Petaluma. Funded projects through this grant program should be
designed for public access and to engage with the Petaluma community. Maximum grant requests through this program are limited to $10,000 and cannot fund awarded applicants again until twelve (12) months after previous project completion.

**Current Status**

The Petaluma Public Art Committee (PPAC) reviewed three (3) complete and eligible grant request applications at the March 24, 2022 meeting. All applicants were awarded their full grant requests, coming at a total of $21,800 of awards from the public art fund. The following summarizes the grant requests and application of grant funds for each project.

**Alynn-Mags (Amanda Lynn and Lady Mags)**

These artists used grant funding for a community engagement event and activity that ties into the recently completed ‘Magnificent’ mural at 383 B Street, Petaluma on the eastern exterior wall of the Rex Ace Hardware building. Funding contributed to costs associated for the materials, temporary installation structure for the event, and artist fee. Their grant award is $7,000. This grant project was completed and closed out with a final report at the May 26, 2022 PPAC meeting.

**Cinda Gilliland and Drake Cunningham (Re:public)**

This group is using grant funds to support funding for a multi-disciplinary, interactive art installation at Helen Putnam Plaza managed by Re:public. The grant will contribute to costs associated with construction of a stage for performance, artist stipends, curator and events budget, publicity, and site deinstallation and restoration. Their total grant award is $10,000 which will be used in combination with other funding, including a grant from Creative Sonoma, to increase the impact and abilities of their program, entitled *Listening Builds Community*. The project leaders (Gilliland and Cunningham) have consulted with staff and after thorough review of the project’s scope, staff determined the project leaders shall apply for a Parks Special Event permit through the Parks and Recreation department. Additionally, the project leaders will present their project to the Recreation, Music, and Parks Commission on September 14, 2022 for review and feedback. If approved as described, the project intends to occupy Helen Putnam Plaza for two (2) months with an anticipated start date of October 1 pending permitting.
Climate Action Campaign
Rhianna Frank is the Climate Action Manager with the City of Petaluma who requested funding for a joint-funded art project with the City’s Transit Division to support a bus shelter mural project. The awarded grant funds will contribute to the student artist commission process to paint murals on bus shelters around Petaluma with support from members of the Petaluma Arts Center who will facilitate and manage the process. The total awarded grant is $4,800 which will be used to directly pay student artist honorariums for their work on this project. This project aims to be complete in Fall of 2022.

Community Camera Registry Program

**Project Manager:** Kate McCoy, Police  
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**Project Completion Date:** August 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 working with City Information Technology staff to develop a web-based GIS mapping and registry along with a website page to accept registrations. This month police staff worked on the final implementation components with IT staff.

The project will launch on October 14. The Department will begin the public awareness campaign encouraging community members to enroll in the program via our city website.

**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**
Work is ongoing to perform preventative maintenance on the system and finalize the agreement with Recology. This is anticipated to be completed in Q2 of FY23. Ongoing negotiations are occurring with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) to establish the long-term permit requirements for operation of the system. The City met with BAAQMD on July 11, 2022, to continue negotiations and resolve the details currently delaying the issuance of permits. Staff is researching equipment required to satisfy BAAQMD requirements. Staff met with BAAQMD representatives on September 7, 2022, and will provide final comments and proposed changes to BAAQMD to permit conditions based on the feedback received. Although the negotiations have taken considerable amounts of time and effort, staff remains optimistic in achieving a positive resolution.

Testing of the system will be conducted once permission has been granted by the BAAQMD. Testing of the system will result in revision of the control strategies for calibration and efficient use of the system. Additional funding for this step is likely needed. City staff is finalizing the agreement between Recology and the City for use of CNG.
Lastly, the City has negotiated project closeout with the prime contractor. A settlement agreement was presented to City Council in July 2022 in a closed session. The contract with the prime contractor has been closed out. As-built documents and Operations and Maintenance (O&M) manuals are 95% complete, have been reviewed by ECWRF operations and are awaiting the final submittal.

COVID Administration

**Project Manager:** Erika Leahy, Risk Manager, Human Resources  
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**Project Completion Date:** Ongoing  
**Budget:** Not Applicable  
**Goal/Priority:** A City That Works & 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**  
**COVID-19 Vaccination/Weekly Testing Policy:** 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. Effective August 2022, the City no longer requires employees who have not submitted proof of vaccination to test weekly and the City COVID-19 Vaccination/Weekly Testing Policies are held in abeyance for the foreseeable future unless future regulations and/or guidance warrant change. This allows for additional flexibility as we move into the fall and winter months. This shift in policy follows updated guidance from both the Equal
Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and Sonoma County Public Health. The City continues to comply with all federal, state, and local rules and guidance.

**Masking Requirements:**
Masking indoors continues to be strongly recommended, for members of the public entering City facilities. City staff are no longer required to wear face coverings regardless of vaccination status. The City continues to provide masks to staff and members of the public as requested.

**City Business Hours:**
Public access hours at City Hall continue to be 10 AM to 2 PM, Monday through Thursday. Each facility and department will determine their own public access hours depending on public need, departmental resources, and staffing. These hours are still in effect as we continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation.

**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**
Staff completed the full recruitment process, opened and facilitated ongoing openings, or coordinated with recruitment consultants and filled 9 positions for the month of August. Key positions filled this month, that are not part of the Measure U initiative, include an Administrative Manager, Utility Service Lead Worker and Environmental Compliance Inspector for the Public Works and Utilities Department.

The City is very excited to announce that our new Emergency Manager reporting to the Fire Chief, started on August 1, 2022. This position is critical to the City in providing oversight to the City’s Emergency Operations Center, emergency operations plans, local hazard mitigation plans, continuity of operations plan and disaster recovery plan.

The passage of Measure U has enabled the City to either add or upgrade numerous key positions. Human Resources has completed the recruitment process for the vast majority of these new positions, The attached chart indicates the current status of implementing and recruiting for positions and position upgrades resulting from the passage of Measure U.

**Measure U Position Matrix**

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**Remaining Measure U Vacancies:**

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**Public Works & Utilities Department:**
Administrative Assistant | Vacant
Administrative Assistant (.5) | Vacant
Public Works Inspector II | Recruitment underway
Street Maintenance Lead Worker | Recruitment underway

**Creekwood Housing Development – 270 & 280 Casa Grande Road**

**Project Manager:** Greg Powell, Community Development  
**Contact Information:** gpowell@cityofpetaluma.org  
**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 62-lot residential housing project that proposes demolishing one of the existing single-family dwellings on the site and subdividing the property to create 62 mostly attached single-family dwellings. The project would also include the construction of a pedestrian pathway on the adjacent City-owned parcel to the east that contains 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 (also located on the city-owned parcel to the east) 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 dwellings would be designated for Moderate-Income households. All new dwellings would be sold as condominiums.

**Current Status**
The city is reviewing new and revised application materials submitted on August 1, 2022.

To support the City’s review of the application and to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be prepared. The city selected a firm to complete the necessary environmental review and work commenced on the Environmental Impact Report in April 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/](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 (FEIR) was posted for public review on June 10, 2022 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 Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and approval of the entitlements. The Planning Commission considered the Scott Ranch FEIR and project entitlements at the August 9, 2022, Planning Commission meeting. The City Council’s review is tentatively scheduled for October 17, 2022, and will be separately noticed.

**Public Information**
A detailed project description and application materials are available at: [https://cityofpetaluma.org/scott-ranch/](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.

