

Gridley City Council – Special City Council Meeting Agenda

Monday, March 16, 2026; 5:30 pm
Gridley City Hall, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley, CA 95948

“Our purpose is to continuously enhance our community’s vitality and overall quality of life. We are committed to providing high quality, cost-effective municipal services and forming productive partnerships with our residents and regional organizations. We collectively develop, share, and are guided by a clear vision, values, and meaningful objectives.”

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM - Members of the public may address the City Council on matters not listed on the agenda. The City Council may not discuss nor act on any community participation item brought forward by a member of the community. Comments are requested to be limited to three (3) minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA – None

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION – None

STUDY SESSION

1. Active Transportation Project Opportunities and Prioritization

City Council to conduct a study session to discuss the prioritization of active transportation projects and related grant funding opportunities.

Recommended Action(s):

- a. Conduct a study session

CLOSED SESSION – None

ADJOURNMENT – adjourning to a regular meeting on March 16th, 2026

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City Council Agenda Item #1
Staff Report

Date: March 16, 2026 (date of meeting)
To: Mayor and City Council
From: Elisa Arteaga, City Administrator and Staff
Subject: Active Transportation Project Opportunities and Prioritization – Study Session

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Recommendation

This item is presented for discussion only. Staff requests City Council conduct a study session regarding which active transportation projects should be prioritized for further development and potential grant funding pursuits. **Action will be requested in following agenda items**

Background

The City of Gridley has been working with regional partners including the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG), Butte County Public Health, and Caltrans to identify opportunities to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety and connectivity throughout the community.

Several recent planning efforts have identified infrastructure gaps and safety concerns for pedestrians and bicyclists within the City. These include the City’s Local Road Safety Plan, the Butte County Safety Action Plan, the City’s Bicycle Plan, and other regional safety studies. These plans highlight the need to improve pedestrian access to schools, parks, commercial areas, and the State Route 99 corridor.

Staff has been coordinating with regional partners to evaluate potential projects that could improve safety and connectivity within the City. The projects discussed in this study session include:

- Moose Lodge Sidewalk Gap – State Route 99
- Cherry Street Sidewalk Improvements
- Fairview Gap Closure and E. Gridley Road Improvements
- Central Gridley Pedestrian Connectivity and Equal Access Project
- Wilson School Area Traffic Safety Improvements

These projects address gaps in pedestrian infrastructure, improve access to schools and community destinations, and connect neighborhoods to existing and planned transportation facilities.

Some of the proposed improvements would also complement the planned pedestrian improvements along State Route 99 currently being developed by Caltrans. These improvements are intended to create a continuous pedestrian corridor through the community while improving access to surrounding neighborhoods.

Additional funding opportunities may be available through the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program, which supports projects that reduce transportation emissions and improve multimodal transportation options. CMAQ funding is programmed regionally through the Butte County

Association of Governments (BCAG), and the City has previously received CMAQ funding for the design of the Central Gridley Pedestrian Connectivity and Equal Access Project.

Other safety-focused funding opportunities may include the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), which provides federal funding for projects that address documented roadway safety issues.

BCAG also administers several regional transportation funding programs and participates in programming federal and state transportation funds within Butte County. Coordination with BCAG may provide additional opportunities for project funding and implementation.

Staff is bringing these projects forward at this time in order to receive City Council direction prior to developing detailed project scopes and cost estimates. Many state and federal transportation grant programs operate on competitive funding cycles, and early project development is often necessary to position projects to compete successfully for available funding.

Staff has begun evaluating these projects in coordination with regional partners, including Butte County Public Health and the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG). Based on preliminary discussions regarding competitiveness for potential funding sources, the following general approach may be appropriate for consideration:

Active Transportation Program (ATP) Candidate

- **Fairview Gap Closure and E. Gridley Road Improvements**

Initial discussions with regional partners have indicated that the Fairview corridor may be the strongest candidate for Active Transportation Program funding due to its potential to address pedestrian safety improvements and provide connections within the local transportation network.

Regional Programming and CMAQ Opportunities

- **Cherry Street Sidewalk Improvements**

The Cherry Street project may be well suited for coordination with BCAG for potential regional programming opportunities, including Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding. The project would improve pedestrian connectivity between residential areas and the State Route 99 commercial corridor.

Projects with Existing Planning or Design Progress

- **Central Gridley Pedestrian Connectivity and Equal Access Project**

The City previously received CMAQ funding for the design of this project, and engineering plans have been completed. The project may be positioned for future construction funding opportunities if additional funding sources become available.

Projects Requiring Agency Coordination

- **Moose Lodge Sidewalk Gap – State Route 99**

This project would require coordination with Caltrans and potential right-of-way dedication in order to incorporate the improvement into the future State Route 99 corridor project.

Potential Local Safety Improvements

- **Wilson School Area Traffic Safety Improvements**

This project may involve smaller-scale improvements focused on improving safety near the school area and may be evaluated for potential local implementation or targeted safety funding opportunities.

Staff is seeking direction from the City Council regarding which projects should be prioritized for further development, including preliminary engineering, cost estimates, and potential grant funding pursuits.

Financial Impact

Fiscal impacts are currently unknown. If directed by the City Council, staff will begin developing project scopes, preliminary engineering, and cost estimates necessary to pursue grant funding opportunities and future project implementation.

Compliance with City Council Strategic Plan or Budget Goals

The City Council and City staff are committed to providing effective leadership while providing quality cost effective local government services.

Attachments – None