

Planning Advisory Committee

MEETING AGENDA

February 16, 2017 – 9:00 a.m. NEW TIME

Refreshments will be served

Sonoma County Transportation Authority
SCTA Large Conference Room
490 Mendocino Avenue, Suite 206
Santa Rosa, California 95401



ITEM

1. Introductions
 2. Public Comment
 3. Administrative
 - 3.1. Approval of the agenda – changes, additional discussion items- ACTION
 - 3.2. Review Meeting Notes from December 16, 2016* – ACTION
 4. ABAG Annual residential building permit data request and housing policy survey – presented by ABAG staff
 5. Round table members discussion
 6. Complete Streets Checklist for Proposed One Bay Area Grant Cycle 2 (OBAG2) Projects*
 7. Climate Action 2020 update*
 8. State policy update SB 743– Although OPR has not released the final SB743 guidance, Caltrans HQ has directed district staff to be more conservative in their comments related to VMT impacts for local project EIRs
 9. Other Business /Next agenda
 10. Adjourn
- *Attachment

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The next **PAC** meeting will be held **March 16, 2017**

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PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

Meeting Notes of December 15, 2016

ITEM

1. Introductions

Meeting called to order at 9:11a.m. by Janet Spilman.

Committee Members: Vicki Parker, City of Cotati; Amy Lyle, County of Sonoma, PRMD; Scott Duiven, City of Petaluma; Jeff Beiswenger, City of Rohnert Park; Clare Hartman, City of Santa Rosa; Lisa Kranz, City of Santa Rosa; Kenyon Webster, City of Sebastopol; Wendy Atkins, City of Sonoma.

Staff: Suzanne Smith; Janet Spilman; Lauren Casey; Dana Turrey; Chris Barney; Drew Nichols

2. Public Comment

N/A

3. Administrative

- a. Approval of the Agenda – changes, additional discussion items-
ACTION

Approved as submitted.

- b. Review Meeting Notes from October 20, 2016* – ACTION

Approved as submitted.

4. Local Updates and Information

- 4.1 Housing Initiative, including rent control – DISCUSSION

Kenyon Webster gave the committee an update on the activities of the Sebastopol city council. The council has recently adopted a six month moratorium on rent increases. The council chose not to exempt du- and triplex units from this

moratorium. The council will continue to hold discussion around rent control in the future.

The committee continued on a discussion in relation to affordable housing and the recent difficulty to receive funds to promote affordable housing.

Another discussion was held referring to the lack of demand for retail units, citing a stronger need for housing.

Vicki Parker asked the committee whether other committee members would have an interest in examining junior accessory units. Ms. Parker inquired about infrastructure capacities and the related studies, wondering if these studies will be significant enough to address sewer and water impacts and whether these will impact existing infrastructure plans. Ms. Parker questioned if there are elements that needs rethinking.

Suzanne Smith mentioned that the MTC is in the process of creating a task force to address housing.

4.2 Medical Cannabis Policy Update

Amy Lyle explained the developments from the County on establishing ordinances for cannabis following the passing of Proposition 64. The Board of Supervisors developed guidelines for the legal recreational use of cannabis: cultivation to be established in agriculture industry areas, no volatile manufacturing is permitted, and a health permit established to manage edible cannabis. The county has also began a staffing recruitment:

six planners, two county counsels, nine enforcers, and clerical positions have been filled and/or being filled.

A referendum vote on the tax structure is expected to be presented to voters in March 2017. If the tax structure is not passed by voters, then the County will not issue permits until a funding source is established, avoiding the use of the general fund.

The tax range is created to tax smaller cultivators at a small percentage and larger cultivators at a higher percentage. An agriculture commissioner has been set up to survey crop loss. The tax revenue is anticipated to generate \$4-\$6 million.

Santa Rosa will put a tax measure on the June ballot.

Discussion continued around land use, new elements of legal cannabis, and dedication to complete transparency through this process. The committee also shared ideas of council ordinances and policies and how they are moving forward.

5. SCTA Updates and Information

5.1 SHIFT Policy Toolkit –

Lauren Casey described the work being done in regards to the Climate Action Plan (CAP). The RCPA and SCTA are focusing on local governments as the target audience and seeks opportunities to support local policy actions that will help implement a climate action plan. The plan aims to increase the use of electrical vehicles (EV) in Sonoma County and alternative modes of transportation. The target of Fuel Shift is to make Sonoma County prepared for the switch to electrical vehicles. A draft plan is currently being written, including locations on current infrastructure locations.

