



Agenda Item C.1
DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM
Meeting Date: June 9, 2025

TO: Planning Commission Chair and Members

SUBMITTED BY: Luz “Nina” Buelna, Public Works Director
Peter T. Imhof, Planning and Environmental Review Director

FROM: Teresa Lopes, Public Works Senior Project Manager
Anne Wells, Advance Planning Manager
Molly Cunningham, Assistant Planner

SUBJECT: General Plan Conformance Finding for the Capital Improvement Program FY 2025-2026

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution No. 25-____, entitled “A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Goleta, California, Finding the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Program is in Conformance with the Goleta General Plan/Coastal Land Use Plan Pursuant to Section 65401 of the Government Code and Finding the Determination to be Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.”

BACKGROUND:

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is a budgeting and strategic planning tool used to address infrastructure needs associated with existing and future development identified in the General Plan/Coastal Land Use Plan (General Plan). Government Code Section 65401 requires the Planning Commission to annually review the list of CIP projects for conformity with the City’s General Plan. This review considers and verifies that the projects included conform with the goals, policies and implementation measures provided in the General Plan. The Planning Commission’s determination is forwarded to the City Council for consideration as part of the annual CIP budget adoption.

The finding of consistency between the CIP and the General Plan is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is informational, does not make decisions for City actions, and does not constitute approval of any specific set of plans. Instead, the finding supports the City’s ability to meet its General Plan goals.

DISCUSSION:

The Public Works Department’s CIP projects for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 include infrastructure investments in long-term development and maintenance programs designed to support the buildout of the community anticipated by the General Plan.

Projects include needed repairs or improvements to our existing infrastructure (e.g., streets, parks, public facilities, etc.) and the acquisition or construction of new infrastructure. The list of projects in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 CIP and the supporting General Plan policy and/or map most closely associated with the item, are provided in the General Plan Conformance Matrix in Exhibit A of the Resolution (Attachment 1). The General Plan Conformance Matrix includes information about the project status and the anticipated environmental review corresponding with each project.

Staff has analyzed the CIP projects scheduled for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and prepared a finding of consistency with the General Plan for the Planning Commission's review and consideration (Attachment 1). After review, the Planning Commission is asked to adopt the attached Resolution, officially determining that the projects listed in the CIP for FY 2025-2026 conform to the General Plan, finding the conformity determination to be exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, Chapter 3 of the California Code of Regulations) because the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378(b)(5) as an organizational or administrative activity by government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because the activity is covered by the general rule which exempts activities that can be seen with certainty to have no possibility for causing a significant effect on the environment. A draft Notice of Exemption (from CEQA) is provided at Attachment 2.

The Planning Commission's determination will be forwarded to the City Council for consideration as part of the CIP budget adoption which is anticipated to occur in June 2025.

LEGAL REVIEW BY: Winnie Cai, Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED BY: Peter T. Imhof, Planning Commission Secretary

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Planning Commission No. 25-___, entitled "A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Goleta, California, Finding the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Program is in Conformance with the Goleta General Plan/Coastal Land Use Plan Pursuant to Section 65401 of the Government Code and Finding the Determination to be Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act"

Exhibit A: General Plan Conformance Matrix - Capital Improvement Projects

2. Notice of Exemption
3. Staff Presentation

Attachment 1

Resolution No. 25-__, entitled “A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Goleta, California, Finding the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Program is in Conformance with the Goleta General Plan/Coastal Land Use Plan Pursuant to Section 65401 of the Government Code and Finding the Determination to be Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act”

RESOLUTION NO. 25-

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, FINDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IS IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE GOLETA GENERAL PLAN/COASTAL LAND USE PLAN PURSUANT TO SECTION 65401 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE AND FINDING THE DETERMINATION TO BE EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

WHEREAS, the Goleta General Plan/Coastal Land Use Plan (General Plan) is a comprehensive, long-term plan that guides land use and physical development of the geographic area of the incorporated City of Goleta (City) limits; and

WHEREAS, the General Plan provides policy direction regarding the capital improvement program projects that are needed to address infrastructure needs of the community based on the buildout of the community as anticipated by the General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Improvement Program Division of the Public Works Department of the City maintains a list of capital improvement program projects to address the infrastructure needs of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has developed a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for the fiscal year of 2025-26, which is included in the 2025-2026 Budget of the Two-Year Budget for fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27; and

WHEREAS, the CIP is a budgeting and strategic planning tool used to assess the infrastructure needs of the community, the City's overall goals and objectives regarding these needs and to prepare a funding strategy for the list of capital improvement program projects identified to meet those needs; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 65401 requires the Planning Commission to annually review the list of capital improvement program projects in the CIP and verify their conformance to the General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the list of capital improvement projects in the CIP for the fiscal year of 2025-26 during a regularly scheduled public meeting on June 9, 2025; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 65401, the Planning Commission desires to make a determination as to the conformance of the list of capital improvement program projects in the CIP for the fiscal year of 2025-26 to the General Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. Recitals

The Planning Commission hereby finds and determines that the foregoing recitals, which are incorporated herein by reference, are true and correct.

