



TOWN COUNCIL STUDY SESSION AGENDA
November 14, 2022
5:00 PM

I. Staff/Council Updates

II. Study Session Items

1. Downtown Business Alliance Update - Omar Castillo - 20 minutes
2. Proposed 2023 Budget - Brown - 15 minutes
3. Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Draft - Munekata, Fettig - 30 minutes
4. Public Art Update - Feazell & Glassburn - 30 minutes
5. Police Update - Tsurapas - 45 minutes

III. Town Council Items



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Town Council
FROM: Mary Lou Brown, Finance Director
DATE: November 14, 2022
SUBJECT: 2023 Town of Parker Budget

ISSUE:

The 2023 Budget was presented to Town Council during the October 7, 2022 retreat. Town Council had the opportunity to comment or ask questions at the time. Due to the amount of information and data presented, there may be additional thoughts and questions after the first public hearing which was held on November 7. This study session topic provides the opportunity to bring those forward.

FISCAL/BUDGET IMPACT:

Proposed 2023 Budget appropriations total \$169,339,406.

BACKGROUND:

The 2023 Budget was presented to Town Council during the October 7, 2022 retreat. Town Council had the opportunity to comment or ask questions at the time and again during the October 10 & 24, 2022 study sessions. Due to the amount of information and data presented, there may be additional thoughts and questions following the first public hearing which was held on November 7. This study session topic provides the opportunity to bring those forward.

RECOMMENDATION:

The agenda topic provides Town Council members the opportunity to further discuss the 2023 Budget presentation.

REQUESTED DIRECTION:

Finance staff is available to respond to questions and comments related to the 2023 Budget presentation.

ATTACHMENT:

None



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of Town Council

FROM: Mary Munekata, Senior Planner
Jeremiah Fettig, Associate Planner
John Fussa, Community Development Director

DATE: November 14, 2022

SUBJECT: Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan - Town Council Update

ISSUE:

Bicycling and walking are not only recreational pastimes, but are also important means of travel for many people in Colorado communities including the Town of Parker. The Town regularly plans for multi-modal transportation options including bicycling, walking, public transit and automobiles to serve our residents, visitors and workforce. The new Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan (the 'Plan') will serve as the Town's policy document and *road map* to support Town efforts to plan, design and operate a safe, comfortable and well-connected bicycle and pedestrian network.

This Plan builds upon, and is a continuation of, the Town's commitment to multi-modal transportation with a robust system of trails, sidewalks and bike lanes that are an integral part of our community's overall transportation system.

FISCAL/BUDGET IMPACT:

None

BACKGROUND:

The new Plan is being prepared as an element of the Town of Parker Transportation Master Plan and the Parker 2035 Master Plan. The Plan will include recommendations to develop a consolidated bike and pedestrian plan that replaces the Town's current Bike Lane Plan adopted in 2005. The 2005 Bike Lane Plan has guided the development of a coordinated Town-wide bicycle and pedestrian network for all users but is in need of updating. Staff most recently presented information and an update on the Plan at the April 25, 2022, Town Council Study Session including a mapping activity for additional connections and facilities and the elimination or reduction of gaps.

Throughout the preparation of the Plan, staff has prioritized community engagement as an important element of the process. There have been multiple engagement opportunities that included an in-person community open house, virtual community open house session, project website with information, two (2) public surveys, articles in the Talk of the Town and an on-line interactive mapping tool.

The next community engagement event is a public open house scheduled for December 6,

2023 at the PACE Center. Additionally, the public will have an opportunity to review and comment on the draft Plan through the project website and participate in the public hearings that will be scheduled in 2023 as part of the adoption process.

The Plan supports and references existing Town policy documents including the Complete Streets Policy, Roadway Design & Construction Criteria Manual and the Construction Specifications and Design Considerations for Parks, Trails and Streetscapes.

The Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan will have the following benefits:

- **Align Town policy** and regulations with the community's vision and goals for a multi-modal transportation system
- **Provide guidance** for future development of the bike and pedestrian infrastructure
- **Advance interconnectivity** of the bike and pedestrian transportation network
- **Improve mobility** choices and opportunities for walking and biking
- **Identify gaps** in bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure to guide the allocation of resources
- **Enhance** the overall quality of life for Parker residents by improving mobility and safety

The Plan incorporates the following main components and specific chapters:

- Data Collection, Existing Conditions and Analysis
- Community Engagement
- Visions, Goals and Strategies
- Recommendations and Implementation

The Goals and Strategies stated below are the guiding framework of the Plan. The Town will continue to develop a robust, interconnected bicycle and pedestrian network that links destinations while being safe, comfortable and accessible for users of all ages and abilities.

- **Goal 1 - Policy:** Develop policies, standards and specifications to promote bicycle and pedestrian mobility in Parker.
- **Goal 2 - Accessibility:** Promote and enhance accessibility for all users to encourage people to bicycle or walk to work, shops and services.
- **Goal 3 - Connectivity:** Expand connectivity between all trails, sidewalks and bike lanes for safe and efficient bicycle and pedestrian movement.
- **Goal 4 - Safety and Health:** Provide a safe and comfortable bicycle and pedestrian network that adds to Parker's healthy lifestyle and quality of life.
- **Goal 5 - Increase Usage:** Expand the multi-modal transportation system to increase biking and walking while reducing (or mitigating increase) vehicle miles traveled.
- **Goal 6 - Implementation:** Ensure the process for planning, design and capital improvements are informed by the Plan with funding to expand active transportation.

The Plan recommendations focus on goals and strategies to advance and support efficient and safe bicycle and pedestrian travel. The recommendations are developed by analyzing community input, promoting best practices and assessing local needs. For example, it includes the following recommendations:

- Prioritize an appropriate level of investment in the 10-year capital improvement program to construct new infrastructure and eliminate gaps in the existing trail, sidewalk and bike lane network where demand and safety concerns are the greatest.
- Evaluate sidewalk widths where connections to local and regional trails exist.
- Provide sufficient trail etiquette signage on trails to optimize trail operations and safety.

In addition to this Town Council update, the next steps in Plan preparation include circulating the draft Plan to other departments for review and comment, revising the draft Plan to address comments and posting the final draft Plan for public review and comment.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff requests Town Council input and direction on the Plan

REQUESTED DIRECTION:

Staff wishes to update the Town Council about the project and obtain Council input.

ATTACHMENT:

None



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of Town Council

FROM: Weldy Feazell, Redevelopment Manager
Carrie Glassburn, Cultural Director

DATE: November 14, 2022

SUBJECT: Public Art Master Plan Update

ISSUE:

A presentation sharing the results from the recent Public Art survey, along with an update on the progress being made on the Town of Parker's Public Art Master Plan.

FISCAL/BUDGET IMPACT:

Any expenses incurred as a result of public art projects will utilize the existing budget, or will be paid for by grants or other outside funding sources.

BACKGROUND:

During the February 2022 Town Council Retreat, Council was presented with information on why developing a new Public Art Master Plan is important for Parker. The group also reviewed various innovative ways to implement public art in a municipality.

This presentation will share the results of a public art survey and shed light on what citizens say they want to see when it comes to art in Parker. The Council will also be updated on the progress that has been made on the public art master plan and discuss next steps and possible timing for completion.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is for informational purposes only.

REQUESTED DIRECTION:

For information only. No action is required at this time.

ATTACHMENT:

None



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of Town Council

FROM: Jim Tsurapas, Chief of Police
Ron Combs, Deputy Chief of Police
Chris Peters, Commander

DATE: November 14, 2022

SUBJECT: Police Department Update

ISSUE:

Police Department update to Council.

FISCAL/BUDGET IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this presentation.

BACKGROUND:

Police Command Staff will provide an update to Town Council regarding recruitment, hiring and staffing levels at the Police Department. Staff will also provide details on a resolution that is being drafted to recognize Communications staff (dispatchers) as first responders.

RECOMMENDATION:

This presentation is for informational purposes only.

REQUESTED DIRECTION:

For informational purposes only. No action is required.

ATTACHMENT:

None