Ms. Casey continued to discuss the policy toolkit. The EV piece of the toolkit is intended to set forth countywide goals and implementation plans to make Sonoma County EV ready, and to encourage accelerating the adoption of EV readiness. Included in the toolkit will have EV ready community resolutions that supports EV and electric transportation goals laid out in CAP, and customized options for the jurisdictions for implementation. The toolkit will also aim streamline permitting criteria which goes beyond state requirements.

Dana Turrey introduced the policy toolkit products in development for Mode Shift. The SCTA is developing a model ordinance for transportation demand management in which jurisdictions can tailor to their needs and adopt. These tools would support local goals for EVs and alternative transportation through requirements for employers and developers. The concept is to provide policy language that goes beyond the Air Quality District requirements. The aim is to develop a model policy language and a suite of actions to be taken in which local jurisdictions can select to fit the needs of their own community.

Ms. Casey and Ms. Turrey solicited feedback and ideas from the committee.

Suzanne Smith mentioned the reoccurring questions regarding autonomous vehicles, how to gather information, and what it may mean for infrastructure developments. It was noted that Marin County has established a transportation technology planning committee to address these questions.

5.2 SCTA Travel Model Update*

Chris Barney gave a presentation on updating the travel model. Mr. Barney asked the committee if the travel model has been used in their jurisdictions. The city of Sebastopol responded that the model has been considered by consultants.

The model was last updated in 2011, with 2010 as the base year. Since then, new documents have been released. The former model does not include growth from 2011-2015 growth, general plan updates, and does not include land use and transit system updates.

Mr. Barney explained to the committee that in January 2017 he will be reaching out to the jurisdictions and schedule meetings in updating the model. These updates will describe what the current status is, where the future developments are expected, and what is to come in the future.

6. Regional Government updates and information

6.1 Plan Bay Area

Janet Spilman reported on the Action Plan developed by MTC and the rigorous approach to plan for housing embodied in Plan Bay Area. The MTC has not defined what the action plan will be and updates will be provided in future meetings.

6.2 OBAG 2

The OBAG2 grant application is available and is included in the agenda packet for informational purposes. Ms. Spilman announced that SCTA staff are available to answer any questions.

7. State policy update

7.1 SB 743 –

Chris Barney provided an update on Senate Bill 743. Mr. Barney referenced the “Local Development – Intergovernmental Review Program Interim Guidance,” included in the agenda packet, and explained how this document outlines Caltrans’ approach to commenting on documents. Recently, Caltrans has already begun commenting on recent projects and making recommendations.

Mr. Barney posed questions on moving forwards, such as developing local standards, or calculating BMT thresholds.

8. Climate Action 2020 – update
Update at the CA2020 meeting.

9. Round Table members discussion
Santa Rosa:
Clare Hartman gave an update Roseland annexation.

Rohnert Park:
Jeff Beiswenger described that Rohnert Park is currently working on building housing and hotels.

Sonoma:
Wendy Atkins announced a new city manager for the City of Sonoma is expected to begin next month.

Cotati:
Vicki Parker announced that the Old Redwood Highway project is almost completed, focusing on a mosaic wall and sidewalks. Housing development is starting, while no commercial development is in place. Public workshops will be held in the spring.

10. Items of Interest
Newspaper articles included.

11. Other business/Next Agenda

Suzanne Smith reported to the committee that the Ad Hoc committee on the Measure M extension met and are seeking how to reauthorize Measure M sales tax in 2018 election year.

Janet Spilman informed the committee that there are no plans to meet in January, pending no new developments; however to expect a PAC meeting February 16th.

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:58am.

Staff Report

To: Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee / Planning Advisory Committee
From: Dana Turrey, Transportation Planner
Item: Complete Streets Checklists for Proposed One Bay Area Grant Cycle 2 (OBAG2) Projects
Date: January 24, 2017

Issue:

Review Complete Streets Checklists of the various applications for One Bay Area Grant Cycle 2 funding and provide comments to SCTA prior to or at the Planning Advisory Committee Meeting on February 16, 2017.

Background:

As part of Regional Complete Streets (and Routine Accommodation of Pedestrian and Bicyclists) Policy, project applicants for One Bay Area Grant Cycle 2 (OBAG2) funding are required to fill out a Complete Streets Checklist on the MTC website that is available for all members of the public, but in particular, members of the county’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committees to review prior to consideration by the SCTA Board of Directors.