**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 Pending Delivery; 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 Police Department needed to replace patrol vehicles beyond their serviceable use in their fleet. The 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 (EV) 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, the police department is suspending the pilot project and using the funds to lease another hybrid patrol vehicle. 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 Police Department’s first (5) Ford Interceptor Hybrids have been outfitted with emergency equipment (lights, siren, police radio, etc.) and are currently in-service. The
Hybrids replaced (5) older patrol vehicles manufactured in 2011 and 2012, which were costly to maintain, not fuel efficient, and emitted higher levels of greenhouse gasses.

The Department also submitted an order for an additional (5) Ford Interceptor Hybrids in early February. Ford announced there was a deadline to order the Interceptor Hybrids on the state bid, so we put in an order to lease an additional (5). Last month, Ford announced they would not meet the manufacturing deadlines for the (5) Ford Interceptor Hybrids ordered in February of 2022. The Department transferred the order.

The Department is continuing to research various plug-in hybrid vehicles and all-electric models coming to market for various police duties. There currently are still no all-electric factory-produced police vehicles available, but there is anticipation that Ford may make one available in 2024.

In the meantime, the Department is evaluating how to implement all-electric vehicles for Police Administrators. After City Council approval, the Department ordered an all-electric Toyota BZ4X and an all-electric Ford Mustang Mach-E. Unfortunately, the Toyota BZ4X had a factory recall and is currently at the dealership. The Ford Mustang Mach-E is anticipated to arrive within the next 45 days.

**Ellis Creek Water Recycling Facility**

**Chemical System Upgrades Project**

**Project Manager:** Josh Minshall, Public Works and Utilities  
**Contact Information:** jminshall@cityofpetaluma.org  
**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. Comprehensive scheduling is currently being evaluated. As other projects are nearing construction and new staff are joining the team, the scope will be further refined to prepare a request for proposals.

Outfall Replacement

Project Manager: Josh Minshall, Public Works and Utilities
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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 contract for construction was awarded to NBC Construction on August 8, 2022, along with certification of an Addendum to the existing Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The EIR Addendum and project approval were a critical item to complete for permit compliance. Cal Engineering and Geology has been selected to provide support through construction, along with additional constructability and scheduling analysis.

Construction is scheduled to begin in mid-September 2022, with the timing of construction activities limited by narrow environmental permitting windows. Materials have been ordered by the contractor and construction will begin according to the final regulatory approvals required by permit prior to construction, such as detailed work plan submittals. The project image is of the pre-construction 3D lidar model taken by Cal Engineering to document the conditions prior to disturbance.

Following construction, a new lease will be required by the State Lands Commission to replace the expiring lease of almost 50 years. The new lease would only include the materials below the mud line that remain (abandoned in place). This was intentional in the design to limit excessive environmental disturbance within sensitive habitats.
**Tertiary Filtration System Expansion**

**Project Manager:** Josh Minshall, Public Works and Utilities  
**Contact info:** jminshall@cityofpetaluma.org  
**Project Completion date:** December 2024  
**Budget:** $20,029,000  
**Goal/Priority:** Our Environmental Legacy—Workplan item 70

**Project Description**

The existing tertiary treatment system at the Ellis Creek Water Recycling Facility can process up to 5 million gallons per day (MGD) of tertiary-level recycled water, of which 0.5 MGD is used in-plant. However, due to the increased demand for the recycled water system for agricultural irrigation and drought conditions, the tertiary system exceeds its capacity during high-demand periods. This project will expand the filtration and disinfection capacity of the system used to treat wastewater effluent to produce up to 6.8 MGD of tertiary recycled water. To provide additional recycled water treatment capacity, the City will add pumping capacity, two cloth media filters, and a third ultraviolet (UV) light treatment system within an existing channel constructed for this purpose. The project will be constructed in three phases. While most of the project is funded using wastewater capital, the City is in the process of securing a $3.6 million grant through a partnership with the North Bay Water Reuse Authority. The design phase will be completed in Winter 2022, and the first phase of construction will begin in Fall 2022.

**Current Status**

The first phase of work consists of rehabilitating the UV channels and applying a protective coating will be completed in fall 2022 following the dry season based on water recycling facility demands. In addition to protecting the structural integrity of the channel, the coating will reduce the frequency and duration of maintenance activities. The second phase of work has been prepared separately for parallel contracting, which allows for the longer lead time materials that are specialized for UV treatment. The second phase of work is scheduled for installation late Spring 2023, based on facility operations. The final
phase will include pumping and filter expansion to complete the project on-time by late 2024.

The UV Coating portion of work was bid, and the apparent low bidder was Resource Development Company. The work will begin this fall pending the award of the project by the City Council.

Updated construction plans for the second phase have been prepared and are under review. To allow for the initial stages of obtaining the UV equipment an authorization to pay for the vendor’s shop drawing preparation and review is scheduled for the City Council’s approval in September 2022. This phase of work will be bid in October 2022 to allow for materials with a long lead time to be obtained by the contractor.

Fairgrounds Community Engagement

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**Project Completion Date:** Fall 2022  
**Budget:** To Be Decided  
**Goal/Priority:** A City That Works & Spaces 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 such as surveys and workshops. 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**  
The City sponsored Open House was held on Saturday, September 10. Over 200 people attended the event. We will be summarizing the feedback we heard and combining it with
the feedback we have received through the lottery selected panel, the community wide survey, and the digital story board. We will present this feedback along with property conditions reports that are now available. A City Council Workshop will be scheduled in October to present findings and next steps for City Council direction.

Relevant project websites:
- www.cityofpetaluma.org/fairgrounds
- www.petalumafairgroundsstories.com
- www.healthydemocracy.org/petaluma

Fine Balance

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Project Completion Date: Ongoing
Budget: $102,774.81 (FY 22-23)
Goal/Priority: Spaces and Places That Inspire—Workplan item 137

Project Description
Fine Balance is a site-specific artwork proposal originally submitted as part of a Request for Proposal public art opportunity published by the City of Petaluma’s Public Art Program in 2016. Throughout a multi-year process, artist Brian Goggin (San Francisco, CA) designed a public artwork concept for downtown Petaluma on Water Street in 2017 which has since been redesigned and relocated to the H Street Pocket Park along the Petaluma River.

Current Status
On May 16, 2022 the project was presented to City Council for final approval to execute a new contract with the artist to commission the proposed artwork at the newly identified H Street Pocket Park site. As recommended by the Public Art Committee, the City Council unanimously approved the new project proposal. Staff is currently finalizing the new Professional Services Agreement between the City and artist to create the public art project as approved by City Council. The project is expected to start Fall of 2022.
First and F Street Bridge Replacement

Project Manager: Jonathan Sanglerat, Public Works and Utilities
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Project Completion Date: December 2022
Budget: $2,050,000
Goal/Priority: A City That Works & 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, and the City is under contract with Ghilotti Brothers, Inc. for its replacement. Construction is underway and is anticipated to be complete in November 2022. City staff members and the design consultants have finished reviewing the project submittals from the contractor and all materials have been ordered for the project. As part of the project’s permit compliance requirements, a biologist has been onsite to perform pre-construction environmental
surveys and construction biological monitoring. Torque-down pile installation has been completed using an excavator equipped with a drill and modified reach extender to install the piles at an angle per the design. Due to changes to installation methods, each torque-down pile was required to be load tested by the project’s geotechnical engineer. The results of the load testing indicated that the piles met or exceeded the ability to resist the required design loads and a memo report prepared by the project’s geotechnical engineer is being prepared to summarize the testing and field observations. The project’s land surveyor has been scheduled to perform a follow up building monitoring survey of the adjacent buildings since pile installation was completed. In addition, the project design team is working on a proposal and plan for installation of a new ADA accessible ramp, curb ramps, sidewalk, and crosswalks at the site.

