



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
PLANNING COMMISSION
REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 12/08/2021

ITEM NO: 6

DATE: December 3, 2021
TO: Planning Commission
FROM: Joel Paulson, Community Development Director
SUBJECT: Consider Forwarding a Recommendation to the Town Council to Rescind the Los Gatos Boulevard Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

Forward a recommendation to the Town Council to rescind the Los Gatos Boulevard Plan.

BACKGROUND:

The Los Gatos Boulevard Plan (www.losgatosca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/373) was adopted in 1997 by Resolutions 1997-036 and -038 (Exhibits 2 and 3).

Over the last number of years there have been many comments regarding the fact that the Los Gatos Boulevard Plan may no longer be relevant given the adoption of the Commercial Design Guidelines in 2005, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan updated in 2020, and the pending draft 2040 General Plan. The draft 2040 General Plan currently includes an Implementation Program that calls for the rescission of the Los Gatos Boulevard Plan.

On May 25, 2021, the Council Policy Committee considered and recommended the rescission of the Los Gatos Boulevard Plan (Exhibits 4 and 5).

DISCUSSION:

Town staff have reviewed the Los Gatos Boulevard Plan and have confirmed that all elements are either included in or superseded by the Commercial Design Guidelines (adopted in 2005) and Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (updated in 2020).

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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

The project is Categorically Exempt pursuant to the adopted Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, Section 15061(b)(3), in that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this project will have a significant effect on the environment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

At time of preparation of this report, no public comment has been received.

CONCLUSION:

A. Recommendation

Based on the direction of the Town Council Policy Committee, staff recommends that the Planning Commission review the information included in the staff report and forward a recommendation to the Town Council for rescission of the Los Gatos Boulevard Plan. If the Commission agrees, it should take the following actions:

1. Make the required finding that the rescission of the Los Gatos Boulevard Plan is Categorically Exempt from CEQA (Exhibit 1);
2. Make the required finding that the rescission of the Los Gatos Boulevard Plan is consistent with the General Plan (Exhibit 1); and
3. Forward a recommendation to the Town Council to rescind the Los Gatos Boulevard Plan (Exhibit 2).

B. Alternatives

Alternatively, the Commission can:

1. Continue the matter to a date certain with specific direction;
2. Forward a recommendation to the Town Council to rescind the Los Gatos Boulevard Plan with additional direction; or
3. Forward a recommendation to the Town Council to not rescind the Los Gatos Boulevard Plan.

EXHIBITS:

1. Required Findings
2. Resolution 1997-136 – Approving the Los Gatos Boulevard Plan
3. Resolution 1997-138 – Approving Amendment 1 to the Los Gatos Boulevard Plan
4. Council Policy Committee May 25, 2021 Staff Report
5. Council Policy Committee May 25, 2021 Minutes