



## City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

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**Title:** Downtown Grass Valley Roundabout Project - Approve Final Concept

**CEQA:** N/A - CEQA review will be completed as part of the project work

**Recommendation:** That Council approve a final intersection treatment at Neal St and South Auburn St for the Downtown Grass Valley Roundabout Project

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**Council Meeting Date:** 2/24/2026

**Date Prepared:** 2/19/2026

**Agenda:** Administrative

**Background Information:** On November 5, 2025, Council held a Special Council Meeting approved the Concept Option 5 of a “right-in, right-out/right-in with some additional parking” configuration at the intersection of S Auburn and Neal St, in an effort to simplify the roundabout design and improve functionality.

One project approval document requiring resubmittal with the configuration change was the Engineering traffic analysis, which Council had expressed interest at the November 5, 2025 Special Meeting to confirm Option 5 traffic impacts, which the Consultant had not done. In December 2025, updated traffic counts were collected in order to ensure the Consultant was utilizing the most current data. A Technical Analysis Memorandum was then prepared (attached) to revalidate traffic flows based on the roundabout construction and the modified right-in, right-out intersection treatment.

Additionally, the City requested that GHD evaluate a “right-in” only configuration onto S Auburn St from the roundabout; effectively making S Auburn St between Neal St and Bank St one-way in the northbound direction only. That Technical Analysis Memorandum is also attached.

The traffic networks under both options were found to operate with an acceptable level of service for the 2050 Design Year Build Conditions, considering the PM peak hour traffic forecasts. Queuing on Neal St is worsened under either condition, compared to the original signalized intersection treatment; as S Auburn St traffic is rerouted in order to access the roundabout and there are less storage lanes directly connected to the roundabout. Further, under a proposed right-in only configuration, queuing at the roundabout for the southbound (Neal St) and southwest bound (Tinloy St) entry legs are both worsened compared to the current right-in, right-out option.

A future conversion to a right-in only or a right-out/right-in configuration after the grant funded project is constructed is not precluded by proceeding with either concept. Staff requests that Council approve the final intersection treatment at Neal St and South

Auburn St for the Downtown Grass Valley Roundabout Project.

**Council Goals/Objectives:** The Downtown Grass Valley Roundabout Project executes portions of work tasks towards achieving/maintaining Strategic Plan Goal - Transportation

**Fiscal Impact:** The current project is fully funded with grant monies. Proceeding with a modified options of a “right-in, right-out/right-in with some additional parking” may necessitate the City to cover undetermined change order costs with local funds.

**Funds Available:** Yes

**Account #:** 300-406-63455

**Reviewed by:** City Manager

**Attachments:** Traffic Analysis Memos