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 Fall 2022; Phase 2 FY 23-24 (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**

The calibrated storm/flood model, tides, and sea level rise scenarios as well as a draft Technical Memorandum regarding potential flooding impacts of sea level rise and climate
change have been submitted to the City for review and comment. The Public Works and Utilities (PW&U) Department staff have provided comments, which have now been incorporated. Community Development staff as well as other City staff and the General Plan Update consultant team have reviewed the draft Memorandum and SLR overlay maps. Public outreach is being coordinated with the General Plan/Housing Element team and the final draft document will be made available for public comment at a date TBD.

General Plan Update

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**Project Completion Date:** 2023  
**Budget:** $2,774,195  
**Goal/Priority:** Our Environmental Legacy & Spaces and Places That Inspire—Workplan items 57, 126, and 192  
**Website:** planpetaluma.org

**Project Description**  
The City of Petaluma is currently operating under the City of Petaluma: General Plan 2025, adopted in 2008. The General Plan serves as the guiding vision document and provides policies and implementation programs to achieve the City’s goals. 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.

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.
Hand in hand with the General Plan Update, the City, along with the General Plan consulting team from Raimi + Associates, will be developing the 6th cycle Housing Element, a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP), 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.

**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 finalizing the Existing Conditions Reports in response to community feedback and posting updated reports to the General Plan website. The planning team and the GPAC has begun to engage in more substantive topical discussion as part of small working groups to explore alternatives and policy development.

As part of the General Plan Process, the team continues to work on preparing the Housing Element of the General Plan. The public draft Housing Element was published in late August, 2022. The Public Draft of the Housing Element will be available for review for a 30-day review period. A survey form is available on the General Plan website to gather feedback. A public workshop on the Housing Element will be held on September 20th, 2022 at 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM with community members on Zoom. Additional details will be published in August 2022.

As part of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, the Climate Action Committee and City staff Leadership Team have reviewed the Greenhouse Gas Inventory and preliminary action items, which was presented to the GPAC on May 19. The Consultant team has developed a draft of comprehensive Greenhouse Gas reduction strategies, which are currently under review by staff. Staff are coordinating with the Climate Action Commission to initiate preliminary review by that commission.

**Public Information and Engagement**
The General Plan is the community’s vision, and public engagement is critical to a successful outcome. Public outreach has included many events to engage the community, including public meetings of multiple City bodies, zoom webinars and
workshops and in-person outdoor events such as pop-ups at community events and the Petaluma Library.

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!

Hampton Inn Expansion (Silk Mill)

**Project Manager:** Isabel Castellano and Erica Baptiste, Community Development Department

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**Project Completion Date:** To Be Determined – In Planning Process

**Budget:** Cost Recovery Project

**Goal/Priority:** An Economy That Prospers—Workplan item 101

**Project Description**

The project is for alterations to the historic Silk Mill located at 409 Wilson Street, which is in the Mixed Use 2 (MU2) zoning district. The Silk Mill is listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NR#86000386) and the California Register of Historic Resources. Its existing conditions are due to an accumulated historic effort for rehabilitating the former industrial site into the Hampton Inn Hotel. The proposed project includes new construction of a hotel rear addition with a height of 34-feet, 4-inch and with a building footprint of 4,330 square feet, a new stair landing, and landscaping improvements to accommodate 20 new hotel guest rooms. The addition would provide the Hampton Inn Hotel with a total footprint of 24,130 square feet and 96 hotel guest rooms. The project also requests a
parking reduction to allow existing parking to meet the minimum parking requirement for the proposed expansion.

**Current Status**
The application for Historic Site Plan and Architectural Review (HSPAR) was received January 26, 2022, and resubmitted on April 8, 2022, and the Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) was submitted on March 30, 2022. The Zoning Text Amendment requires approval by the City Council.

A Historic and Cultural Preservation Committee (HCPC) Study Session took place on July 12, 2022, which provided an opportunity for the committee and the public to provide feedback on the project proposal. The Applicant team is revising their proposal based on the feedback received at the HCPC Study Session. Once the HSPAR and ZTA applications are deemed complete, a joint Planning Commission and HCPC meeting will be scheduled. Staff anticipates the review of the project in November 2022.

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

**Home Depot – 261 North McDowell Boulevard**

**Project Manager:** Erica Baptiste, Community Development  
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**Project Completion Date:** Withdrawn  
**Budget:** Cost Recovery Project  
**Goal/Priority:** An Economy That Prospers—Workplan item 101

**Project Description**
An application was 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 included effectively demolishing the former Kmart building and constructing a new building in a similar enlarged footprint. The proposed building was 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 included 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 have offered truck and van rentals for customers.

**Current Status**
The Major SPAR application initially submitted on November 3, 2021, resubmitted on February 1, 2022 and deemed incomplete, was withdrawn by the Applicant on August 9, 2022. The application is no longer active.

**Public Information**
A detailed project description and application materials are available electronically at: https://cityofpetaluma.org/home-depot-261-north-mcdowell/.

**Hotel Weaver - 2 Petaluma Boulevard South**

**Project Manager:** Greg Powell, Community Development  
**Contact Information:** gpowell@cityofpetaluma.org  
**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**
The project would involve the construction of a 6-story building over a below-grade parking garage and would include hotel rooms, an event space, and food service uses. The below-grade parking garage would provide valet parking for 58 vehicles.
using parking lifts (no self-parking is proposed). The ground floor would include a restaurant with interior and exterior seating for 150 guests and the hotel lobby. Floors 2-5 would include 93 hotel rooms and a fitness room for hotel guests. Floor 6 would include a 1,372 square foot event space, and an exterior bar/event space with seating for 56 guests.

To accommodate the project, amendments to the Implementing Zoning Ordinance (IZO) and General Plan are required.

**Current Status**
The application was submitted on April 11, 2022, and was determined to be incomplete for filing on May 11, 2022. New and revised application materials were submitted on August 29, 2022; the city’s review of these new materials is underway.

**Public Information**
A detailed project description and application materials are available electronically at: [https://cityofpetaluma.org/hotel-weaver/](https://cityofpetaluma.org/hotel-weaver/). 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:** Fall 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 city staff has met with a community-led working group and will continue to engage with this working group as the plan is being developed. The consultant team completed dozens of interviews with city staff, contractors, and stakeholders with whom have responsibility to implement the pest management program. Along with interviews, the consultant team and staff have performed site reconnaissance 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. IPM plan will be drafted Fall 2022, incorporate community feedback, and be presented to the Council for consideration late Fall 2022.

LabCon North America - 3200 Lakeville Highway & 1677 Fisher Drive

**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**
The project would involve the rezoning of seven existing parcels along Fisher Drive from Lakeville Business Park Planned Community Development (PCD) to Business Park (BP) to be consistent with existing BP zoning designation of the existing parcel at 3200 Lakeville Highway, merge eight parcels into one parcel, change the use within a 23,484 square foot portion of the existing 103,752 square foot building at 3200 Lakeville Highway from light industrial to a tool room and machine shop, and construct a new 176,657 square foot building. Post construction, the 16.57-acre parcel would include 288,209 square feet
of total floor area, with Labcon North America using 247,941 square feet as a manufacturing facility and Steris Corporation using 40,268 square feet as a sterilization facility.

