

Compilation of Input and Actions Taken During the Healdsburg Active Transportation Plan (ATP) Draft Public Review Period (10/7 - 11/30)

1. Public Comments from the 10/7 City Council Meeting

Key Comments and Suggestions:

- **6' Sidewalk Standards:**
 - Council requested exploring a 6' sidewalk standard and clarifying alignment with existing 5' sidewalks.
 - **Action/Response:** Language regarding 6' sidewalks in bike facility toolbox to remain as is. Exploration of 6' sidewalk standards to be explored in the future.
- **Foss Creek Pathway Northern Extension:**
 - Clarification requested regarding the City's vs. SMART's responsibility for extending the pathway.
 - **Action/Response:** The northern extension of the Foss Creek Pathway (beyond Grove Street) will remain SMART's responsibility when they proceed with rail development.
- **Downtown Bike Parking:**
 - Install more bike racks downtown.
 - **Action/Response:** Installed 3 additional bike racks downtown, including one former parking spot in front of Acorn Café which was removed due to AB43. Added a downtown bike parking project to the ATP project list. Planning a cost-effectiveness analysis of current bike racks compared to other options and exploring additional sites for expanded downtown bike parking.
- **Targeted Outreach - Latino Community:**
 - Conduct outreach specific to Latino residents.
 - **Action/Response:** City staff participated in a series of travelling outreach event where they met with several Latino groups and different spots in the city and distributed ATP materials. City staff also conducted ATP outreach at the Dia De Muertos Festival at the Town Square on October 27, 2024.
- **Targeted Outreach - Seniors:**
 - Increase outreach to senior residents.
 - **Action/Response:** City staff gave a presentation on the ATP draft to the Senior Advisory Commission. Advertised the presentation at the Community Center and at Enso Village.

Individual Councilmember Suggestions:

- **Roundabout Enhancements:**
 - Explore pedestrian and bike safety improvements at the roundabout (Councilmember Ariel Kelly).
 - **Action/Response:** A buffered bike lane is planned for Mill Street, extending from US-101 to the roundabout, as part of a countywide project that also includes adding a bike lane to Westside Road. Additionally, the Active Transportation Plan (ATP) includes a project to add a bike lane on Mill Street west of the roundabout.
- **Crossing Enhancement at Lupine & March:**
 - Suggested adding crossing improvements (Councilmember Evelyn Mitchell).
 - **Action/Response** Crossing Improvement project at Lupine and March has been added to the ATP.
- **Parklets Impeding Bike Safety:**
 - Concerns raised about downtown parklets creating safety issues for cyclists (Councilmember Chris Herrod).
 - **Action/Response:** Evaluating this concern as part of broader bike safety review.
- **On-Street Parking Standards:**
 - Proposed revisiting on-street parking requirements for new residential streets (Councilmember Ariel Kelly).
 - **Action/Response:** Under review for future policy updates.

Public Comments:

- Incorporate SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-Bound) goals into the ATP.
- **Action/Response:** The ATP is a high-level document that is not financially bound. Since most projects are yet to be funded or designed, a rigorous implementation timeline was deemed impractical.
- **Pedestrian Enhancements near Enso Village:**
 - Need for sidewalks and improved bike/pedestrian connectivity on Passalacqua Street.
 - **Action/Response:** Improved pedestrian facilities south of Enso Village will be included in the Healdsburg Complete Streets Project. A planned buffered bike lane will be added on Healdsburg Avenue, north of the facility. The Saggio Park Multi-Use Path, east of the facility, will enhance pedestrian connectivity.
- **Parking Removal for Bike Facilities:**

