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STAFF REPORT
February 21, 2006

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Subject: Pedestrian Master Plan Presentation

Location/Council District: Various locations, Citywide

Recommendation: For Council discussion only. Report will be brought back at a later date for Council adoption.

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Department: Transportation

Division: Planning and Policy

Organization No: 3416

Summary: The Pedestrian Master Plan has been written in order to provide a comprehensive vision to improve pedestrian conditions in the City of Sacramento. This Plan is being presented to the Council discussion only. Report will be brought back at a later date for Council adoption.

Committee/Commission Action: The Pedestrian Master Plan was presented as an information item to the Disability Advisory Commission on December 15, 2005, the Development Oversight Commission on January 9, 2006, the Planning Commission on January 19, 2006 and the Parks and Recreation Commission on February 2, 2006. Staff received feedback from these Commissions.

Background Information: In February of 2003, the City Council approved resolution 2003-088 which authorized staff to begin work on a city-wide Pedestrian Master Plan.

The Pedestrian Master Plan's goals are to:

- Create a walkable pedestrian environment.
- Improve awareness of walking as a mode of transportation through education.
- Increase pedestrian safety.

In order to accomplish these goals the Plan has established two major objectives:

1. Recommend pedestrian friendly policies, standards and procedures that can be incorporated into future updates of the General Plan and, ultimately, be implemented in all new transportation and land use projects. The integration of pedestrian friendly features into new development projects is a key element of this plan.
2. Create a pedestrian improvement program that identifies current pedestrian deficiencies in order to prioritize the appropriate retrofit for sidewalks and crossing locations.

The plan estimates that the cost to complete all sidewalk improvements within the City will be approximately \$400 million. The crosswalk and other crossing improvements will cost an equal amount, thereby making the total cost of the Pedestrian Improvement program approximately \$800 million.

This Master Plan relied upon some of the best resources in pedestrian planning and engaged Sacramento residents, local advocates, neighborhood leaders and representatives from local and regional agencies. The project team conducted five (5) public meetings and worked with stakeholder groups through a steering committee throughout the development of the plan. Attachments 2, 3 and 4 are copies of the Executive Summary, Pedestrian Master Plan and Appendices.

Financial Considerations: Funding for sidewalk and crossing projects will be incorporated as part of the annual transportation Capital Improvement Program budget process. It is also expected that pedestrian improvements will be completed as part of other capital improvement projects and private development. In addition, the City will continue to seek outside grant opportunities to fund pedestrian projects. Examples of these grants are: Sacramento Area Council of Governments' (SACOG) Bike/Pedestrian, SACOG's Community Design and Safe Route to School. Finally, on January 3, 2006, the City Council approved the FY06/07 Measure A Expenditure Plan which included funding for pedestrian improvement projects (PN:RR26). These funds will be expended consistent with the recommendations of the Pedestrian Master Plan.

Environmental Considerations: The Environmental Services Manager has determined that the action of approval of the Pedestrian Master Plan does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment and is therefore exempt under CEQA Guidelines, Categorical Exemption Section 15061(b)(3), of the California Environmental Quality Act. However any subsequent actions for implementation of the Goals and Policies for individual projects covered by the Master Plan will be required to undergo CEQA review.

Policy Considerations: The Pedestrian Master Plan is consistent with the goals of the City of Sacramento's Strategic Plan to improve and diversify the transportation system and enhance and preserve neighborhoods.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):

Fehr & Peers has met the ESBD requirements of 20% participation for this project.

Respectfully Submitted and Approved by:



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Recommendation Approved:



RAY KERRIDGE
Interim City Manager

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