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TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council through City Manager

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SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing the Purchase and Installation of Twenty (20) Dual Trash and Recycling Receptacles from Victor Stanley via the Equalis Group Cooperative Purchasing Agreement

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Council adopt a Resolution authorizing the purchase and installation of twenty (20) dual trash and recycling receptacles from Victor Stanley via the Equalis Group Cooperative Purchasing Agreement.

### **BACKGROUND**

In line with the City's efforts to improve transit access and enhance rider experience, staff have identified the need to install trash and recycling receptacles at bus stop locations throughout the community. Many of the sites identified for improvement have high ridership levels and currently have inadequate fixtures. The installation of new receptacles will not only improve cleanliness but also contribute to a more pleasant and convenient experience for riders, which may help increase ridership.

On January 24, 2022, the City Council authorized staff to apply for a grant with CalRecycle to improve public waste receptacles in Petaluma. The City was subsequently awarded a grant to purchase outdoor public trash and mixed recycling receptacles, replacing existing trash-only bins. These receptacles are slated for installation at parks, transit shelters, and in downtown Petaluma. A total of \$275,000 in grant funding was awarded, with \$75,000 specifically allocated for high-priority bus stop locations.

On May 6, 2024, the City Council authorized purchase of 30 outdoor public trash and mixed recycling receptacles to replace trash-only bin in the downtown area, which are scheduled for delivery early November 2024.

## **DISCUSSION**

Staff requests authorization to purchase twenty (20) dual trash and recycling receptacles from Victor Stanley for installation at key bus stops throughout Petaluma. The proposed locations selected based on a combination of factors including ridership levels, the need for waste receptacles, equity, proximity to major destinations, and the condition of existing bus stops. Each location was assessed for feasibility considering bus stop productivity and availability of space for installation.

Staff recommend that the receptacles be installed at the following locations:

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>DIRECTION</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>CROSS_ST</b>
1	S	Lakeville Hwy	Cader Ln / Frates Rd
2	W	S McDowell Blvd Ext	Cypress Dr
3	N	Petaluma Blvd N	Washington St
4	S	Maria Dr	DuPree Wy (Meadow School)
5	E	Casa Grande Rd	Ely Blvd S / 400 Casa Grande Apts
6	N	Sonoma Mtn Parkway	Riesling Rd
7	S	N McDowell Blvd	Clegg (Petaluma Health Ctr)
8	N	N McDowell Blvd	Lynch Creek Way (Hospital)
9	N	N McDowell Blvd	Corona Rd (Post Office)
10	N	Park Lane	Greenbriar Circle
11	S	McNear Ave	Mission Dr
12	S	Petaluma Blvd S	Roundabout
13	N	Petaluma Blvd S	McNear Ave
14	N	Petaluma Blvd S	Roundabout
15	N	Petaluma Blvd S	Mountain View Ave
16	S	Kaiser Medical Center	Cypress Dr
17	N	Petaluma Blvd S	G St
18	S	Petaluma Blvd S	F St
19	S	Lakeville Hwy	Marina
20	S	Lakeville Hwy	S. McDowell Blvd

Various models of trash cans were considered, including models from Victor Stanley, Anova, and Thomas Steel for which quotes were received. After a thorough evaluation, the Victor Stanley SD-242 model (see image below) was selected as the best option due to its combination of aesthetics, durability, ease of maintenance, compatibility with other Petaluma Transit receptacles, and cost.

The receptacles will be procured via the Equalis Group Purchasing Cooperative, of which the City of Petaluma is a member. This cooperative allows the City to purchase bus stop fixtures at competitive prices. Victor Stanley, a leading manufacturer of passenger shelters and the supplier of the majority of bus stops in Petaluma, offers competitive pricing through this cooperative. Purchasing through the cooperative agreement satisfies the City's Charter and Municipal Code purchasing requirements. Victor Stanley products are currently used throughout the community with strong results.

*Victor Stanley SD-242 Dual Trash and Recycling Receptacle – Illustrative photo*



These 42-gallon side-by-side (trash/recycling) units will provide a similar look to other units at Petaluma bus stops and they will be Petaluma Light Blue in color, maintaining visual consistency. The units will have different color tops and decals to differentiate between trash and recycling streams.

The expected lead time for the receptacles is approximately nine weeks with an additional three weeks for assembly and installation. Installation is estimated to occur in March 2025. Installation is expected to be provided by the Sonoma County Supervised Adult Crews (SAC) or a private contractor. Recology will service the trash cans.

### **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

The Transit Advisory Committee (TAC) unanimously approved a recommendation in support of the City Council adopting this resolution at their October 15, 2024, meeting.

This agenda item appeared on the City’s tentative agenda document on November 4, 2024, which was a publicly noticed meeting.

## **COUNCIL GOAL ALIGNMENT**

The proposed action supports the following City Council Goals, Objectives, and Workplan Items:

### **OUR ENVIRONMENTAL LEGACY**

- Workplan item #7 - Leverage local, regional, and state programs and resources to maximize city revenues.
- Workplan item #23 - Expand transit service on primary corridors.
- Workplan item #27 - Encourage transit use through expanded service, pass programs, partnerships, and promotion.

### **A SAFE COMMUNITY THAT THRIVES**

Workplan item # 97 – Improve integration of transit to all demographics by partnering with social service agencies and non-profit organizations.

## **CLIMATE ACTION/SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS**

The installation of these dual trash and recycling receptacles at key bus stops aims to improve the overall rider experience, which may encourage increased use of public transit. By providing cleaner, more accessible stops, the City hopes to support a shift toward public transportation, potentially reducing vehicle miles traveled and contributing to lower greenhouse gas emissions in the community.

Additionally, the receptacles align with Petaluma's waste diversion goals by offering both trash and recycling options at bus stops. This effort supports responsible waste management practices, encouraging proper disposal and recycling, which can help reduce litter and reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

The proposed action is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), in accordance with the Public Resources Code Section 21080.25 (Added 1-1-2021 pursuant to SB 288), in that the project meets the definition of a project defined as “Pedestrian and bicycle facilities, including new facilities” and a project for the increase of bus services. The project is also categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301, as a minor alteration of existing public facilities, Section 15303, as the bus shelters and benches are small structures, and Section 15311, in that the new bus shelters and benches are accessory structures to established uses. Additionally, there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances or other factors that would make the exemptions inapplicable pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACTS**

The total cost for the purchase of twenty (20) Victor Stanely SD-242 receptacles is \$85,786.40, which includes materials, freight, and tax. Installation is estimated to cost an additional \$10,000, for an estimated total project cost of \$95,786.40.

Funding for the project will be as follows: \$75,000 from CalRecycle Grant funds, with the remaining \$20,786.40 covered by Traffic Impact funds.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

There are some alternatives that Council may consider. One alternative is to delay the installation of the receptacles, which could potentially result in higher costs due to anticipated increases in material and labor expenses over time. Delaying the project would also postpone the potential benefits of having cleaner, more accessible bus stops that could enhance the rider experience and encourage greater transit ridership.

Another alternative is not to proceed with the installation entirely. However, by not moving forward with the project, the City could miss the opportunity to improve waste management infrastructure at key bus stops. This may affect the cleanliness and usability of these high-traffic locations, and impact efforts to increase ridership by improving the overall transit experience.

A third alternative would be to select a different vendor for the receptacles. While this could potentially result in differences in cost, the process of evaluating other options and obtaining quotes would take additional time, potentially delaying the project. There may also be variations in design, durability, ease of maintenance, and consistency with existing transit infrastructure, though these factors would need further evaluation.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Resolution
2. Quote