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**The Norwood Mobility Project Overview and Public Engagement**

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**Location:** District 1, Represented by Councilmember Kaplan; and District 2, Represented by Councilmember Thao

**Recommendation:** Review and comment.

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**Attachments:**

1-Description/Analysis

2-Attachment A: Map of Norwood Avenue Project Area

**Description/Analysis**

**Issue Detail:** The Norwood Mobility Project, which was funded through a competitive Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant, kicked off in late July 2024. This plan will identify opportunities to improve safety and access to community destinations such as schools, parks, grocery stores, and transit. The outcome will be a community driven plan to identify future transportation investments along the Norwood Avenue corridor, from Main Avenue to Arcade Creek, to improve safety and access for people walking, biking, rolling, driving, and taking transit.

The grant program has strict timelines and Council approval of the Plan must be completed by early Spring 2026. The planning process will follow the timeline below:

**Fall 2024:** Existing Conditions Analysis- Collection and analysis of existing conditions data such as collision history, speed limits, and existing infrastructure

**Fall-Winter 2024/2025:** Community Engagement Phase 1- Gather community input about transportation needs, safety concerns, barriers to destinations.

**Fall 2024-Spring 2025:** Alternatives analysis

**Winter 2025:** Community Engagement Phase 2- including community survey, virtual open house and focus groups

**Spring-Fall 2025:** Draft Plan development and community engagement

**Winter 2025:** Final Plan

City staff began phase 1 public engagement in late October with the Mutual Assistance Network Harvest Festival. Current engagement efforts include community surveys, an interactive map hosted on the project webpage ([norwoodmobility.org](http://norwoodmobility.org)), as well as community pop-ins, and City hosted workshops:

- In-Person Workshop: November 18, 2024, Robertson Community Center
- Virtual Workshop: December 9, 2024

Staff seek Commission input on vision for the corridor, community needs, and community partners for engagement.

**Policy Considerations:** The project is consistent with the City General Plan goals of promoting mobility, safety and enhancing livability, sustainability, and economic vitality. This project is in accordance with the following specific policies from the Sacramento 2040 General Plan:

**M-1. An equitable, sustainable multimodal system that provides a range of viable and healthy travel choices for users of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities.**

**M-1.2 User Prioritization.** The City shall prioritize mobility, comfort, health, safety, and convenience for those walking, followed by those bicycling and riding transit, ahead of design and operations for those driving.

**M-1.3 Healthy Transportation System Options.** The City shall plan and make investments to foster a transportation system that improves the health of Sacramento residents through actions that make active transportation, nonmotorized modes, high-occupancy, and zero emission vehicles (ZEVs) viable, attractive alternatives to automobiles that use internal combustion engines.

**M-1.4 Designing to Move People.** In planning, designing, and managing the transportation system, the City shall prioritize person throughput to shift trips to more efficient travel modes and upgrade the performance of limited street space.

**M-1.9 Equitable Processes and Outcomes.** The City shall ensure that the transportation system is planned and implemented with an equitable process to achieve equitable outcomes and investments so that all neighborhoods one day will have similar levels of transportation infrastructure such as sidewalks, marked low stress crossings, and bikeways.

**M-3. Streets designed and maintained as places that contribute to quality of life.**

**M-3.2 Street Design.** The City shall ensure street design and potential redesign opportunities for existing streets minimize driver speed as appropriate within residential neighborhoods and incorporate street trees wherever possible without compromising connectivity for emergency access or people bicycling, walking, and using mobility devices.

**M-4. A safer transportation system.**

**M-4.1 Application of Safety.** The City shall design, plan, and operate streets using complete streets principles to ensure the safety and mobility of all users.

**M-4.2 Safer Driving Speeds.** The City shall work to maximize the safety of the transportation network by designing streets for lower driving speeds and enforcing speed limits in an unbiased manner as well as promoting safer driving behavior.

**M-4.3 Vision Zero.** The City shall utilize a data driven, “vision zero” approach to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries by 2027, while increasing safety, health, and equitable mobility for all.

Additionally, this is in accordance with the following Council approved plans:

**Vision Zero:** This plan supports the City’s Vision Zero goals to utilize a data driven, “vision zero” approach to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries by 2027, while increasing safety, health, and equitable mobility for all. This corridor is part of the City’s Vision Zero High Injury Network.

**Transportation Priorities Plan (TPP):** Norwood Avenue is ranked high priority in the City’s Transportation Priorities Plan (TPP), which applies community-based values, criteria, and metrics to prioritize transportation investments in the city, including 1) improving air quality and health; 2) providing equitable investment; 3) providing access to destinations; 4) improving transportation safety; and 5) fixing and maintaining the transportation system.

**Climate Action & Adaptation Plan (CAAP):** This plan will support the City's mode shift goals in the CAAP to achieve 6% active transportation mode share by 2030 and 12% by 2045, as well as support public transit improvements to achieve 11% public transit mode share by 2030 and maintain through 2045.

**Economic Impacts:** Not applicable.

**Environmental Considerations:** This transportation planning study is exempt from the requirements of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies. Section 15262 exempts projects involving only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions, which have not been approved, adopted, or funded. It is anticipated that future projects identified in this plan may be subject to environmental evaluation under CEQA guidelines and possibly National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements.

**Sustainability:** The plan will provide for improved active transportation support, to reduce the necessity for trips by automobile and related air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

**Commission/Committee Action:** None.

**Rationale for Recommendation:** The Norwood Mobility Plan is addressing a project identified in the Transportation Priorities Plan as a priority effort. The corridor is also on the Vision Zero High Injury Network. This work aligns with the 2040 General Plan and the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.

**Financial Considerations:** Not applicable.

**Local Business Enterprise (LBE):** Not applicable

Attachment A: Map of Norwood Avenue Project Area



