

## **TOWN OF WINDSOR AGENDA REPORT**

**Joint Windsor Town Council, Windsor Redevelopment Successor Agency and Windsor Water District Meeting Date:** March 18, 2026

**To:** Mayor and Town Council  
**From:** Alejandro Perez, Senior Civil Engineer  
**Subject:** Adopt a Resolution Approving the Windsor Active Transportation Plan (ATP)

**Recommendation to Council:**

Adopt a resolution approving the Windsor Active Transportation Plan (ATP) and authorizing the Town Manager to approve future non-consequential ATP changes.

**Strategic Plan Element:**

The recommended action supports the goal of Infrastructure. Goal Statement: Through a lens of sustainability and innovation, invest in the Town's infrastructure and public facilities to meet the needs of future generations.

**Background:**

The last plan adopted by the Town of Windsor to support active transportation and bicycle and pedestrian mobility was the 2014 Windsor Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan update. This plan was developed as part of the Sonoma County Transportation Authority's (SCTA) Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan while also serving as a stand-alone document to guide the Town's local policies, projects, and programs related to walking and bicycling.

Since 2014, Windsor has experienced significant growth, conducted multiple related planning efforts, and adopted new policies, most notably, joining the countywide Vision Zero initiative, which seeks to eliminate traffic fatalities and severe injuries. Additionally, the introduction of SMART rail service to downtown Windsor in May 2025 has underscored the need to strengthen pedestrian and bicycle connectivity and safety.

In response to these changes, the Town partnered with local traffic engineering and planning consulting firm W-Trans to develop an updated and expanded plan – the Windsor Active Transportation Plan (ATP). Unlike the previous plan, the ATP was prepared independently of SCTA to allow for a more localized and comprehensive approach. The new plan broadens the scope beyond traditional bicycling and walking to encompass a wider range of human-powered and micro-mobility options, and reflects state, regional, and local policies, post-pandemic travel trends, and modern design practices.

**Discussion:**

The Windsor ATP represents a significant evolution from the 2014 plan and reflects current best practices in transportation planning and design. Compared to the previous plan, the ATP:

1. Focuses on the needs of people of all ages and abilities, emphasizing separated and protected bicycle facilities and improved pedestrian crossings, especially on major streets without existing signals or stop signs.

2. Applies current national and state design guidelines to recommend safer, more inclusive infrastructure.
3. Supports implementation of recently adopted Town plans, including the General Plan update, Vision Zero Action Plan, Class I Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails Study, and Old Redwood Highway Corridor Enhancement Plan.
4. Includes 24.1 miles of new or upgraded on-street bicycle facilities, including 16.8 miles of separated or buffered bike lanes, 24.3 miles of new multi-use paths, and 31 enhanced pedestrian crossings.
5. Recommends supportive policies and programs, including expanded bicycle parking and continued investment in Safe Routes to School initiatives.

These changes and project recommendations were largely influenced by public engagement and feedback, most notably a prioritization survey and interactive mapping tool that allowed Windsor residents to actively comment on specific areas and facilities that need improvement. Presentations were given to, and feedback was received from, the Windsor Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (February 2025), Parks and Recreation Commission (October 2021, March 2025), and Planning Commission (March 2025). A public draft of the Windsor Active Transportation Plan was released in March 2025 and reviewed by the Planning Commission, which provided detailed written feedback. The public draft and a comment form were posted on the Town website and were promoted through social media, the Windsor Insider, and in person at the 2025 Earth Day Celebration, allowing the public to provide feedback and specific recommendations. The official public review period remained open through May 2025, although the comment form remained available until October 2025. A total of 60 written comments were received, including 57 from the Planning Commission and from 3 members of the public, all of which were reviewed and considered for inclusion in the final plan.

The development and timeline of the ATP are well aligned with several key upcoming grant funding opportunities, positioning the Town to pursue critical external funding to support the implementation of proposed projects. These opportunities include the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) for infrastructure improvements that reduce transportation related fatalities and serious injuries. Adopting the ATP will strengthen the Town's competitiveness for these grants, enabling the advancement of projects that enhance safety, accessibility, and mobility for all users, particularly in high-need and underserved areas.

**Fiscal Impact:**

There are no fiscal impacts associated with this action.

**Environmental Review:**

This action does not constitute a "project" within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15378 and requires no environmental review.

**Attachment(s):**

1. [Resolution Adopting the Town of Windsor Active Transportation Plan](#)
2. [Windsor Active Transportation Plan](#)

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