All OBAG2 applicants have created checklists associated with their proposed projects and those projects are available for review at: <http://completestreets.mtc.ca.gov/>. Once at this website, at the left hand side of the page there is a search engine with pull down menus. Search for Sonoma County Projects for the years 2016 and 2017 (the years should be searched separately, there is no way to search for both years at the same time). This should provide you with a complete list of projects currently under consideration. By selecting each individual project, you will be taken to another link where the checklist may be selected. The project titles, in no particular order, are as follows:

Project Title	Project Sponsor
Petaluma Boulevard South Road Diet	Petaluma
Caufield Roadway Rehabilitation	Petaluma
Lakeville Complete Street - E. Washington to Petaluma Blvd N.	Petaluma
Windsor River Rd at Windsor Rd Intersection	Windsor
Bodega Avenue Bike Lanes and Pavement Rehabilitation	Sebastopol
Pavement Rehabilitation of Various Streets in Santa Rosa	Santa Rosa
Highway 101 Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge (Design Only)	Santa Rosa
Class II Bicycle Lane Gap Closures and Pedestrian Gap Closure	Santa Rosa
E Cotati Avenue Street Rehab Project	Cotati
SMART Pathway - Payran to Southpoint, Petaluma	SMART
SMART Rail crossing Improvements - Windsor River Rd at Windsor Rd.	SMART
SMART Pathway - West Steele Ln to San Miguel, Santa Rosa	SMART

Project Title

2019 Rehab Various Streets in Sonoma County
Crocker Bridge Bike and Pedestrian Passage
Pavement Rehab of River Road (FAS)
Joe Rodota Trail Bridges Replacement (PCA)
Fryer Creek Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge
2019 Rehab of Various Streets in Rohnert Park
Healdsburg Avenue Complete Streets Improvements

Project Sponsor

SC TPW
SC TPW
SC TPW
SC RP
Sonoma City
Rohnert Park
Healdsburg

Policy Impacts:

None

Fiscal Impacts:

All projects have been submitted for consideration of OBAG 2 funding.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends that committee members navigate to the above mentioned website and review each of the projects and provide comments on said projects to SCTA staff at or before the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting on February 16, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. Comments can be submitted by email to Dana Turrey at dana.turrey@scta.ca.gov or in person at the PAC meeting on February 16, 2017.

Staff Report

To: Regional Climate Protection Authority

From: Carolyn Glanton, Climate Action Coordinator

Item: 4.6.1 – Climate Action Implementation Update

Date: February 6, 2017

Issue:

Information only.

Background:

In June 2016, the RCPA adopted Climate Action 2020 and Beyond, a regional climate action plan (CAP) for all communities of Sonoma County. Although formal adoption of the Plan by the jurisdictions has not yet occurred, climate action goals and measures are still being pursued, and specific actions directly connected to the plan have been taken in the City of Sonoma and the Town of Windsor.

Two examples that have been brought to the attention of the RCPA are showcased below and we encourage the Directors to share updates with RCPA staff as CAP implementation is moving forward in other jurisdictions. RCPA staff strives to stay current on member efforts and to provide an ongoing forum for jurisdictions to share efforts in climate action planning or adaptation with one another.

City of Sonoma

In November 2016, the City of Sonoma approved a resolution adopting all 22 local climate action measures (see Exhibit A) as referenced in the CAP and authorized staff to move forward with implementation of measures. The agenda item highlighted the importance for the City of Sonoma to continue working towards addressing climate change measures and leading by example. The Council also authorized staff to review options for a college intern to assist with updating current inventory data and designing an implementation program. The City of Sonoma will work with a subcommittee from the Community Services and Environment Commission on community outreach and implementation.

The RCPA will continue to work with City of Sonoma, developing a CAP implementation work plan for 2017. The City of Sonoma will begin implementation by working with RCPA and regional partners to promote existing tools such as Energy Upgrade California incentives for retrofits, Home Energy Score residential energy performance benchmarking, the Bay Area Multifamily Building Enhancements Program, the BayREN Codes and Standards program, the BayREN Pay As You Save (PAYS) on bill repayment program, and the Shift Sonoma County low carbon transportation planning project. Encouraging greater participation by local businesses and residents of Sonoma will help the city reduce greenhouse gas emissions resulting from building energy use and transportation.

In a related action, the City of Sonoma opted to transition all municipal utility accounts to the Sonoma Clean Power 100% renewable option, EverGreen.

Town of Windsor

The Town of Windsor is currently in the process of updating their General Plan and have incorporated greenhouse gas reduction measures from the CAP into the recently released Public Review Draft of the updated General Plan policy document. Sustainability and Resilience are two of the guiding principles identified in the introductory chapter of the draft, highlighting the importance of recognizing the environmental, social, and economic effects of changing climate conditions. Policies addressing greenhouse gas reduction are found throughout the draft update, including Transportation and Mobility, Public Facilities and Services, Environmental Resources, and Public Health and Safety. The Town has integrated the effects of climate change into the chapter on public health and safety, highlighting the connection to drought, flood risk, and fire hazards. The proposed update also provides a new goal on climate adaptation.

Several draft General Plan policies reference the Regional Climate Action Plan, including supporting the development of local charging stations in both public and private parking lots and large commercial parking lots (M-6.8 Alternative Fuel Vehicle Parking), traffic calming (M-3.14) and greenhouse gas reduction goals (ER-5.1 and ER-5.2).

The Public Review Draft includes modern policies that support climate action and greenhouse gas reduction efforts. RCPA staff review of the Public Review Draft identified **new** climate action related policies from the Town of Windsor that advance Climate Action 2020:

- Economic Development:
 - Green Industries (ED-1.15)
 - Green Tourism (ED-3.11)
- Transportation and Mobility:
 - Traffic Calming (M-3.14)
 - Impacts of Driverless Vehicles (M-3.24)
 - Walkable and Bikeable Community (goal M-4)
 - Reduce heat island (M-6.3)
 - Parking Offsets (M-6.4)
 - Alternative Fuel Vehicle Parking (M-6.8)
 - Impact of Driverless Vehicles on Parking Demand (M-6.10)
 - Regional Coordination on Transportation GHG Reduction (M-10.6)
- General Public Facilities and Services
 - Sustainable Practices (PFS-1.5)
 - Energy Efficient Buildings and Infrastructure (PFS-1.6)
 - Water Conservation (PFS-2.6-PFS-2.8, *updated from current General Plan*)
 - Carbon Free Water System by 2030 (PFS-2.13)
 - Recycled Water Plan (PFS-3.10)
 - Solid Waste and Recycling (PFS-5)
- Environmental Resources
 - Town Vehicle and Equipment Fleet (ER-4.5)
 - Grant Funding for EV Charging Stations (ER-4.6)
 - Residential EV Charging Stations (ER-4.7)
 - Zero Emission and Low Emission Vehicle Use (ER-4.8)
 - Collaboration for Businesses to Use Low and Zero Emissions Vehicles (ER- 4.9)
 - Community Greenhouse Gas Reduction (ER-5.1)

- Municipal Services Greenhouse Gas Reduction (ER-5.2)
- Greenhouse Gas Efficiency Target (ER-5.3)
- Encourage Development Patterns that Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions (ER-5.4)
- AB 32 and SB 32 Greenhouse Gas Assessment and Monitoring (ER-5.5)
- Coordinate with BAAQMD and NSCAPCD (ER-5.6)
- Reduced Emissions for Town Operations (ER-5.7)
- Energy Performance Standards (ER-5.10)
- Net Zero Energy Goals (ER-5.11)
- Retrofitting Existing Buildings (ER-5.12)
- Update Energy Policies and Programs (ER-5.13)
- Urban Shade Tree Planting (ER-5.17, *updated*)
- Preservation of Trees (ER-5.18)
- Public Health and Safety
 - Hazards Mitigation Plan (PHS-1.1)
 - Climate Adaption Resiliency (PHS-7.1)
 - Reduce Impacts of Climate Change (PHS-7.2)
 - Climate Change Education (PHS-7.3)
 - Heat Waves (PHS-7.4)
 - Resiliency to Drought (PHS-7.5)
 - Groundwater Sustainability (PHS-7.6)
 - Alternative Groundwater Sources (PHS-7.7)
 - Preserve Groundwater Recharge Areas (PHS-7.8)
 - Groundwater Recharge Projects (PHS-7.9)
 - Rainwater Harvesting (PHS-7.10)

RCPA staff will continue working with the jurisdictions as they advance all climate action efforts, under the CA2020 umbrella or not. The RCPA will continue to help local jurisdictions in their climate action efforts and local hazard mitigation planning, providing resources such as implementation tools, funding, legislative advocacy, coordination, and specific project tools from current RCPA efforts including (but not limited to) Climate Ready North Bay, BayREN, and Shift Sonoma County low carbon transportation planning.

Policy Impacts:

Supports the Regional Climate Action Plan and the RCPA’s work with member jurisdictions.

Fiscal Impacts:

Efforts related to adoption and implementation of the CAP will be supported by RCPA Member contributions, grants (such as those administered by the California Energy Commission, California Public Utilities Commission, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District), private investments (through clean energy investments in homes and businesses), and the budgets made available by local and regional agencies for implementation.

Staff Recommendation:

Information only.

CITY OF SONOMA

RESOLUTION #___-2016

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONOMA ADOPTING CLIMATE ACTION 2020 MEASURES FOR THE CITY OF SONOMA AND MAKE FINDINGS THAT THEY ARE EXEMPT FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PURSUANT TO SECTION 15308 of TITLE 14 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS

Whereas, climate change is a serious threat to worldwide and strong action is needed to avoid serious damage to human wellbeing and natural systems, and

Whereas, the implementation of Climate Action 2020 Measures developed for the City of Sonoma will result in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and will thus result both in substantial environmental benefits, and

Whereas, achieving the objectives of Climate Action 2020 measures for the City of Sonoma will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and will have numerous other collateral public benefits, such as reducing other unhealthful emissions, improving public health through alternative modes of transportation, and improving efficiency and reducing waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

- 1. **Exemption from Environmental Review.** The adoption and implementation of the climate protection measures developed for the City of Sonoma in Climate Action 2020 are categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to section 15308 of title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, because these measures constitute actions taken by a regulatory agency, as authorized by state or local ordinance, to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment.
- 2. **Adoption of Climate Protection Measures.** The City Council adopts the Climate Action 2020 measures for the City of Sonoma, and the emissions reduction targets contained in Climate Action 2020.

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted this 21st day of November 2016, by the following vote:

Ayes:
Noes:
Absent:

Laurie Gallian, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rebekah Barr, MMC, City Clerk

CLIMATE ACTION PLAN 2020 – CITY OF SONOMA

The Final Draft CA 2020 includes an updated target to reduce GHGs in the City of Sonoma by 36,460 metric tons by achieving the following participation goals for local measures (from CAP Table 5.8-5):

City of Sonoma Local Measures			
Goal 1: Increase Building Energy Efficiency	173		
Measure 1-L2: Outdoor Lighting	172	80%	of outdoor lighting to participate
Measure 1-L3: Shade Tree Planting	1	50	trees planted
Goal 2: Increase Renewable Energy Use	394		
Measure 2-L1: Solar in New Residential Development	2	8%	of new houses to participate
Measure 2-L2: Solar in Existing Residential Building	245	11%	of existing homes with solar
Measure 2-L3: Solar in New Non-Residential Developments	7	2%	of new non-residential development to participate
Measure 2-L4: Solar in Existing Non-Residential Buildings	141	2%	of existing non-residential development with solar
Goal 4: Reduce Travel Demand Through Focused Growth	18		
Measure 4-L1: Mixed-Use Development in City Centers and Along Transit Corridors	16	50%	of growth to result in mixed use
Measure 4-L2: Increase Transit Accessibility	2	15%	of growth to be 25+ units
Measure 4-L3: Supporting Land Use Measures	NQ	Yes	
Measure 4-L4: Affordable Housing Linked to Transit	1	20%	of new development to be affordable
Goal 5: Encourage a Shift Toward Low-Carbon Transportation Options	26		
Measure 5-L4: Supporting Bicycle/Pedestrian Measures	NQ	Yes	
Measure 5-L5: Traffic Calming	26	80%	of trips affected
Measure 5-L7: Supporting Parking Policy Measures	NQ	Yes	
Goal 7: Encourage a Shift Toward Low-Carbon Fuels in Vehicles and Equipment	24		
Measure 7-L1: Electric Vehicle Charging Station Program	2	3	charging stations installed
Measure 7-L2: Electrify Construction Equipment	22	5%	of equipment
Measure 7-L3: Reduce Fossil Fuel Use in Equipment through Efficiency or Fuel Switching	NQ	Yes	
Goal 8: Reduce Idling			
Measure 8-L1: Idling Ordinance	NQ	2	minutes below state law

Goal 9: Increase Solid Waste Diversion			
Measure 9-L1: Create Construction and Demolition Reuse and Recycling Ordinance	<1	0%	
Goal 11: Reduce Water Consumption			
Measure 11-L1: Senate Bill SB X7-7 - Water Conservation Act of 2009*	436	10%	Reduction in per capita water use
Measure 11-L2: Water Conservation for New Construction*	16	50%/50%	% of new residential/nonresidential development
Measure 11-L3: Water Conservation for Existing Buildings*	278	25%/10%	% of new residential/nonresidential development
Goal 12: Increase Recycled Water and Greywater Use			
Measure 12-L1: Greywater Use	< 1	2%	greywater goal
State Measure Reductions in Sonoma	22,990		
Regional Measure Reductions in Sonoma	12,110		
Local Measure Reductions in Sonoma	1,360		
Grand Total Emissions Reductions in Sonoma	36,460		