



TO: Planning Commission Chair and Members

SUBMITTED BY: Peter T. Imhof, Planning and Environmental Review Director

PREPARED BY: Kui Xu, Public Works Principal Civil Engineer
Anne Wells, Advance Planning Manager
Molly Cunningham, Assistant Planner

SUBJECT: Capital Improvement Program FY 2026-2027 Finding of Conformity with the General Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution No. 26-____, entitled “A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Goleta, California, Finding the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Capital Improvement Program is in Conformance with the Goleta General Plan/Coastal Land Use Plan Pursuant to Section 65401 of the Government Code and that such Finding is 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 is to consider and verify the projects included conform with the goals, policies and implementation measures provided in the General Plan. The Planning Commission’s determination in the form of a resolution is forwarded to the City Council for consideration as part of the annual CIP budget adoption.

DISCUSSION:

The Public Works Department’s CIP projects for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 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 draft Resolution for Planning Commission consideration is provided as Attachment 1 to the staff report. The list of projects in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 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 1 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.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

The finding of FY 2026-2027 CIP conformity with the General Plan is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.) 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(a) but rather is an organizational or administrative activity by government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5). The finding of FY 2026-2027 CIP conformity with the General Plan is also exempt from CEQA pursuant to 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 of the proposed Notice of Exemption is provided as Attachment 2.

NEXT STEPS:

If adopted, the Planning Commission Resolution, provided as Attachment 1, determining that the FY 2026-2027 CIP conforms with the General Plan and is not subject to the CEQA, will be forwarded to the City Council for consideration as part of the CIP budget adoption which is anticipated to occur in June 2026.

LEGAL REVIEW BY: Winnie Cai, Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED BY: Peter Imhof, Planning and Environmental Review Director

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Planning Commission No. 26-___, entitled "A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Goleta, California, Finding the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Capital Improvement Program is in Conformance with the Goleta General Plan/Coastal Land Use Plan Pursuant to Section 65401 of the Government Code and that such Finding is Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act"
2. Notice of Exemption
3. Staff Presentation

ATTACHMENT 1

Resolution No. 26-___, entitled “A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Goleta, California, Finding the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Capital Improvement Program is in Conformance with the Goleta General Plan/Coastal Land Use Plan Pursuant to Section 65401 of the Government Code and that such Finding is Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act”

RESOLUTION NO. 26-

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, FINDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IS IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE GOLETA GENERAL PLAN/COASTAL LAND USE PLAN PURSUANT TO SECTION 65401 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE AND THAT SUCH FINDING IS 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;

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;

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;

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

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;

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;

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the list of capital improvement projects in the CIP for the fiscal year of 2026-27 during a regularly scheduled public meeting on June 8, 2026; 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 2026-27 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 2026-27 and finds that the CIP conforms to the General Plan as set forth in Exhibit 1, 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 2026-2027 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 2026-2027 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 8th day of June 2026.

ANNE MILLER
CHAIR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DEBORAH LOPEZ
CITY CLERK

WINNIE CAI
ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY

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

I, DEBORAH LOPEZ, City Clerk of the City of Goleta, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Planning Commission Resolution No. 26-__ was duly adopted by the Planning Commission of the City of Goleta at a regular meeting held on the 8th day of June, 2026, by the following roll call vote of the Commission members:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

(SEAL)

DEBORAH LOPEZ
CITY CLERK

Exhibit 1
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 2026/27 | | | | |
| 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 Multipurpose Path | IS/MND | Construction | Figure 7-6: Bikeways Plan Map Planned Bikeway |
| 9033 | Hollister Avenue Bridge Replacement | IS/MND | Construction | TE 5.3: Ekwill-Fowler-S Kellogg Improvements |
| 9053 | Cathedral Oaks Crib Wall Repair | CE | Final Design | SE 5: Soil and Slope Stability Hazards |
| 9063 | Evergreen Park Improvements 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 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 Station 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 |
| 9083 | Traffic Signal Upgrades | CE | Construction | TE 5.15: Other Improvements |
| 9085 | Goleta Storm Drain Master Plan | TBD | Conceptual Design | TE 5.15: Other Improvements |

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|----------------------------------|--|------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| | | | | TE 6.2 Component Features Included in Street Stds |
| 9086 | Vision Zero Plan | N/A | 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 South Fairview Avenue 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 |
| 9112 | Ellwood Mesa/Sperling Preserve Open Space Plan | MND | Final Design and Construction | CE 4.4: Protection of Monarch Butterfly ESHA |
| 9113 | Mathilda Park Improvements ¹ | NOE | 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 | IS/MND | 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 |
| 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 |

