

Resolution No. 2024-XXX N.C.S. of the City of Petaluma, California

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PETALUMA SELECTING DESIGN ALTERNATIVES FOR THE D STREET TRAFFIC CALMING AND 5TH STREET NEIGHBORHOOD GREENWAY PROJECTS

WHEREAS, on January 4, 2016, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2016-004 N.C.S., Adopting a Complete Streets Policy, outlining the City’s commitment and approach to complete streets; and

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2022, the City Council adopted Resolution 2022-075 N.C.S., Approving a Request to Adopt the Sonoma County Vision Zero Action Plan and Commit to City-Level Actions to Reduce Traffic Fatalities to Zero by the Year 2030; and

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2022, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-131 N.C.S., Approving a Local Road Safety Plan and Authorizing the Director of Public Works and Utilities, or Designee(s), to Implement this Plan; and

WHEREAS, following robust community engagement and in accordance with the policies and plans outlined above, staff and consultants have prepared design alternatives for the D Street Traffic Calming and 5th Street Neighborhood Greenway Projects; and

WHEREAS, both projects would be implemented with cost-effective, adjustable street elements, such as roadway markings, signage, and surface-mounted elements; and

WHEREAS, implementing projects using these elements would allow staff to monitor the project impacts, make adjustments, and inform long-term improvements involving more extensive design and construction; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends delivering these projects through the City’s proposed On-Call Striping Contract, allowing greater flexibility in adjusting designs to match appropriate funding levels.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Petaluma hereby:

1. Declares the above recitals are hereby declared to be true and correct and are incorporated into this resolution as findings of the City Council.
2. Both projects will be categorically exempt pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(c), of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (“CEQA Guidelines”) because the project consists of the repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Accordingly, there is negligible or no expansion of use beyond what currently exists, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other factors that would make the exemption inapplicable pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2. The project is also exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) which explicitly includes as one of its listed examples, “The creation of bicycle lanes on existing rights-of-way”, and this Project will not remove trees.

3. Selects design Option [1, which includes bike lanes in both directions and parking in one direction on D Street between 4th Street and Laurel Avenue / 2, which includes no bike lanes and parking in both directions on D Street between 4th Street and Laurel Avenue] and authorizes staff to move forward with implementation of proposed traffic calming and active transportation enhancements outlined for the D Street Traffic Calming and 5th Street Neighborhood Greenway projects, allowing for flexibility where needed, but keeping with the intent of the direction provided by the City Council.
4. Finds that the selected designs are reasonable based on information provided during the April 8th, 2024, City Council meeting.

Under the power and authority conferred upon this Council by the City's Charter.

REFERENCE:

I hereby certify the foregoing Resolution was introduced and adopted by the Council of the City of Petaluma at a Regular meeting on the 8th day of April 2024 by the following vote:

Approved as to
form:

City Attorney

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor