



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

November 2, 2016

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Jim Moore, Director of Planning and Building Services *GM*

SUBJECT: Adoption of a Resolution Adopting the 2016 Update of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Resolution Adopting the 2016 Update of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

DISCUSSION

On February 20, 2008, the Town Council adopted the Bicycle Transportation Plan 2008 Update, as an update to the 2001 Town Bicycle Transportation Plan. This plan must stay current in compliance with the Active Transportation Program, created by Senate Bill 99 and Assembly Bill 101, which encourages increased use of active modes of transportation such as biking and walking. Local agencies must also have a current Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan to qualify for some grant opportunities. In an effort to develop a comprehensive bike and pedestrian system throughout the County, the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) engaged Alta Planning + Design to assist all cities and the County of Marin in updating their Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plans.

Towards that end, the towns of San Anselmo and Fairfax held a joint public meeting on Saturday, June 6, 2015 to discuss potential updates to their respective bicycle and pedestrian plans. The meeting was noticed through distribution to an interested parties list. An online survey was also made available to the community to submit their input on existing bicycling and walking conditions in Fairfax. Public input was received at a second public meeting for Fairfax residents held on February 29, 2016 when recommendations for updating the 2008 Fairfax Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP) were discussed.

In 2015, the Town Council designated then Vice Mayor Goddard and Councilmember Reed to co-chair and reform the Bike & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) to assist with the TAM update to the Fairfax Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. The BPAC met 4 times to discuss the update to the BPMP discussing needed sidewalk improvements and suggesting a number of pedestrian-oriented enhancements. The BPAC is recommending approval of the final draft of BPMP.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

The 2016 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15304, Minor Alterations to Land subsections (a), (f) and (h) as well as Section 15301 Existing Facilities subsection (c), of the California Code of Regulations Title 14, Chapter 3.

FISCAL IMPACT

The 2016 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan update was funded by TAM.

ATTACHMENT

Resolution with BPMP 2016 update

AGENDA ITEM # 3

RESOLUTION 16-__

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX ADOPTING THE 2016 UPDATE OF THE FAIRFAX BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, the Fairfax Town Council has identified that sustainability is a top priority; and

WHEREAS, the February 2016 Update of the Fairfax Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan ("BPMP") provides for a Town-wide network of bicycle paths, lanes and routes, along with bicycle-related programs and support facilities, intended to ensure bicycling becomes a viable transportation option for people who live, work and recreate in Fairfax, and is a viable alternative to driving; and

WHEREAS, funding from the Transportation Authority of Marin ("TAM") and technical assistance of Alta Planning supported Fairfax's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan update in public meetings on June 6, 2015 and February 29, 2016 to discuss updates to the 2008 BPMP; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the BPMP is to improve bicycle and pedestrian transportation in Fairfax, in part by meeting the requirements of the California Active Transportation Program, created by Senate Bill 99 and Assembly Bill 101, and will support funding requests for future projects, as well as to support circulation planning activities; and

WHEREAS, a Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee ("BPAC") was assembled and led by a Town Council Ad Hoc Subcommittee made up of Mayor Goddard and Vice Mayor Reed, and met 4 times to discuss necessary gap closures and vital sidewalk improvements in order to augment the existing 2008 update and provide a number of pedestrian-oriented enhancements; and

WHEREAS, the BPAC recommends approval of the final draft of the BPMP, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, approval of the BPMP is categorically exempt under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15304, Minor Alterations to Land subsections (a), (f) and (h) as well as Section 15301 Existing Facilities subsection (c), of the California Code of Regulations Title 14, Chapter 3,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Fairfax Town Council adopts the 2016 Update of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan as set forth in Exhibit A.

The foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted at a Regular meeting of the Town Council held on the 2nd day of November 2016, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

Renée Goddard, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Michele Gardner, Town Clerk