

“Placerville, a Unique Historical Past Forging into a Golden Future “

City Manager’s Report
March 22, 2016 City Council Meeting
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Item #: 8.4

Subject: Adopt a resolution approving text amendments to the following documents to implement Measure K, the voter initiative approved on November 4, 2014 by the vote of the people:

1. City of Placerville's General Plan Section III – Transportation (Otherwise known as General Plan Amendment 16-01);
2. Page II-18 of the *City of Placerville Main Street Streetscape Design Development Plan* document.

Discussion: On November 4, 2014, City of Placerville voters approved Measure K. This initiative measure required the City to amend the General Plan to prohibit a roundabout or similar traffic features anywhere within the City limits of Placerville without approval of the popular vote. Measure K included implementation action requiring also an amendment to the *Main Street Streetscape Design Development Plan* document.

To implement the voter approved Measure K into the General Plan the City must add the following language to Section III, Transportation, Goals and Policies, Goal B as Policy 6.

6. The City is prohibited from constructing or utilizing, and is prohibited from requiring any public or private person or entity to construct or utilize, the traffic features commonly known as “roundabouts,” “traffic circles,” or any similar traffic feature on or with respect to any public street or roadway anywhere within city limits. In no event shall the City’s standard or other street specifications or improvement requirements include any requirement for the construction and/or utilization of any roundabouts, traffic circles, and/or any similar feature. In no event shall the City carry out or approve a project to construct any roundabouts, traffic circles, and/or any similar features as a condition to the approval of any project or the issuance of any permit or permission unless the project is approved by popular vote.

The *Main Street Streetscape Design Development Plan* document was adopted by City Council on January 10, 2006. Section II, Plan Elements, contains a subsection regarding a roundabout improvement planned at the realigned intersection of Clay Street, Main Street and Cedar Ravine Road. Proposed amendment would add the following text as a notation to Page II-18. See also Attachment B.

Note: After the completion of this document and adoption by City Council, Measure K was approved by the voters on November 4, 2014. The City is prohibited from constructing or utilizing roundabouts, traffic circles, and/or any similar features unless the project is approved by popular vote.

Environmental Assessment: The request is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The request is the City's required implementation of voter approval of the ballot initiative Measure K in 2014.

Options:

1. Adopt the subject Resolution approving GPA 16-01 and the amendment to the *Main Street Streetscape Design Development Plan* document
2. Amend the Resolution then adopt
3. Do not adopt the Resolution

Cost: Negligible costs associated with generating copies of the document for Council consideration.

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving text amendments to the following documents to implement Measure K, the voter initiative approved on November 4, 2014 by the vote of the people:

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2. Page II-18 of the *City of Placerville Main Street Streetscape Design Development Plan* document.



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Attachments:

- A. Resolution
- B. Amendment to Page II-18 of the *City of Placerville Main Street Streetscape Design Development Plan* document

RESOLUTION NO.**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLACERVILLE AMENDING THE TEXT OF THE GENERAL PLAN AND THE CITY OF PLACERVILLE MAIN STREET STREETScape DESIGN DEVELOPMENT PLAN, IN ACCORDANCE WITH VOTER APPROVED MEASURE K, KNOWN AS GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 16-01**

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2014 City of Placerville voters approved Measure K, an initiative measure requiring the City to amend the General Plan to prohibit a roundabout or similar traffic features anywhere within the City limits of Placerville without approval of popular vote; and

WHEREAS, Measure K included implementation action requiring also an amendment to the Main Street Streetscape Design Development Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Placerville City Council on March 22, 2016, studied and considered General Plan Amendment 16-01 and the amendment to the Main Street Streetscape Design Development Plan for the City-initiated request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Placerville City Council makes the following finding and determinations with respect to the amendments to the General Plan and the Main Street Streetscape Design Development Plan to implement Measure K approved by the voters on November 4, 2014.

SECTION 1. FINDING: The City Council of the City of Placerville hereby finds that the General Plan Amendment 16-01 is consistent with the November 4, 2014 voter approved Measure K, in that it amends the General Plan by adding Policy 6 to Goal B of Section III, Transportation; and it amends the Main Street Streetscape Design Development Plan by declaring the effect of Measure K on the Plan.