**Current Status**  
The application was submitted on July 27, 2022. The city is reviewing the application for completeness.

**Public Information**  
A detailed project description and application materials are available electronically at: [https://cityofpetaluma.org/labcon-north-america/](https://cityofpetaluma.org/labcon-north-america/) When public meetings are scheduled for this project, links to meeting agendas and staff reports will also be made available.

**Lafferty Ranch Open Space Park**

**Project Manager:** Patrick Carter, City Manager’s Office  
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**Project Completion Date:** Ongoing  
**Budget:** $100,499 (FY 23 and 24)  
**Goal/Priority:** Spaces and Places That Inspire—Workplan item 155

**Project Description**  
Lafferty Ranch is a 270-acre park owned by the City of Petaluma accessible through docent-led hikes. There are no park amenities at this time. The site offers expansive views of the Petaluma Valley and contains the headwaters of Adobe Creek, which runs along the east side of Petaluma near Casa Grande Road, and out to the Petaluma River on the west side of Shollenberger Park.

The City has partnered with LandPaths to provide interim access to the Park with docent training, community outreach, including the Latinx community, engaging with volunteers, and property stewardship, and school engagement and outreach.
Current Status
Property stewardship and interim access is ongoing and additional docents have been trained. Parking is extremely limited and site access is currently restricted to docent-led hikes. Outing availability is listed on LandPath’s website (https://www.landpaths.org/).

The schedule for guided outings is:
- September 22, 5:30 – 8 pm
- September 24, 9 am to noon
- October 15, 9 am to noon
- October 29, 9 am to noon
- November 5, 9 am to noon

Interested community members can register here.

Local Road Safety Plan

**Project Manager:** Jeff Stutsman, Public Works and Utilities
**Contact Information:** Jstutsman@cityofpetaluma.org
**Project Completion Date:** Summer 2022
**Budget:** $78,509 funded through a state grant
**Goal/Priority:** A City That Works & 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**
The LRSP was approved by the City Council on August 1, 2022. Staff has submitted the HSIP Cycle 11 Grant application. Scope included new signal heads with retroreflective tape, new count down pedestrian heads, accessible pedestrian push buttons, and new traffic signal controllers to implement leading pedestrian intervals for all 52 signals in the city. The total grant amount submitted was $1.8 million.

**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**
LED lamps have been installed and are functioning with a local control system. The permanent controller upgrade is programmed, however, remote networking is still in progress, which will allow for remote operation and scheduling. A site review indicated cellular data access could be added and will be activated by IT.

The turf replacement and drainage project is entering the final design stages. Turf design is scheduled for completion in Fall 2022, with the bid phase to occur during Winter for the construction anticipated in Spring 2023 to minimize disruption and maximize benefits in the construction process. Material selection is underway. Once the most appropriate materials have been confirmed, those options will be presented to stakeholders. The City is seeking funding sources to cover project increases resulting from drainage issues, current market conditions, installation of shock pads, and environmentally friendly infill material options.

**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 & A Safe Community That Thrives—Workplan items 15, 16, 20, and 84
Project Description
The North McDowell Boulevard Complete Streets 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 1 pathway, with fragmented bike lane continuity issues throughout the corridor. Existing striped Class 2 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. To address the sidewalk gaps and other project elements fully, the project may need to be phased. The initial effort will be to design and construct the entire project corridor.

Current Status
The project was rebid because of non-responsive bids and a protest. The project is going to the City Council on October 3, 2022, for confirmation of contractor award and property easement approval. The expected project completion date is FY 23/24.

Onboarding—New Employee Orientation

Project Manager: Charla Freckmann, Human Resources
Contact Information: cfreckmann@cityofpetaluma.org
Project Completion Date: Fiscal Year 2022
Budget: Not Applicable
Goal/Priority: A City That Works—Workplan items 8, 10, and 169

Project Description
Designing a comprehensive onboarding process that starts with the first day of employment, incorporates departmental partnering in this process and tracks the employee for the first twelve months of employment with a variety of communication and check-ins. The new design will substantially change the current practice of an “employee orientation” which primarily consists of signing various documents, enrollment in benefits and implemented into the payroll system.

Current Status
The completed recommendations for an entire overhaul of the onboarding process are being divided into phases so that the recommendations can be implemented in stages.
The Human Resources Department is researching the viability of implementing the onboarding module provided by NeoGov, the software platform currently used by the City for recruitment for applicant tracking and advertising as part of the initial stage of enhancing the onboarding process. In addition to the pre-employment background investigation process, other steps to occur prior to the first day of employment are being planned as part of the initial stage of onboarding development.

Oyster Cove

**Project Manager:** Andrew Trippel, Community Development  
**Contact Information:** atrippel@cityofpetaluma.org  
**Project Completion Date:** Planning Commission and City Council review required  
**Budget:** Cost Recovery Project  
**Goal/Priority:** An Economy That Prospers—Workplan item 120

**Project Description**
Proposed development of a 132-unit, multi-building condominium development with 5-8 units per building. Unit types would include 11 multi-story live/work, units of approximately 2,100 Square Feet fronting D Street and 121 multi-story attached, 2–3-bedroom, residential units ranging in size from approximately 1,345 – 1,995 Square Feet with up to 12 featuring ground-floor Accessory Dwelling Units. The project will comply with the City’s inclusionary housing requirement by reserving 15% of units for Low- and Moderate-Income households. Planning entitlement applications include General Plan and Zoning Amendments and a Subdivision Map. Site Plan and Architecture Review will be required prior to commencing construction.

**Current Status**
Project applications for General Plan and Zoning Amendments, as well as for a Tentative Map – Condominium were submitted on April 6, 2022. Project applications were deemed incomplete on May 6, 2022, and the applicant submitted in response to the incomplete letter on June 17, 2022. Planning review is in progress and the following public meetings have been held: The Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee (PBAC) conducted
review and provided recommendations on June 1, 2022; the required Neighborhood Meeting was held on June 8, 2022; and Planning Commission conducted a Study Session during which it provided comments on June 28, 2022.

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

Pavement Restoration: Measure U Bond-Funded Projects

Project Manager: Ken Eichstaedt, Public Works and Utilities
Contact Information: KEichstaedt@cityofpetaluma.org
Project Completion Date: Ongoing
Budget: FY22/23 – $7 million construction
Goal/Priority: A City That Works & 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**
All pavement preservation work has been completed and project closeout is occurring.

**Payran/Madison Water and Sewer Main Replacement**

**Project Manager:** Dan Herrera, Public Works and Utilities  
**Contact Information:** dherrera@cityofpetaluma.org  
**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 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
The design is continuing with possible additional areas to expand the project. A portion of the water main on Madison Street at Edith Street is being completed in conjunction with a new development in the area. The project is expected to complete design in October/November and bid in December 2022. Construction is expected to begin in 2023.

Permanent Parklet Program

Project Manager: Nancy Sands, Economic Development & Open Government
Contact Information: nsands@cityofpetaluma.org
Project Completion Date: Winter 2023
Budget: $300,000 (includes Free Range program expenses)
Goal/Priority: An Economy That Prospers & 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.

