

RESOLUTION NO. PC-26-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ARCATA PLANNING COMMISSION FINDING UPDATES TO THE 2026/2027 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CONSISTANT WITH THE ARCATA 2045 GENERAL PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of Arcata Planning Commission is appointed by the City Council as the planning agency for the City of Arcata, as required by State law, to review and find that all proposed projects included in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) are consistent with the adopted Arcata General Plan 2045; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Community Development Director has determined that finding the CIP in conformance with the General Plan 2045 is not a project pursuant to Section 15378.2 of the CEQA Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, at the April 28, 2026, Planning Commission meeting, upon hearing and considering all testimony and arguments, if any, of all persons desiring to be heard, the Commission considered all the facts related to the 2026/2027 CIP updates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning Commission of the City of Arcata hereby determines that the updates to the 2026-2027 CIP, attached hereto as Exhibit 1, Exhibit 2, and Exhibit 3, and incorporated herein, conforms to, and is consistent with, the Arcata General Plan 2045 and applicable law based on the following finding:

In accordance with the General Plan 2045, including but not limited to its goals, policies, implementation actions and objectives, purpose statements, appendices, diagrams, and tables, the proposed CIP amendments will enhance the achievement of the General Plan 2045 by improving service levels, by promoting public and environmental health, safety, and welfare, and by accommodating Arcata's existing and expected residents and businesses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission does hereby report to the Arcata City Council that the update to the CIP for Fiscal Years 2026-2027 conforms to the City of Arcata's General Plan.

This resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

DATED: _____, 2026

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Community Development Director
David Loya

Chair, Arcata Planning Commission

Clerk's Certificate

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. PC-26-02, passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Arcata, Humboldt County, California held on the 28th day of April, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

Deputy City Clerk, City of Arcata



Exhibit 1

City of Arcata

Proposed Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

NEW PROJECTS Summary Schedule

Project ID	Project Name	Program	Estimated Project Cost	Project Description	General Plan Policy #	Project Justification GP Consistency
45-19	11 th B Street, Slope failure Improvement Project	45- Streets	\$200,000	The project will address existing slope instability issues to improve safety and long-term resilience in the area. Upgrades may include new sidewalk in compliant with accessibility standards, and improved connectivity to ensure safe and reliable access for all users.	T-4h Street Maintenance; T-5 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities; PF-2c Protecting, improving and restoring water quality; RC-2g Maintenance of streams as natural drainage systems	T-4h: Identify and prioritize street maintenance projects; T-5: Provide pedestrian and bicycle system which serves commuter as well as recreation travel; PF-2c: Protecting surface and groundwater quality, preventing water pollution, restoring water quality in waterways and wetlands within the City and in receiving waters of California and the United States shall guide design, construction, and operation of the City's water management infrastructure.
51-15	South Arcata Sea Level Rise Adaptation Planning	51- Stormwater	\$5,000,000	Advance community outreach, technical studies, adaptation strategies, and conceptual design to plan for sea level rise adaptation projects along the Butcher Slough, Jolly Giant Creek and South H Street portions of Arcata.	LU-6e Restoration of former tidelands; RC2h Restoration of degraded creek resources; RC-2g Maintenance of streams as natural drainage systems; PF-3a Utilization of City streams and watercourses as natural drainage systems.	LU-6e The City of Arcata recognizes the need to restore former tidelands to salt marsh in order to adapt to rising sea levels and promote biodiversity and a safe environment; RC-2h Identify feasible opportunities to daylight portions of Jolly Giant Creek, reduce barriers to fish passage, and restore native plants as part of adaptation projects; RC-2g Protecting the ecological functions of natural habitats, and natural drainage and infiltration processes, will enhance natural ecosystems in the Planning Area; PF-3a This project will seek to improve ecological function of the Jolly Giant Creek watershed and create greater capacity to accommodate increased flooding and sea levels.

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63-08	Waterline Improvements: Citywide Waterline Replacement (Phase 2)	63-Water System Maintenance	\$15,000,000	Removal and replacement of steel, asbestos cement, cast iron, ductile iron, galvanized steel, and PVC waterline sections within the City of Arcata Water Service Area (WSA).	PF-1 Water Supply and Delivery	PF-1: Manage the City's potable water supply, maintain water quality, maintain and repair water delivery system.
64-22	Tank 1D (Water Storage in Zone 1)	64-Water Treatment and Distribution	\$5,000,000	Construct new 1.5 MG to 2MG water storage tank in Zone 1	PF-1 Water Supply and Delivery	PF-1: Manage the City's potable water supply, maintain water quality, maintain and repair water delivery system; PS- 5c Water supply for fire flow; PS-1d Design of critical facilities and essential services including water delivery.
64-23	Citywide Water Meter Replacement Project	64-Water Treatment and Distribution	\$10,000,000	The project will replace all existing water meters throughout the City with new advanced smart water meters to improve system efficiency, reduce water loss, and enhance customer service for residents. The upgraded meters will provide real-time usage data, improve billing accuracy, and allow for early leak detection, helping both the City and customers better manage water consumption.	PF-1 Water Supply and Delivery	PF-1: Manage the City's potable water supply, maintain water quality, maintain and repair water delivery system.

67-43	UV Effluent Pipe Rehabilitation and A-Line	67-Wastewater Treatment	\$3,000,000	Investigate condition of the entire UV effluent line between the UV basin and Outfall 002 as well as the A-Line between Allen Marsh and Outfall 003, and design and implement improvements where needed including for the UV effluent pipe segment over Butcher Slough.	PF-2c Protecting, improving and restoring water quality; PF-2b Arcata wastewater treatment system	PF-2c: Protecting surface and groundwater quality, preventing water pollution, restoring water quality in waterways and wetlands within the City and in receiving waters of California and the United States shall guide design, construction, and operation of the City's water management infrastructure; PF-2b: The City shall ensure ongoing treatment system planning and investments are consistent with mid- and long-range climate change adaptation goals, which balance preserving the City's existing investments with habitat restoration and sea level adaptation priorities.
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81-32	Arcata Gateway Trails	48-Active Transportation	\$3,000,000	Planning, design and construction of walking and biking trails for active transportation within the Arcata Gateway Plan area	PR-2e Trail improvements, Gateway Plan Imp-GA-7.2	PR-2e: Provide an interconnected, multi-purpose trail system with regional linkages that includes mountain bike, fitness, nature, and equestrian trails and that enhances individual mobility. Imp-GA-7.2 – Generate circulation projects for the City's CIP required to implement the mobility programs outlined in the Gateway Plan.