



2019 – 2021 Work Plan

Recommended by the Traffic and Safety Commission: May 23, 2019

Approved by the City Council: July 15, 2019

Background

The following work plan identifies recent accomplishments, and priority work items for the upcoming work plan period. The work plan includes items identified as priority projects within the City Council's Strategic Plan. The Traffic and Safety Commission shall review the work plan each year in January to identify accomplishments and ensure continued focus on completing work plan items. Work plans are presented to the Council every two years, and if a change is needed to the work plan outside of that schedule, the Traffic and Safety Commission shall submit a "Request for Amendment to Advisory Body Work Plan" Form for review by the City Council.

Committee Purpose

The Traffic & Safety Commission was created by City Council Ordinance to advise the City Council on matters relating to traffic flow, traffic safety and transportation policy within the City of Albany. The Commission provides a public forum for discussion and review of planning, design, and policies impacting the city's transportation infrastructure. The Commission also serves as the City of Albany Active Transportation Advisory Committee (Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee).

The Commission Advised on the Following Recent Initiatives and Accomplishments

- Review of **annual street paving projects** (CIP# 21000)
- Revision of how functional street classification is used for **pavement management**
- Completion of **Buchanan-Marin Bikeway Phase III/Undergrounding Project** (CIP# 24004)
- Establishment of prioritization criteria for City of Albany **sidewalk rehabilitation program** (CIP# 22000)
- Planning and design of improvements to **Washington Avenue between Pierce Street and Cerrito Street** (CIP# 24009)
- Development of CIP project for improvements to the **Masonic/Marin and Masonic/Solano Intersections** (CIP# 25007)
- Design of **San Pablo Avenue and Buchanan Street Pedestrian Improvements Project** (CIP# 24001)
- Made recommendation to Council on **Solano Avenue Complete Streets and Corridor Revitalization Plan**
- Policy for implementation of **red curb restrictions** on street parking near intersections
- **Kains-Adams** bicycle facility study
- **Codornices Creek** Phase IV trail design between 8th and 10th
- **Curb management plan** for Albany Middle School San Gabriel campus
- Relocation of AC Transit bus stop at San Pablo and Solano
- Modifications to **Dartmouth/San Pablo** pedestrian hybrid beacon (CIP# 25003)
- Amendments to Planning and Zoning Code related to **bicycle parking requirements** in new residential projects
- Grant application for **electric vehicle charging stations**
- Design of **Park and Ride lot** at Buchanan and I-80



2019 – 2021 Policy Review and Initiatives

City Council Strategic Plan Workplan Items (in order of priority by workplan item):

Implement and continue reporting on and updating the Active Transportation Plan and related portions of the City's Capital Improvement Program.

The Traffic & Safety Commission will provide a forum for public review and advise on the planning and design of street, bicycle, and pedestrian projects in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), including:

1. Traffic signal and safety improvements at **Marin/Masonic and Solano/Masonic** (CIP# 25007)
This project will improve safety by reducing conflicts between turning vehicles and the cyclists and pedestrians using the Ohlone Greenway at the two intersections.
2. Citywide implementation of **red curbs at intersections** (CIP# 25005)
Red zones at intersections provide increased visibility for pedestrians when crossing the street. Guidelines were adopted by City Council in 2017. Identifying priority streets and public review of proposed changes are still needed before project delivery.
3. Implementation of **traffic calming projects**
This includes neighborhood traffic calming projects for Washington Ave on Albany Hill (CIP# 24009) and Brighton Ave adjacent to El Cerrito Plaza (CIP# 24008) along with the citywide traffic calming projects implementing traffic calming measures petitioned for by residents per the city Traffic Calming Policy (CIP# 25001).
4. Bicycle and pedestrian improvements along **Codornices Creek** behind Krone Field between 8th St and 10th St (CIP# 43001)
This closes a gap in the 'slow' bicycle network linking recreational fields in Berkeley and Albany and improves creek access in conjunction with restoration of Codornices Creek.
5. Preparation of an **updated Active Transportation Plan**
The Commission has identified the need to update the guiding document for the City's policies and projects related to active transportation. The existing Active Transportation Plan was adopted in 2012 and last amended in 2014. This item is dependent upon funding but would be a large workplan item once underway.
6. Review post-project monitoring of Marin-Buchanan Phase 3 project and advise on implementation of potential **improvements to the Marin/San Pablo intersection** (CIP# 25002)
This includes completing bicycle facility connections through the intersection and reduces potential vehicle conflicts with cyclists and pedestrians.
7. Advise on implementation of Safe Routes to School improvements at the **Marin Ave/Cornell Ave intersection** (CIP# 25004)
This includes evaluation of locations for installation of flashing beacons at crosswalks.
8. Review status and design of **Pierce Street Path Segment II** (ATP Project #3)
This includes off-street facilities connecting existing path along Pierce at the 500 block to the Buchanan Bikeway.

Implement Complete Streets Plans on San Pablo & Solano Avenues.

1. Advise on development of **Solano Ave Complete Streets and Corridor Revitalization Plan** (CIP# 25006) and development of implementation projects per City Council direction
2. Monitor and provide input on **San Pablo Avenue Corridor Project** planning process (led by the Alameda County Transportation Commission)



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Develop a timeline and funding plan to support scheduling CIP projects to achieve street-safety-related infrastructure goals including (1) street paving quality (PCI), (2) appropriate night lighting of streets, sidewalks, and parks, and (3) safety features at intersections and other crossings of roadways.

1. Review city **pavement management** program and funding levels
2. Advise on **annual street rehabilitation** (CIP# 21000)
3. Advise on the preparation of a **citywide street lighting evaluation** (CIP# 25008)
4. Advise on project prioritization and repair criteria for the **Sidewalk Repair Program** (CIP# 22000)
5. Advise on updates to **criteria for implementation of traffic calming** (CIP# 25001)

Other Work Plan Items (in order of priority):

Provide a public forum and make recommendations to the City Council on the following policy initiatives and transportation improvements:

1. Review modifications to **curb management adjacent to Albany Unified School District facilities** in relation to AUSD construction activities
2. Review procedures for **long-term encroachments** into city-owned right-of-way
3. Advise City Council on **updates to the Municipal Code** provisions related to Transportation Commission responsibilities and procedures
4. Monitor transportation issues related to **shared mobility and mobility-as-a-service** companies
5. Advise on updates to city standards regarding **curb ramps**