The temporary Free Range program has been extended through October 31, 2022, in consideration of community members who still do not feel comfortable eating inside and businesses that continue to recover from COVID-related economic impacts. Effective
July 1, Free Range permit holders will need to pay a small fee ($0.70/sq ft per month) to use City-provided tents and/or traffic barriers. This fee will offset the City’s cost of renting/managing this equipment. In addition, permit holders on public right of way will be required to operate 5 days a week. Permit holders were informed of these changes on March 25, 2022, giving them three months to plan appropriately.

**Current Status**

Staff coordinated billing for or arranged removal of City-provided tents/traffic barriers. Thirteen businesses opted to keep the tents/traffic barriers and pay a monthly fee of $0.70/sq ft/month, while 6 businesses asked to have them removed. Planning Division, Economic Development, and Public Works have finalized the scope of work needed to solicit a proposal for the development of permanent program guidelines. Planning anticipates that work on the permanent program guidelines will begin in September 2022.

**Petaluma Boulevard South Complete Streets**

**Project Manager:** Jeff Stutsman, Public Works & Utilities  
**Contact Information:** jstutsman@cityofpetaluma.org  
**Project Completion Date:** Summer 2022  
**Budget:** $3,745,291 from One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) 2 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**
The work is complete.

**Petaluma Community Baseball Field**

**Project Manager:** Jonathan Sanglerat and Mehran Ebrahimi, 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 & 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**
O.C. Jones (OCJ) is currently performing site grading, and trenching and installing project utilities and the field drainage system. Lime treatment (soil stabilization) of the project site was completed, which will strengthen the onsite clay soils and provide a base for installation of the synthetic turf field. OCJ will begin the wetlands creation portion of the project at the end of September 2022, and install the project dugouts, retaining walls, and fencing. The City and project designers have been attending weekly update meetings with OCJ to discuss project schedule, issues, and milestones. The City and design team are currently working on responding to RFIs, project submittals, and change order requests.

**Primary Influent Pump Station (PIPS) Projects**

**PIPS High-Capacity Pumps**
Project Manager: Dan Herrera, Public Works and Utilities
Contact Information: dherrera@cityofpetaluma.org
Project Completion Date: Summer 2024
Budget: $2.9 Million
Goal/Priority: Our Environmental Legacy—Workplan Item 55

**Project Description**
This project will replace four high capacity, 450 horsepower (HP) pumps and variable frequency drive (VFD) units at the Primary Influent Pump Station (PIPS). The existing pumps were installed in 1999 and have
required significant maintenance. The project will be included in the City’s sewer master plan, and design will begin in 2023.

**Current Status**
The design comments are currently under review within the PIPS force main project. City staff will solicit a request for proposal (RFP) for the design of the project in January 2023 for design in the spring.

**PIPS Parallel Force Main**
**Project Manager:** Dan Herrera, Public Works and Utilities  
**Contact Information:** dherrera@cityofpetaluma.org  
**Project Completion Date:** Winter 2024  
**Budget:** Approximately $18.5 million – Wastewater Capital Funds  
**Goal/Priority:** Our Environmental Legacy & 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 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 preliminary design report (PDR) comments have been incorporated into a new report. Focal points of impact are Caltrans right-of-way (ROW) impacts and environmental compliance impacts for new pathways. The environmental survey is underway and will be complete by November 2022. The survey will highlight impacts to design changes and determine schedule and budget impacts. Discussions with nearby developments and Caltrans/SMART are underway to incorporate design requirements.

Rainier Avenue Active Transportation and Pavement Restoration

Project Manager: Ken Eichstaedt, Public Works and Utilities
Contact Information: KEichstaedt@cityofpetaluma.org
Project Completion Date: December 2022
Budget: $11,850 Design; $75,000k Est. Construction (markings)
Goal/Priority: A City That Works & 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 pilot layout was installed the first week of August 2022. The layout will be refined with installation of bollards and markings. City staff members met with Recology to ensure the road is being swept and trash carts are being picked up. The web page contains detailed information on the project and survey. See: [https://cityofpetaluma.org/rainier-active-transportation-improvements-with-paving-project/](https://cityofpetaluma.org/rainier-active-transportation-improvements-with-paving-project/)

The survey will be active until November 1, 2022. The project team will present the survey results and traffic data to the Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee (PBAC) during the December 7, 2022, meeting. The project team will present the survey results and traffic data to the City Council sometime in January or February 2023. It is anticipated that the final roadway configuration will be installed following the paving project in the summer of 2023.

**Resilient Energy Back-Ups**

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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**

Staff have completed the required grant documents for the California Department of Housing and Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Planning and Public Services funding to plan the construction of resilient energy at critical city facilities. An energy services company has been selected to analyze City facilities for appropriate renewable energy technologies to continue support and shelter during an emergency. Staff is negotiating the scope of the agreement with the company and expects to present the agreement for Council consideration early Fall 2022.
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**  
The first round of 18 recycle and waste cans have been installed at Leghorns Park, Lucchesi Park, McDowell Park, La Tercera Park, Grant Park, and McNear Park! Thank you once again to Petaluma’s three Rotary Clubs and dozens of Rotarians who volunteered their time and matched funding to make this project possible! The Rotary Clubs have offered to assist with the installation of a second round of 14 recycle/waste cans, stay tuned for their placement within the parks!
Safe Space Anti-Hate Program

**Project Manager:** Kate McCoy, Police  
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**Project Completion Date:** June 1, 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**  
The Police Department formally launched this program at the beginning of June in coordination with recognition of Pride Month. Safe Space logo stickers were produced and generously donated by Paragon labels.
Currently Police Volunteers initiated contact with over 80% of the business owners in town. The Police Department will continue to collaborate with business owners and organizations that 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  
**Contact Information:** dherrera@cityofpetaluma.org  
**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**
Smoke testing is complete and additional smoke testing areas are being identified to locate possible infiltration areas. Data gathering and model calibration is on-going. Additional scope will be included for the replacement and rehabilitation program to identify near-term construction projects.

**Skate Park Remodel & Site Feasibility Study**

**Project Manager:** Gina Benedetti-Petnic, Public Works and Utilities  
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**Project Completion Date:** Spring 2023  
**Budget:** $463,000  
**Goal/Priority:** Spaces and Places That Inspire—Workplan item 150

**Project Description**
The Petaluma Skate Park was constructed in 1997 and it remains one of the oldest skate parks in the state of California. This skate park serves as an important space for intergenerational gatherings, as well as providing unique recreational opportunities for all city residents, especially the youth. The current facility includes elements that are less relevant to the sport today and it lacks features that encourage development and participation from a broad range of ages and abilities. The scope of work for this project includes the design and implementation of a refresh for the existing skate park and a site/feasibility assessment for a future one. A consultant will be retained for this work and will also assist staff with stakeholder engagement, community outreach, and exploring private partnerships and grant opportunities. FY 22/23 funding will use revenue received from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) as well as the Sonoma County Measure M Parks initiative.
Current Status
The Request for Proposal (RFP) for the redesign of the existing skate park and for the site assessment/feasibility of a new skate park was issued on April 21, 2022. Proposals were received May 12, 2022, and interviews with two consultants took place. Staff anticipates a signed agreement for consulting work at the end of September 2022. Here is the link: https://cityofpetaluma.org/bid-opportunities-2/ and direct link to the RFP: https://cityofpetaluma.org/documents/rfp-for-skatepark/.

