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## **Arden-Auburn Mobility Plan**

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**Location:** Arden Way (from Del Paso Boulevard to Ethan Way) , Auburn Boulevard / Harvard Street (from Marconi Circle to Arden Way), District 2

**Recommendation:** Review and comment.

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### **Attachments:**

- 1-Description/Analysis
- 2- Attachment A: Map of Arden-Auburn Mobility Plan Area
- 3- Presentation

### **Description/Analysis**

**Issue Detail:** The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) awarded the City \$399,120 in funding through a competitive Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant for the Arden-Auburn Mobility Plan. The City kicked off the plan in July 2025.

This plan will reimagine how people travel on Arden Way (from Del Paso Boulevard to Ethan Way) and Auburn Boulevard / Harvard Street (from Marconi Circle to Arden Way) - whether walking, biking, driving, or taking transit. The plan will focus on: reducing transportation injuries and fatalities; expanding access for people walking, biking, and taking transit; addressing community-identified challenges; supporting future housing and job growth; and improving air quality by reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The outcome will be a community-driven safety and mobility plan that includes conceptual designs for high-priority safety and access improvements as well as a list of prioritized projects for future investment.

Caltrans has strict grant program timelines. City Council must approve the Plan by early Spring 2027. The plan development process will follow the timeline below.

- Fall 2025: Existing conditions analysis
- February - April: Community Engagement Phase 1
- Spring 2026: Alternatives Analysis
- Summer 2026: Community Engagement Phase 2
- Summer/Fall 2026: Draft Plan
- Fall 2026: Community Engagement Phase 3
- Early Spring 2027: Final Plan

City staff began the first phase of community engagement in late February. Engagement efforts included two focus group meetings with businesses interests and community groups in addition to the public-facing strategies listed below.

- Community Workshop (in-person): March 11, 5:30-7:00pm, Reason Center
- Pop-up workshops (in-person): two dates in March, to be announced, at Arden Fair Mall and the Arden/Del Paso Light Rail Station
- Online survey: March 9 through March 31

Staff are seeking Commission input on the draft goals and objectives for the Arden-Auburn corridor, community needs, and additional community partners for engagement. Commissioner input will help inform the next phase of the plan development process, including draft alternatives for future safety and access improvements.

**Policy Considerations:** The planning project is consistent with specific Sacramento 2040 General Plan goals and policies of promoting mobility, safety and enhancing livability, sustainability, and economic vitality:

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-1.9 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-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.

M-4.4 Collaborative Safety Solutions. The City shall collaborate with educational institutions, senior living facilities, community organizations, and other interested parties when developing and implementing programs and improvements that increase safety and encourage the use of active transportation and transit modes.

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):** Arden Way-Auburn Blvd corridor 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:** None.

**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 support the City's mode shift goals in the Climate Action & Adaptation Plan 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.

**Commission/Committee Action:** None.

**Rationale for Recommendation:** The action requested is to update the Commission on the project and share public engagement opportunities with their communities.

**Financial Considerations:** Following future adoption of this plan, future phases of implementation will require the acquisition of grant funding.

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

# Attachment A