SECTION 2. Finding of Conformity and Report to the City Council

Pursuant to Section 65401 of the Government Code, the Planning Commission has reviewed the list of capital improvement projects in the CIP for the fiscal year of 2025-26 and finds that the CIP conforms to the General Plan as set forth in Exhibit A, which is attached and incorporated herein by reference. The Planning Commission hereby directs the Public Works and Planning and Environmental Review team to report this finding to the City Council.

SECTION 3. Environmental Review.

The Planning Commission has reviewed the General Plan Conformance Finding for the FY 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Program, and determined that the finding is in conformance with the Goleta General Plan/Coastal Land Use Plan Pursuant to Section 65401 of the Government Code. The Planning Commission finds the determination to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because the General Plan Conformance Finding is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, Chapter 3 of the California Code of Regulations) because the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378(b)(5) as an organizational or administrative environment.

The General Plan Conformance Finding for the FY 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Program is also exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because the activity is covered by the general rule which exempts activities that can be seen with certainty to have no possibility for causing a significant effect on the environment.

SECTION 4. Documents

The documents and other materials which constitute the record of proceedings upon which this decision is based, are in the custody of the City Clerk, City of Goleta, 130 Cremona Drive, Suite B, Goleta, California, 93117.

SECTION 5. Certification

The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of June 2025.

JENNIFER FULLERTON
CHAIR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK

WINNIE CAI
ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA) ss.
CITY OF GOLETA)

I, DEBORAH S. LOPEZ, City Clerk of the City of Goleta, California, DO
HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Planning Commission Resolution No. 25-____
was duly adopted by the Planning Commission of the City of Goleta at a regular
meeting held on the 9th day of June, 2025, by the following roll call vote of the
Planning Commission:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

(SEAL)

DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK

Exhibit A

General Plan Conformance Matrix – Capital Improvement Projects

General Plan Conformance Matrix – Capital Improvement Program Projects

CIP Project No. & Transp DIF No.	Project Name	Environmental Document	Project Phase	General Plan Policies
FY 2025/26				
9002	Ekwill Street & Fowler Road Extensions - Hollister Ave Roundabouts @ Route 217 Southbound & Northbound Ramps	EIR/EA	Construction	Figure 7-3: Map identification #2 & #37; Table 7-4: Identification #2, #37, & #38; TE 5.3: Ekwill-S Kellogg Improvements TE 5.4: Hollister Ave Redesign Improvements TE 5.10: Major Intersection Improvements
9006	San Jose Creek Bike Path – Northern and Southern Segments	IS/MND	Final Design	Figure 7-6: Bikeways Plan Map Planned Bikeway
9033	Hollister Avenue Bridge	IS/MND	Construction	TE 5.3: Ekwill-Fowler-S Kellogg Improvements
9053	Cathedral Oaks Crib Wall Repair	TBD	Conceptual Design/Design	SE 5: Soil and Slope Stability Hazards
9062	Storke Road/Hollister Avenue Transit, Bike/Ped, and Median Improvements	CE	Design and Right of Way	TE 5.15: Other Improvements TE 5.16 Traffic Monitoring
9063	Evergreen Park – Master Plan ¹	TBD	Conceptual Design	OS 6: Public Park System Plan PF 2: Other Facilities of the City of Goleta PF 8: General Standards for Public Facilities
9071	Improvements to Athletic Field at Goleta Community Center ¹	NOE	Construction	OS 6: Public Park System Plan OS 6.8 Special Use Parks
9074	Stow Grove Park Master Plan & Renovation (formerly Multi-Purpose Field) ¹	CE	Conceptual Design	OS 6: Public Park System Plan OS 6.8 Special Use Parks OS 6.9 Park Master Plan
9079 T1	Goleta Train Depot ¹	EIR	Construction	TE 7.3 Intermodal Transportation Center/Bus Transfer Areas TE 8: Rail Transportation PF 2.5: Other Public Facilities PF 8.2: Siting of Public Facilities PF 8.3: Design of Public Facilities TE 10: Pedestrian Circulation TE 10.5: Pedestrian Safety TE 11 Bikeways Plan Figure 7-4: Public Transportation System