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

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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 to begin 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 has an alternate proposal for both the Swim Center parcel and an adjacent parking lot.

The Ellis Creek Water Recycling Facility has selected a solar developer to design the array and is approximately 75% complete with negotiations of the Power Purchase Agreements. The Power Purchase Agreement is tentatively expected to be presented to the Council by the end of the calendar year. The current design for the system would float on top of one oxidation pond, produce approximately 5.8 MW of solar power, and offset approximately 98% of the Ellis Creek facility’s current electrical usage. Due to many concurrent projects at Ellis Creek, construction on the solar project is not expected to begin until late 2023.

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 has been operating for over 14 months with great success. The program expanded to a 24/7 model in October 2021. In its first year of service, the SAFE team responded to over 3,700 Calls for Service. This program 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.

At the end of July, after nearly a year delay, we received a second SAFE van secured through HEAP grant funding. Custom outfitting for the van is currently being evaluated.

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

**Project Manager:** Karen Shimizu, City Manager’s Office  
**Contact Information:** kshimizu@cityofpetaluma.org  
**Project Completion Date:** September 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 Project is completed and fully operational. To date the COTS team has successfully transitioned 4 clients to permanent housing. is providing case management services as well as linking clients the essential services to ensure a pathway to housing. The contractor is finishing up the final site amenities that include, bathroom and shower units, a dog run, fenced parking and an outside patio area.
The Studios at Montero

Project Manager: Karen Shimizu, City Manager’s Office  
Contact Information: kshimizu@cityofpetaluma.org  
Project Completion Date: Winter 2022  
Budget: Housing and Community Development Grant $13.883 Million and County and City local match of $1.532 Million. The County of Sonoma awarded 60 Project based Housing Voucher.  
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
On March 1, 2022, the City and Burbank Housing Development Corporation (BHDC) were awarded grant funding from HCD for the project in the amount of $15,682,000. In addition BHCD applied to the County of Sonoma for 60 Project-Based Housing Vouchers (PBV) and $600,000 of Capital funding. The project was awarded the 60 PBV and the $600,000
of capital funding in March of 2022, The PBV are key to the operational success of the project as they will cover the on-site support services and subsidize a portion of the resident’s monthly rent. The City of Petaluma awarded up to $1,100,000 in funding to the project on March 21. On June 24th, 2022, BHDC submitted project plans to the city for review. The city team prioritized the project and the plans were approved mid August. BHDC closed escrow on the property early September and is coordinating the start of construction. The City submitted a funding application to the State of California HCD Local Housing Trust Fund Program in the amount of $600,000 for matching funds for capital improvements. The LHTF application has been reviewed and scored by HCD staff and received a score of 95 out of 95 possible points. Funding awards will be announced in late September/October of 2022.

Traffic Calming Pilots

**Project Manager:** Ken Eichstaedt, Public Works and Utilities  
**Contact Information:** KEichstaedt@cityofpetaluma.org  
**Project Completion Date:** December 31, 2022  
**Budget:** $211,000  
**Goal/Priority:** A City That Works & 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**
The final data collection was gathered the week of September 5, 2022. The presentation will be made to the Council in October 3, 2022.
Transit Facility & Fleet Electrification

**Project Manager:** Jared Hall, Public Works and Utilities  
**Contact Information:** jhall@cityofpetaluma.org  
**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 Fall 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**  
The kickoff meeting for design of the Transit Facility Electrification Project was conducted on August 17, 2022. City staff met with staff from PG&E on August 22 and September 1, 2022, to discuss the Fleet Ready Program. The Fleet Ready program will help to provide preliminary designs for needed electric infrastructure improvements, money for purchasing bus chargers, and upgrades to electric grid serving the facility as needed. The Fleet Ready application is being drafted and will be submitted in October 2022.
Transit Free Fare Programs

**Project Manager:** Jared Hall, Public Works and Utilities  
**Contact Information:** jhall@cityofpetaluma.org  
**Project Completion Date:** Spring 2022  
**Budget:** $15,000 (for Veteran & Active Duty Military Fare Free Program)  
**Goal/Priority:** A City That Works and A Safe Community That Thrives—Workplan items 27 and 97

**Project Description**

This project seeks to introduce reduced/free transit fare programs on Petaluma Transit serving throughout the community. This includes the Petaluma Veterans & Active-Duty Free Fare Pilot Program that started in 2022.

**Current Status**

The Petaluma Transit Veteran and Active-Duty Military Free Fare Program was officially launched on President’s Day (January 24, 2022). Leading up to the launch, staff conducted marketing and outreach to promote the program, including press releases, social media postings, and inclusion in City newsletters and bulletins. Since then, staff has continued outreach, including having additional discussions with Sonoma County military affairs groups and non-profits. Staff attended the meeting of the Sonoma County United Veteran’s Council on March 23, 2022, to present the program to representatives of over 12 military affairs groups from throughout Sonoma County.

Staff, working in conjunction with Sonoma County Transit and Santa Rosa City Bus, submitted a grant application requesting funding from the Sonoma County Climate Resiliency Fund (CRF) to provide free transit for eligible K-12 students throughout the county. This application was for the second round of CRF funding; an application for first round funding was unsuccessful, but the agencies were encouraged to reapply during the second round of grant applications.

Decisions on awarding the second round of CRF funds will be taken by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors in Fall 2022.
Trestle Rehabilitation

Project Manager: Christopher J. Bolt, Public Works and Utilities
Contact Information: cbolt@cityofpetaluma.org
Project Completion Date: In Progress/TBD (pending funding)
Budget: $1.025 million in FY 22/23; $6.085 million in FY 23/24 (source(s) to be determined)
Goal/Priority: Spaces and Places That Inspire—Workplan item 145

Project Description
Reviving the historic trestle will breathe new life into the downtown area and will revitalize the Petaluma River Turning Basin Area. In 2013, the California Coastal Commission provided a grant to help the City develop plans for rehabilitating this historic timber structure, which lines the southwest bank of the Turning Basin. The project was put on hold because the estimated construction costs exceeded available funding resources.

With continued support from City Council and the community, the project was revisited and reviewed in FY 21/22 with exploration of potential phasing and alternative structural solutions. This project serves to further refine and update the 2013 project design, scope, and cost estimates in FY 22/23 in an effort to make this project fully shovel ready for construction. As such, the project will be an excellent candidate for grant funding and staff continues to explore any and all potential grant programs.

Current Status
The Council recently identified this project as one of its top ten priorities for FY23, and staff continues to be actively engaged in conversations with stakeholders and consultants.

Staff continues to research and explore funding assistance opportunities, environmental issues, viable ownership options for the structure and its underlying land, and technical
issues related to design alternative selection. Recent efforts have been focused on coordinating dredging activities in the Turning Basin that will occur in October 2022, as there are significant concerns about dredging near the structure given its condition. Staff also held a meeting in August 2022 with representatives from the Petaluma Woman’s Club to explore sponsorship and fundraising ideas and opportunities. They have identified this project as their top priority.

Additionally, staff is currently in the process of developing a scope of work and professional services agreement to engage experts in timber materials science to review and evaluate the condition of existing trestle timber members. The last timber condition evaluation was conducted just over 10 years ago as part of the 2013 project design effort, so this work is essential as a matter of due diligence and in an effort to learn about changes that have occurred over the last decade. Completion of this work is a critical path item within the overall project timeline, and it will provide important information needed to make prudent decisions about ownership, environmental review requirements, and design alternatives.

