

**City of Placerville**  
**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: January 19, 2007

TO: City Council

FROM: Randy Pesses, Public Works Director

cc: John Driscoll

SUBJECT: **PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION PLAN**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That the City Council adopts a resolution to adopt the final Pedestrian Circulation Plan for the City of Placerville; and,
2. Direct Public Works staff to develop a pedestrian impact mitigation fee as a component of the comprehensive update to the City Traffic Impact Mitigation Fee Program to fund new development's share of the costs associated with the improvements identified within the adopted Pedestrian Circulation Plan.

**DISCUSSION:**

On April 26, 2005, the City Council approved the new Motorized Transportation Plan that provided the basis for the Pedestrian Circulation Plan. The El Dorado County Transportation Commission agreed to assist City staff in the development of a Pedestrian Circulation Improvement Plan, and incorporated this work into their fiscal year 2005/2006 Overall Work Program. On September 27, 2005, staff presented to the City Council a conceptual outline that identified some of the problems that face the City with respect to the extent, continuity, and state of repair of our pedestrian facilities. At the conclusion of that presentation, the Council provided approval to staff to proceed with the next steps towards development of this program.

In March of 2006, staff presented to City Council the results of a questionnaire that surveyed the opinions of existing city residents with respect to the development, maintenance, and overall importance of pedestrian facilities within the city. At the conclusion of that presentation, City Council provided input to allow Transportation Commission staff and City staff to prepare a draft Pedestrian Circulation Plan. Subsequent to that meeting, the results of the survey were also presented to the Planning Commission and were presented at a public workshop held at Town Hall. Input received from those meetings was also incorporated into the draft Pedestrian Circulation Plan.

At the City Council meeting of July 11, 2006, the draft Pedestrian Circulation Plan was presented to Council for review and input. At that meeting, comments were received, and it was determined that the public would have an additional 30 days to provide input to the plan. At the July hearing, the Council did request that staff route the draft pedestrian plan to the Planning Commission to provide the opportunity for that body to review and comment upon the document and provide input as appropriate. Comments and recommendations were received and have been incorporated into this final document.

Subsequent to the public hearings, the question was raised as to the need for a CEQA analysis, and some form of environmental document as a prerequisite to the adoption of this plan. After researching this issue, the Community Development Director made the determination that this plan is, in effect, an implementation measure of the City's existing General Plan; and, therefore, it is appropriate that a Notice of Exemption be filed for this document.

This final Pedestrian Circulation Plan addresses those issues of expansion of the overall pedestrian circulation network, closing gaps within the existing system of sidewalks, makes recommendations as to improvement standards for new sidewalks, addresses the issue of responsibility for maintenance and repair of existing sidewalks, and possible funding strategies to allow the development of a capital program to prioritize and construct those facilities identified within the plan.

At the conclusion of tonight's presentation, staff will incorporate any additional input received from City Council members and any comments received tonight from members of the public. We would then propose that this Pedestrian Circulation Plan be adopted subject to any additional modifications directed by the City Council at this hearing.

With the adoption of this plan, it will become a planning tool to guide the requirements for pedestrian facilities with new development that occurs within the City, and it will also allow Public Works staff to begin developing a Capital Improvement Program to allow the improvements that are identified within the plan to be constructed. Should the Council so direct, staff will develop a pedestrian circulation improvement fee to be imposed upon new development that occurs within the City to provide a component of the funding necessary to construct these improvements.

At the conclusion of the presentation, staff will be prepared to respond to questions and receive direction from the Council as appropriate.

### **Fiscal Impact**

Work on the future implementation of this plan will be funded through the fiscal year 2006/2007 Capital Improvement Project "Sidewalk Repair Identification and Implementation (CIP#40712). In addition, if the Council elects to adopt a Pedestrian Circulation Improvement Fee, the costs associated with the development of an impact fee program like this may be incorporated into the fee program itself. That is, the costs necessary to establish the program may be recovered from the fees collected.

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