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9083	Traffic Signal Upgrades	CE	Design	TE 5.15: Other Improvements
9085	Goleta Storm Drain Master Plan	TBD	Conceptual Design	TE 5.15: Other Improvements TE 6.2 Component Features Included in Street Stds
9086	Vision Zero Plan	TBD	Conceptual Design	TE 1.1 Integrated Multi-Modal Transportation System TE 10: Pedestrian Circulation TE 10.5: Pedestrian Safety TE 11 Bikeways Plan TE 11.5 Bicyclist Safety
9107	Old Town High Flow Trash Capture Devices	TBD	Conceptual Design	CE 10: Watershed Management and Water Quality TE 6.2: Component Features Included in Street Stds TE 6.3: Drainage
9108	Winchester II Park Improvements ¹	NOE	Construction	OS 5.3: Public Access and Recreation
9111	Jonny D. Wallis Neighborhood Park Phase 2 – Splash Pad ¹	MND	Construction	OS 6: Public Park System Plan
9112	Ellwood Butterfly Habitat Management Plan	MND	Final Design and Construction	CE 4.4: Protection of Monarch Butterfly ESHA
9113	Mathilda Park Improvements ¹	TBD	Design and Construction	OS 6: Public Park System Plan
9115	Public Works Corporation Yard Repairs and Improvements	TBD	Conceptual Design	PF 2: Other Facilities of the City of Goleta PF 8: General Standards for Public Facilities
9117	San Jose Creek Channel Fish-Passage Modification Project	TBD	Conceptual Design	TE 5.15: Other Improvements
9118	Ellwood Coastal Trails and Habitat Restoration	MND	Design	OS 5.5: Use & Mgmt. of the Open Space Area OS 5.3: Public Access & Recreation
9119	Ellwood Beach Drive Drainage Repair	TBD	Conceptual Design	CE 10: Watershed Management and Water Quality TE 6.2: Component Features Included in Street Stds TE 6.3: Drainage
9121	Goleta Community Center ADA Improvements ²	NOE/CE	Design	PF 8: General Standards for Public Facilities TE 5.15: Other Improvements

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9125	Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) Calle Real at Jenna ³	TBD	Conceptual Design	TE 10: Pedestrian Circulation TE 10.5: Pedestrian Safety
9126	Pickleball Entry/Waiting Area ¹	NOE	Design	OS 6: Public Park System Plan OS 6.8 Special Use Parks
9127	Goleta Community Center Campus Refresh ²	TBD	Conceptual Design	PF 2: Other Facilities of the City of Goleta PF 8: General Standards for Public Facilities
9130	Goleta Library ADA & Building Refresh ²	TBD	Conceptual Design	PF 2: Other Facilities of the City of Goleta PF 8: General Standards for Public Facilities
9131	Historic Train Station Preservation ²	TBD	Conceptual Design	VH 5: Historic Resources PF 2: Other Facilities of the City of Goleta PF 8: General Standards for Public Facilities
9134	Facilities Capital Renewal ²	TBD	Not Started	PF 2: Other Facilities of the City of Goleta PF 8: General Standards for Public Facilities
9135	Stow House Preservation ²	TBD	Not Started	VH 5: Historic Resources PF 2: Other Facilities of the City of Goleta PF 8: General Standards for Public Facilities
5800-1	Annual Pavement Rehabilitation	N/A	Conceptual Design	TE 12.4: Street Maintenance and Pavement Management Program
5800-2	Miscellaneous Concrete Repair	N/A	Conceptual Design	TE 10.5: Pedestrian Safety
TBD-04	Nectarine Park Renovation ¹	TBD	Not Started	OS 6: Public Park System Plan
TBD-07	Wing Wall Culvert at Cathedral Oaks Road	TBD	Conceptual Design	SE 5: Soil and Slope Stability Hazards
TBD-08	South La Patera Sidewalk and Bike Lane Improvements ³	EIR	Design	TE 10: Pedestrian Circulation TE 10.5: Pedestrian Safety TE 11 Bikeways Plan TE 11.5 Bicyclist Safety
TBD-09	Heritage Ridge Park (Developer Constructed Project) ¹	TBD	Conceptual Design	OS 6: Public Park System Plan