Urban Recycled Water Expansion – Park Irrigation Conversions

**Project Manager:** Dan Herrera, Public Works and Utilities  
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**Project Completion Date:** Fall 2022  
**Budget:** $685,000  
**Goal/Priority:** Our Environmental Legacy—Workplan item 70

**Project Description**  
This project will offset potable water used for irrigation by converting the irrigation systems at various city-owned parks and open spaces to meet state recycled water standards. The parks that will begin receiving recycled water through park irrigation conversion are Bond Park, Meadow View Park, Maria Pocket Park, Sunrise Park, and Glenbrook Park. The project includes the installation of purple irrigation boxes, recycled water use signage, and cross-connection testing.
Current Status
Glenbrook Park and Bond Park have been connected to the recycled water system and is undergoing maintenance by Parks staff. Meadowview Park and Maria Pocket Park conversion efforts have begun, and the area expected to be complete in September 2022.

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**
Master Plan efforts are ongoing. Staff has negotiated to include additional tasks to be evaluated within the master plan, including a repair and replacement section to be used for future CIP project selection. The housing element of the general plan has been reviewed and efforts to include in model runs have begun.
Wayfinding

**Project Manager:** Ken Eichstaedt, Public Works and Utilities  
**Contact Information:** keichstaedt@cityofpetaluma.org  
**Project Completion Date:** Summer 2023  
**Budget:** $230,000  
**Goal/Priority:** A City That Works & A Safe Community That Thrives—Workplan items 26 and 85

**Project Description**
The wayfinding program will create a comprehensive plan for pedestrian and bicycle wayfinding signage citywide. Downtown area signage will be installed in fiscal year 21/22. The program will be included in the update of the Active Transportation Plan that will include a robust community outreach program and rely heavily on collaboration with community stakeholders through a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), with guidance from the Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee (PBAC) and the Petaluma Downtown Association (PDA).

**Current Status**
The final review of bid documents was conducted and the contract documents are being prepared for the bidding advertisement.

Well Construction and Tank Projects

**Project Manager:** Dan Herrera, Public Works and Utilities  
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**Project Completion Date:** Hardin and Manor Tank Rehabilitation—Summer 2023 & Summer 2022, respectively; La Cresta Tank Replacement—Fiscal Year (FY) 25/26; Oak Hill Tank Replacement—FY 25/26; Oak Hill Well—Fall 2022; Well Construction Program—FY 23/24 and ongoing  
**Budget:** Hardin and Manor Tank Rehabilitation—$2.8 million; La Cresta Tank Replacement—$3.0 million; Oak Hill Tank Replacement—$5.4 million; Well Construction Program—$3.0 million  
**Goal/Priority:** Our Environmental Legacy—Workplan item 55
Project Description

Potable water tanks and groundwater wells are vital components of the City’s water distribution network. Regular maintenance and proper sizing of these components ensure the residents of Petaluma receive sufficient drinking water and fire flow protection for years to come.

Hardin and Manor Tank Rehabilitation—
The Manor and Hardin tanks were constructed in the 1980s as part of the City’s expansion on the eastern side of Petaluma and require maintenance and rehabilitation to extend their useful life. The work will include replacing the exterior and interior coatings and all piping and valving appurtenances on the potable water tanks.

La Cresta Tank Replacement—The La Cresta tanks provide drinking water and fire protection for the Zone 3 western portion of the City. The La Cresta tank site currently has two undersized potable water tanks. This project will replace one tank with a 1-million-gallon steel potable water tank. The second tank will be demolished and provide space for the City’s police and fire communications equipment.

Oak Hill Tank Replacement—The existing shallow-lined earthen reservoir at Oak Hill has been decommissioned. A new modern potable water tank will be designed and installed to replace the existing 2-million-gallon tank. The new tank will provide necessary resiliency and fire protection to downtown Petaluma and the western portion of the City.

Well Construction Program—The City’s ongoing Well Construction Program will expand the City’s groundwater well network and provide resiliency and emergency backup to the City’s water supplies. Currently, most of Petaluma’s groundwater wells are located on the City’s eastern side. A well siting study has been performed to locate and prioritize groundwater wells on City’s western side. The Oak Hill well site was selected as a priority due to its proximity to the water distribution system and location within a high-yield groundwater aquifer.
Current Status
The Manor Tank Rehabilitation project is ongoing. Seismic reinforcement and steel rehabilitation work has been completed. Coating preparation has begun. Work is expected to take two to three months. The Oak Hill and La Cresta tank replacements are awaiting design and are scheduled to begin in FY 23/24 and 24/25, respectively. Solicitation of RFPs is being planned. Additionally, the Well Construction Program is underway. The Oak Hill Well project environmental compliance document is complete. A neighborhood informational meeting took place on August 11, 2022. The project was approved by the City Council on September 12, 2022. The final design is underway.

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 and 85

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
Work has been completed on the pathway and improvements will be executed by a separate contractor for access to the trails from Westridge Dr. and Sunnyslope Rd. The initial planning and design work is being conducted on the playground set.

Top 10 Goals Status
On May 2, 2022, the City Council refined a list of its goals and priorities, with the objective of prioritizing the list to a focused “top ten list” of the most essential initiatives for staff to make progress on and/or complete over the next two fiscal years:

**Note:** The City of Petaluma’s Fiscal Year begins on July 1st and ends on June 30th. Fiscal Year 23 (FY23) would refer to the 2022 – 2023 Fiscal Year, July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Quarter 1 (Q1) = July-September 2022
Quarter 2 (Q2) = October-December 2022
Quarter 3 (Q3) = January-March 2023
Quarter 4 (Q4) = April-June 2023

Implementation of Hybrid Police Oversight Model and Citywide Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Efforts
Following the May 25th, 2020, murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, race relations and police use of force policies have become a focus in communities across the country. To address requests from community members and start these conversations locally, the City hosted a community engagement and listening forum followed by community-led listening sessions. After hearing from and listening to the community, the City hired a professional facilitator and established an Ad Hoc Community Advisory Committee (AHCAC). The AHCAC's purpose was to discuss race relations in Petaluma, make recommendations to the City Council to improve them, help bring the community together, identify opportunities for meaningful change, and promote inclusion in Petaluma. On April 4th, 2022, the City Council provided direction on the implementation of the City's Council Priorities in response to the recommendations of the AHCAC. This top 10 goal is the implementation.
The first milestone, *Develop and Issue Independent Police Auditor (IPA) Request for Proposal (RFP)*, is anticipated to be completed by Quarter 1 of FY 2023. The draft RFP was presented to City Council on September 12th.

**Adoption of Retail Cannabis Ordinance**

On November 9, 2016, the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act, Proposition 64, became law, leading to recreational cannabis sales in California by January 2018. As a result of recreational legalization, local governments may not prohibit adults from growing, using, or transporting cannabis for personal use. Following recreational legalization, companies must be licensed by the local agency to grow, test, or sell cannabis within each jurisdiction. The City of Petaluma needs to adopt ordinances and regulations to allow for commercial use of cannabis within city limits. This project, the Adoption of Retail Cannabis Ordinance, is the process to allow commercial use of cannabis in Petaluma.