SECTION 2. GENERAL PLAN SECTION III - TRANSPORTATION TEXT AMENDMENT APPROVAL: The City Council of the City of Placerville does hereby authorize an amendment to the City's General Plan Transportation Section, adding Policy 6 as shown as follows with the additions underscored and strikeout here only for reference.

Section III, Transportation

Goals and Policies

Goal B: To promote the development of a circulation system that preserves the historic nature and character of neighborhoods and districts, reinforces neighborhood identity and integrity, and minimizes adverse impacts on hillsides and vegetation.

1. New local streets shall be designed to discourage heavy through traffic within residential neighborhoods.
2. The City shall attempt to minimize traffic congestion in the downtown area by studying the feasibility of constructing "beltways" around the northerly and southerly portions of the city, thereby providing alternate routes for through traffic.
3. The City shall coordinate with state and federal efforts to improve the flow of traffic through Placerville on Highway 50. The City shall continue to review alternatives for solving traffic congestion related to Highway 50.
4. The City shall support the relocation of Highway 49 to an alternate route through Placerville.
5. The City shall attempt through siting and design of new development in hillside and environmentally sensitive areas to minimize the need for substantial grading and removal of vegetation.
6. The City is prohibited from constructing or utilizing, and is prohibited from requiring any public or private person or entity to construct or utilize, the traffic features commonly known as "roundabouts," "traffic circles," or any similar traffic feature on or with respect to any public street or roadway anywhere within city limits. In no event shall the City's standard or other street specifications or improvement requirements include any requirement for the construction and/or utilization of any roundabouts, traffic circles, and/or any similar feature. In no event shall the City carry out or approve a project to construct any roundabouts, traffic circles, and/or any similar features as a condition to the approval of any project or the issuance of any permit or permission unless the project is approved by popular vote.

SECTION 3. CITY OF PLACERVILLE MAIN STREET STREETScape DESIGN DEVELOPMENT PLAN TEXT AMENDMENT APPROVAL: The City Council of the City of Placerville does hereby authorize an amendment to Page II-18 of the City's Main Street Streetscape Design Development Plan with the additions underscored and strikeout here only for reference.

Note: After the completion of this Plan and adoption by City Council, Measure K was approved by the voters on November 4, 2014. The City is prohibited from constructing or utilizing roundabouts, traffic circles, and/or any similar features unless the project is approved by popular vote.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION is approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Placerville this 22nd day of March, 2016, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Mayor Trisha Wilkins

Attest: _____
Kelly Witt, City Clerk

PLACERVILLE STREETScape CONCEPT DESIGN

The entry monument concept developed in this effort was conceived to give a general form and character to the element. Entry monuments are proposed for the key town gateway locations and each monument must be tailored to its particular site.

The concept depicts a general form and materials relationship, which is designed to recall and reinforce the other proposed streetscape elements. The monument rendered in the study shows how existing City signage design, and specific historic elements (the bell adjacent to the District Attorney's office slated for relocation by Caltrans) can be incorporated into a cohesive design. As specific monument signs are developed, this design will need to be modified to incorporate horizontal or vertical emphasis, surrounding terrain, and surrounding buildings and landscaping.

DESIGN DEVELOPMENT PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

Entry monumentation has been developed and refined in sufficient detail. No additional work in this area is required.

New Entry Monument at Intersection of Bradford and Main Streets
figure 16

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Per City Council Resolution # _____



Roundabout

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION ACTION PLAN

No comment.

PLACERVILLE STREETScape CONCEPT DESIGN

The Roundabout or traffic circle is second only in importance to the Bell Tower Plaza area from a public image and spatial organization standpoint. The proposed Roundabout will be incorporated in the realignment of Clay Street and the reorganization of the Ivy House parking lot, which the City Public Works Department has previously studied.

The Roundabout will eliminate the combination of yield and stop signs and the existing intersection of Cedar Ravine and Main Street. The new configuration will funnel the existing traffic and traffic from Clay Street into a single, one-way yield system.

Section II Streetscape Elements