- Suggested removing parking from Piper Street and adding bike facilities on East, Fitch, and North Streets.
 - **Action/Response:** This comment was in regards to lack of east-west connector bike lanes in the City's bike network. While the specific streets mentioned in the comment were not addressed, language was added to the Grant Street Bike Boulevard project to allow for the option of converting it into a buffered bike lane project, which may include the removal of on-street parking.
 - **Tiered Presentation Clarity:**
 - Requested clearer project prioritization tables.
 - **Action/Response:** An appendix was added to the ATP detailing how projects were scored based on the prioritization scheme.
 - **Transit Stop Integration:**
 - Suggested comprehensive planning for the SMART station and intermodal hub.
 - **Action:** Added a Mobility hub project for the future SMART Train station
 - **Climate and Data Integration:**
 - Suggested aligning ATP with GHG reduction goals and collecting baseline data.
 - **Action/Response:** The City has a Climate Mobilization Strategy that addresses GHG reduction goals. While these efforts align with the broader objectives of the ATP, it was determined that directly incorporating them into the ATP is not practical.
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2. Comments from the 11/12 Planning Commission Meeting

Key Comments and Suggestions:

- **Johnson Street as a Bike Route:**
 - Identified as unsuitable due to poor pavement and terminus on Powell Street (which commissioner deemed unsafe).
 - **Action/Response:** The ATP includes proposed bike boulevards on Fitch Street and Powell Street (with traffic calming measures). Language has been added to consider converting Powell Street into a buffered bike lane if on-street parking is removed.
- **Jaywalking at H2Hotel:**
 - Concerns about pedestrian safety north of the roundabout.
 - **Action/Response:** No crosswalk project currently planned for this location.
- **Prioritization Criteria:**
 - Requested clarification on project prioritization.

- **Action/Response:** An appendix was added to the ATP detailing how projects were scored based on the prioritization scheme.
 - **Foss Creek Pathway Quick-Build:**
 - Suggested quick-build connections to Memorial Bridge from Foss Creek Pathway (southern terminus) instead of waiting for SMART.
 - **Action/Response:** Added a policy to support quick build implementation for projects in general. No quick build project currently planned at this site, however.
 - **Green Paint on Grove Street:**
 - Recommended using green paint at Grove/Dry Creek intersection to protect cyclists.
 - **Action/Response:** Green paint included in ATP Engineering Toolbox; implementation will be explored during Dry Creek US101 interchange design phase.
 - **Traffic Light Sensitivity:**
 - Bikes not triggering lights at Grant/Healdsburg.
 - **Action:** Added crossing improvement project at Grant-Healdsburg to project list.
 - **Pedestrian Intervals at March/Dry Creek Intersection:**
 - Suggested longer pedestrian lead intervals.
 - **Action/Response:** To be reviewed as part of all the crossing improvement projects of the Healdsburg Complete Streets project.
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3. Public Comments from 11/20 Senior Advisory Commission Presentation

Key Comments:

- Accessibility issues for seniors and disabled residents emphasized.
- Specific recommendations for sidewalk improvements and pedestrian-friendly design.

Actions Taken:

- Accessibility-related language refined in the ATP.
 - Prioritized sidewalk projects for improvement near senior residences and high-use areas.
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4. Summary of Online Comments/Additional Healdsburg ATP Advisory Committee Comments

Key Themes:

- **Project-Related:**

- Planning for SMART Train Station integration.
- Additional downtown bike parking.
- Use of green paint for bike lanes at intersections.
- Upgrading bike boulevards to bike lanes where feasible.
- **Policy-Related:**
 - Accessibility concerns for seniors and disabled individuals.
 - Emphasis on Safe Routes to Schools.
 - Baseline data collection for tracking progress.
 - Quick-build strategies for faster implementation.
- **Implementation-Related:**
 - Need for specific, measurable goals.
 - Greater transparency in project prioritization.

Actions Taken:

- Added the following projects:
 - Mobility hub for SMART Train Station.
 - Downtown bike parking.
 - Crossing improvements at March/Lupine and Matheson/Fitch intersections.
 - Added language to the Grant Street and Powell Street bike boulevard projects, specifying that these projects can be converted to buffered bike lanes if on-street parking is removed.
- Policy and Guidance Updates:
 - Included language on quick-build materials and their benefits.
 - Added use of green paint in Engineering Toolbox.
 - Noted potential bike lane upgrades for certain bike boulevards.