The first milestone, *Review Regional Jurisdictions' Regulations and Modify for Local Considerations*, is anticipated to be completed by Quarter 1 of FY 2023.

**Create Citywide Electrification Plan**

The City Council’s approval of the Climate Emergency Framework on January 11, 2021 set a goal for the City of Petaluma to become carbon neutral by 2030. Major sources of carbon emissions in the City of Petaluma are transportation and existing buildings. Electrification and fuel switch to renewable sources for the transportation and housing sectors would significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions. A citywide electrification plan will identify barriers and propose solutions for electrification of existing Petaluma buildings and infrastructure, including infrastructure upgrades needed to support electrification of buildings and vehicles.

The first milestone, *Review Electrification Plans for Other Jurisdictions*, is anticipated to be completed by Quarter 2 of FY 2023.

**Adoption of Tenant Protection Ordinance Package**

The need for eviction protection was underscored by the widespread employment disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The eviction moratorium enacted by the County of Sonoma during the pandemic is set to expire September 30, 2022. This set of protections for tenants specific to the City of Petaluma includes legislation related to Just
Cause, the Ellis Act, and updates to the City’s Mobile Home rental protection. The tenant protection ordinance package was adopted by City Council on September 12, 2022. The ordinance protects tenants by requiring “just cause” to evict most tenants. The ordinance also protects tenants who are evicted for a landlord removing their property from the rental market, known as Ellis Act evictions, by requiring landlords to pay one month of the rent agreement to the tenants as relocation costs. The ordinance also protects tenants by requiring a landlord to provide tenant notice of the tenant’s rights under the ordinance, that all notices to the tenant be in the language that the lease was negotiated into including Spanish, the right of first refusal for tenants being evicted for “no-fault just cause”, and others.

As the tenant protection ordinance takes effect on October 30, 2022, City Council also adopted a COVID-19 tenancy urgency ordinance on September 12, 2022. The urgency ordinance takes effect immediately and expires upon the tenant protection ordinance taking effect. The urgency ordinance allows tenants being evicted for failing to pay rent to offer as a defense that they are unable to pay due to hardships from COVID-19.

Staff also anticipate bringing amendments to the City’s mobile home rent arbitration ordinance for Council’s consideration by November 2022.

**Fairgrounds – Outreach Process, Recommendations and Framework for Decision-making**

The Petaluma Fairgrounds is a 55-acre, multi-use property located in the heart of town. Through the years, this site has provided a place for fun, learning, special occasions, respite, and refuge during crises, as well as many lasting memories for Petalumans, County residents, and visitors. It is a truly unique place that is loved by so many. The City of Petaluma owns the Fairgrounds property and, for the past 50 years, has leased it to the 4th District Agricultural Association (4th DAA), a branch of the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA). The 4th DAA determines the Fairgrounds property uses, which include the five-day Sonoma-Marin Fair in June and other organizations the 4th DAA subleases to, such as a preschool, elementary school, race track, and event spaces.

After multiple lease renewals, the final renewal will expire on December 31st, 2023. The goal, the Fairgrounds - Outreach Process, Recommendations, and Framework for Decision-making, describes the series of milestones on a path forward for the fair and property. On October 24, Council will receive the results of the City’s public engagement
efforts to-date, including a final report from the Fairgrounds Advisory Panel, and will consider next steps related to the impending lease expiration.

The first two milestones, Complete Property, Soil, and Building Assessments and Receive Lottery Selected Panel Recommendations, are anticipated to be completed by Quarter 1 of FY 2023.

Public Safety Facilities Assessment, Including New and Renovated Fire Stations
The Public Safety Facilities Assessment will be used to inform future new construction and renovations to address inadequate police and fire facilities city wide. Fire Station 1 needs Seismic upgrades and Stations 1, 2, and 3 no longer meet operational needs for a diverse workforce with crew space lacking. The Police Station similarly is poorly configured to meet the needs of a modern police department with inadequate locker space, showers, meeting, and office space. This project will develop a road map and strategic plan to move our Public Safety facilities into the 21st century.

Staff is finalizing a Professional Services Agreement with consultants to begin preparing a Public Safety Facilities/EOC Evaluation and Strategic Plan, with kickoff expected in October 2022. Operational and administrative analyses of the Fire and Police Departments are expected to be presented to the City Council in early Fall 2022 and will be used, along with existing facilities planning documents, to inform the development of the Plan.

The first milestone, Complete the Public Safety Facilities/EOC Evaluation and Strategic Plan, is anticipated to be completed by Quarter 3 of FY 2023.

Integrated Pest Management Plan: Sustainable Land Management Best Practices and Comprehensive Community Outreach Program
Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is defined in Title 7 of the US Code as “a sustainable approach to managing pests by combining biological, cultural, physical, and chemical tools in a way that minimizes economic, health, and environmental risks.” A common feature of recent IPM Plan is to change practices to relegate chemical pest control to a last resort, with some plan prohibiting the use of synthetic pesticides altogether. The process to develop an IPM Plan which would guide all pest control activities related to City facilities and operations is underway. Staff is working closely with consultants and a
community working group of stakeholders to draft initial program details to present for feedback. The IPM Plan is expected to be presented to the City Council in Fall 2022.

The first two milestones, Complete Stakeholder Interviews and Site Analysis and Present Summary of Findings to Community Working Group and Staff for Review and Input, are anticipated to be completed by Quarter 2 of FY 2023.

**Adoption of Tree Preservation Ordinance and Update City Policies and Procedures**

Trees have multiple positive benefits related to providing wildlife habitat, sequestering carbon to help mitigate climate change, reducing the heat-island effect, and increasing property values through beautification. Petaluma’s existing tree ordinance has not been updated to realize the increased benefit of enhanced tree protection. The updated tree preservation ordinance would update internal processes and permitting related to tree removal, update provisions for tree maintenance, planting in the public right of way, and update standard provisions for all entitlements and land use permitting. This legislation and policy update is expected to be considered by Council in Spring 2023.

The first milestone, Review Existing Regulations, Review of Draft Tree Technical Manual and ReLeaf, and Identify Case Studies, Best Practices, is anticipated to be completed by Quarter 1 of FY 2023.

**Historic Trestle Reconstruction**

Petaluma’s historic trestle is located along the southwest bank of the Turning Basin in downtown Petaluma. While significant hurdles exist, the vision is to transform the structure which is currently in poor condition into a prized, iconic riverfront gathering place and active transportation hub. Major milestones include environmental assessment, determining ownership/acquisition models, inviting the community to develop a vision for the site, design, securing funding for construction, and project implementation. This will be a multi-year project.

The first two milestones, Reengage on Previous Studies/Plans/Designs and Commence Design of the Project to Make the Project Ready for Bids in FY24 or FY25, are anticipated to be completed by Quarter 1 of FY 2023.
Safe Mobility and Community Connectivity | Safe Streets

The Safe Mobility and Community Connectivity | Safe Streets Goal is a city-wide initiative that strives to increase and provide safety for all users of our roadways. This project will provide Petaluma with a strategic map forward for Active Transportation.

The first milestone, *Memorialize Safe Streets Elements in Overall Vision (AT, Complete Streets, Calming, Accessibility, Trails, Sidewalks, etc.),* is anticipated to be completed by Quarter 1 of FY 2023. The [Local Road Safety Plan](#), which recommends citywide safety improvements to encourage all modes of mobility, was presented to Council on August 1.