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TBD-10	Hollister Crosswalk at Magnolia Ave and ADA Improvements Project	CE	Conceptual Design	TE 10: Pedestrian Circulation TE 10.5: Pedestrian Safety
TBD-11	Goleta US 101 Bike/Pedestrian Overcrossing Study	TBD	Conceptual Design	TE 10: Pedestrian Circulation TE 10.5: Pedestrian Safety TE 11.5 Bicyclist Safety

¹ Neighborhood Services (NS) Department Project

² General Services Department Project

³ Project Currently listed in Long Term CIP List – added to table in the case that grant funding is received

Attachment 2
Notice of Exemption

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION (NOE)

To: ☐ Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, 1400 Tenth St. Rm. 212
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: City of Goleta
130 Cremona Drive, Suite B
Goleta, CA 93117

☒ Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara
105 E. Anapamu Street, Room 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101



Subject: Filing of Notice of Exemption

Project Title: General Plan Conformance Finding for the Capital Improvement Program FY 2025-2026

Project Applicant: City of Goleta

Project Location (Address and APN): Citywide

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

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The Public Works Department's CIP projects for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 includes infrastructure investments in long-term development and maintenance programs designed to support the buildout of the community anticipated by the General Plan. Projects include needed repairs or improvements to our existing infrastructure (e.g., streets, parks, public facilities, etc.) and the acquisition or construction of new infrastructure.

Name of Public Agency Approving the Project: City of Goleta

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project: City of Goleta

Exempt Status: *(check one)*

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 15269 (a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 15269 (b) (c))
- ☐ Categorical Exemption: (Insert Type(s) and Section Number(s))
- ☐ Statutory Exemption: (Insert Type(s) and Section Number(s))
- ☒ Other: CEQA Guidelines, Sec. 15060(c)(3); 15378(b)(5); 15061(b)(3)

Reason(s) why the project is exempt:

This General Plan Conformance Finding for the FY 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Program is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, Chapter 3 of the California Code of Regulations) because the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378(b)(5) as an organizational or administrative

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activity by government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

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City of Goleta Contact Person:

Peter Imhof

Director, Planning & Environmental Review

Date

Attachment 3
Staff Presentation



GENERAL PLAN CONFORMANCE FINDING FOR THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS FY 2025-2026

Planning Commission
June 9, 2025

Presentation by:
Teresa Lopes, Senior Project Engineer
Anne Wells, Advance Planning Manager
Molly Cunningham, Assistant Planner

General Plan & CIP FY 2025-2026

- The Commission is required under Government Code Section 65401 to review the CIP for conformity with the General Plan.
- The CIP is a budgeting and strategic planning tool used to assess the infrastructure needs of the community.
- Staff reviewed the FY 2025-2026 list of CIP projects and found them in conformance with General Plan.
- CIP list focused on FY 2025-2026 and is consistent with Annual Work Plan and FY 2025-2026 5-year CIP Budget.



CIP Project Delivery Process

- Conceptual Design
- Environmental Review
- Design
 - Right-of-Way
- Construction



Active CIP Projects FY 2025-2026

Active Projects in Final Design and/or Construction

Project Number	Project
9002/ 9033	Project Connect (EF & HAB)
9006	San Jose Creek Bike Path - Northern & Southern Segments
9062	Storke/Hollister Transit, Bike/Ped, and Median Imp.
9079	Goleta Train Depot
9113	Mathilda Park Improvements
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9108	Winchester II Park Improvements (Warwick Entrance)
9083	Traffic Signal Upgrades
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9126	Pickleball Entry/Waiting area at GCC
9130	Goleta Valley Library ADA, Safety, & Building Improvement
9071	Improvements to Athletic Field at GCC (Bioswale Improvements)



Active CIP Projects FY 2025-2026

CIP Projects in Design and/or Conceptual Design

Project Number	Project
9086	Vision Zero Plan
9107	Old Town Full Trash Capture
9094	Santa Barbara Shores Park Improvements
9063	Evergreen Park Improvements
5800-1	2026 Annual Pavement Rehabilitation
5800-2	2026 Annual Concrete Improvement Project

*This is not the full active project list

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CIP Projects – Recently Completed

- Newport Drive Culvert Repair
- Ellwood Mesa Emergency Access Road Repair
- Evergreen Park Drainage Repair
- Ellwood Mesa MBHMP – Irrigation Mainline
- Miscellaneous Concrete Repair
- Pavement Rehabilitation



Planning Commission Recommendation

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QUESTIONS ?