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|----------------------------------|---|------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| 9130 | Goleta Library ADA & Building Refresh ² | NOE | construction | 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 |
| 5800-1 | Annual Pavement Rehabilitation | CE | 2025 Construction; 2026 Design | TE 12.4: Street Maintenance and Pavement Management Program |
| 5800-2 | Miscellaneous Concrete Repair | CE | 2025 Construction; 2026 Design | TE 10.5: Pedestrian Safety |
| 9138 | Nectarine Park Renovation ¹ | TBD | Not Started | OS 6: Public Park System Plan |
| 9140 | Glen Annie Creek Culvert Project | TBD | Final Design | SE 5: Soil and Slope Stability Hazards |
| FY 2025/26 TBD-08 | S. 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 |
| 9141 | Heritage Ridge Park (Developer Constructed Project) ¹ | TBD | Final Design | OS 6: Public Park System Plan |
| 9142 | Hollister Ave. Crosswalk at Magnolia Ave and ADA Parking Improvements Project | CE | Conceptual Design | TE 10: Pedestrian Circulation TE 10.5: Pedestrian Safety |
| 9143 | Goleta US 101 Bike/Pedestrian Overcrossing Study | TBD | Conceptual Design | TE 10: Pedestrian Circulation TE 10.5: Pedestrian Safety TE 11.5 Bicyclist Safety |
| FY 2026/27 TBD-01 | Fairview@101 NB Ramps Restriping Project | CE | Design | TE 3: Streets and Highways Plan and Standards |

¹ Neighborhood Services (NS) Department Project

² General Services Department Project

General Plan Conformance Matrix – Capital Improvement Program Projects

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: Capital Improvement Program FY 2026-2027 Finding of Conformity with the General Plan / Coastal Land Use Plan

Project Applicant: City of Goleta

Project Location (Address and APN): Citywide

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Government Code Section 65401 requires the Planning Commission to annually review the list of Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects for conformity with the City's General Plan / Coastal Land Use Plan (General Plan). This review is to consider and verify 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 Public Works Department's CIP projects for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 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:

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City of Goleta Contact Person:

Peter Imhof

Director, Planning & Environmental Review

Date

ATTACHMENT 3

Staff Presentation



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FY 2026- 2027 FINDING OF CONFORMITY WITH THE GENERAL PLAN

Planning Commission
June 8, 2026

Presentation by:

Kui Xu, Principal Civil Engineer
Autumn Glaeser, Assistant Public Works Director
Anne Wells, Advance Planning Manager
Molly Cunningham, Assistant Planner

General Plan & CIP FY 2026-2027

- 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 2026-2027 list of CIP projects and found them in conformance with General Plan.
- CIP list focused on FY 2026-2027 and is consistent with Annual Work Plan and FY 2026-2027 5-year CIP Budget.



CIP Project Delivery Process

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



Active CIP Projects FY 2026-2027

Active Projects in Final Design and/or Construction

| Project Number | Project |
|----------------|---|
| 9002/ 9033 | Project Connect (EF & HAB) |
| 9006 | San Jose Creek Multipurpose Path |
| 9079 | Goleta Train Station |
| 9113 | Mathilda Park Improvements |
| 5800-1 | 2026 Arterial Pavement Project |
| 5800-2 | 2026 Residential Pavement Project |
| 9053 | Cathedral Oaks Crib Wall Repair |
| 9074 | Stow Grove Park Master Plan & Renovation |
| 9108 | Winchester II Park Improvements (Warwick Entrance) |
| 9083 | Traffic Signal Upgrades |
| 9117 | San Jose Creek Channel Fish-Passage Modification Project |
| 9121 | Goleta Community Center ADA Improvements |
| 9126 | Pickleball Entry/Waiting area at GCC |
| 9130 | Goleta Valley Library ADA, Safety, & Building Improvement |
| 9071 | Improvements to Athletic Field at GCC |

*This is not the full active project list



Active CIP Projects FY 2026-2027

CIP Projects in Design and/or Conceptual Design

| Project Number | Project |
|----------------|--|
| 9086 | Vision Zero Plan |
| 9107 | Old Town South Fairview Avenue High Flow Trash Capture Devices |
| 9119 | Ellwood Beach Drive Drainage Repair |
| 5800-1 | Annual Pavement Rehabilitation |
| 5800-2 | Annual Concrete Improvement Project |

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CIP Projects – Recently Completed

- Jonny D. Wallis Neighborhood Park Splash Pad
- 2025 Arterial Pavement Project
- 2025 Residential Pavement Project



Planning Commission Recommendation

Adopt Resolution No. 26- , entitled “A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Goleta, California, Finding the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Capital Improvement Program is in Conformance with the Goleta General Plan/ Coastal Land Use Plan Pursuant to Section 65401 of the Government Code and that such Finding is Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.”



QUESTIONS ?

