

TOWN OF LOS GATOS COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE:	November 20, 2023
TO:	Mayor and Town Council
FROM:	Laurel Prevetti, Town Manager
SUBJECT:	Parking Program Implementation-Wayfinding Signage (CIP No. 813-0242): a. Approve the Plans and Specifications; and b. Authorize Advertising the Project for Bid

RECOMMENDATION:

Parking Program Implementation-Wayfinding Signage (CIP No. 813-0242):

- a. Approve the Plans and Specifications (Attachment 1); and
- b. Authorize Advertising the Project for Bid.

BACKGROUND:

On December 17, 2019, the Town Council received the Comprehensive Downtown Parking Study from Dixon Resources Unlimited (DIXON). The Parking Study identified wayfinding as a strategy to efficiently manage parking, improve the visitor experience, and enhance vehicle traffic flow. On January 26, 2021, the Town Council reaffirmed the commitment to the Parking Roadmap with the adoption of the Strategic Priorities FY 2021-2023. One of the initial Town Council priorities was to enhance wayfinding signage and new parking program branding to assist visitors in finding a convenient parking space.

In November 2021, work began with Hunt Design on the Downtown Wayfinding Master Plan. Hunt Design conducted an analysis of the existing conditions and presented design styles. Through a series of collaborative meetings with Town staff, Hunt Design has developed scale models of several different styles of wayfinding and destination signage for the Town Council to consider. On March 15, 2022, Town Council approved moving forward with Design Style B as depicted in Attachment 3 Final Design Intent.

PREPARED BY: Gary Heap Town Engineer

Reviewed by: Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager, Town Attorney, Police Chief, Finance Director, and Parks and Public Works Director

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DISCUSSION:

After Town Council approved moving forward with Design Style B, Town staff worked with Hunt Design to review messaging and locations for each sign type. At the conclusion of the staff review, Hunt Design came to Los Gatos on March 2, 2023 with several full-size Design Style B mockup signs to identify exact locations, sign sizes, and mounting requirements. In attendance of the mock-up walking tour was staff from Parks and Public Works, Police Department, Community Development, Economic Vitality, and the Town Manager. Hunt Design then prepared a Wayfinding Master Plan report, bid documents, and cost estimates.

Wayfinding improvement is planned as a multi-phased process with improvements to static signage first and exploration of vehicle occupancy counting and dynamic electronic signage as a future option pending identification of a funding source.

This project is different from a typical construction project since the contractor that is awarded the contract will be responsible for both the manufacturing of the signs per the Messaging Schedule (Attachment 2) and the Final Design Intent (Attachment 3) documents prepared by Hunt Design. The final design package that will be advertised includes the project specifications (Attachment 1) and the two Hunt documents referenced.

If Council approves this agenda item, the project schedule is as follows:

Advertise Project for Bid		
Bid Opening		
Town Council Award of Contract		
Expected Notice to Proceed		
Project Completion		

December 8, 2023 January 19, 2024 February 20, 2024 March 18, 2024 August 30, 2024

CONCLUSION:

Approval of the recommendations would allow staff to move forward with bidding for Wayfinding Signage Project.

COORDINATION:

This report was coordinated with the Parks and Public Works Department, Office of Economic Vitality, Police Department, Community Development, and the Town Manager's Office.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost estimate for this package of wayfinding signs is \$287,200. The adopted Fiscal Year 2023/24 – 2027/28 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget for this project is shown in the table below:

Parking Program Implementation CIP No. 813-0242						
		Budget		Costs		
GFAR	\$	598 <i>,</i> 500				
Total Budget	\$	598,500				
				Costs		
Consultant and Construction Costs (Including						
Encumbrances)			\$	275,420		
Misc. Project Costs			\$	892		
Temp Staff Charges			\$	1,934		
Total Costs			\$	278,245		
Available Balance			\$	320,255		

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

This is not a project as defined under CEQA, and no further action is required.

Attachments:

- 1. Wayfinding Sign Specifications
- 2. Message Schedule
- 3. Final Design Intent