

**CITY OF SEBASTOPOL  
CITY COUNCIL  
STAFF REPORT**

**Meeting Date:** July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
**To:** Honorable Mayor and Honorable City Councilmembers  
**From:** Police Chief Jeff Weaver  
**Subject:** Pedestrian, Bicycle and Traffic Safety Improvements  
**Recommendation:** That the City Council give direction to Staff as to how to proceed with the following requested improvements/modifications as detailed below in the Staff Report.  
**Funding:** See each item below for funding

**INTRODUCTION:** This item seeks City Council direction to Staff as to how to proceed with the following requested improvements/modifications as detailed below in the Staff Report.

**BACKGROUND:**  
Periodically, the Police Department receives requests for pedestrian, bicycle and/or traffic safety improvements. The requests have been reviewed by Police Staff. After visiting the locations and discussing the concerns raised by the public, Staff is seeking direction from the Council on how to proceed.

**DISCUSSION:**

Request #1                    **Establish a Compact Vehicle Only parking space on the west side of Petaluma Avenue south of Walker Avenue.**

Source:                      Two Petaluma Avenue residents.

Discussion:                Currently, there are no restrictions on what size vehicle can park in the northernmost parking space on the west side of Petaluma Avenue south of Walker Avenue. When larger vehicles park in that space, it reduces the ability of drivers traveling eastbound on Walker Avenue to see vehicles approaching northbound on Petaluma Avenue. In communication with those requesting improvement to the sight distance, it was agreed limiting the northernmost parking space to compact vehicles only would be a good beginning point.

Funding:                    This can be accomplished within the existing Department of Public Works budget.

Recommendation:        Authorize the Department of Public Works to establish a Compact Vehicle Only parking space on the west side of Petaluma Avenue south of Walker Avenue.

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Request #2                    **Establish two 2 Hour parking spaces on Healdsburg Avenue (SR 116) fronting the Marigold Indian Bistro at 7225 Healdsburg Avenue.**

Source:                      The landowner at 7225 Healdsburg Avenue.

Discussion: Currently there are two parking spaces fronting 7225 Healdsburg Avenue that are not time restricted. He owner of the land at 7225 Healdsburg Avenue has requested that both parking spaces be converted to 2 Hour Parking. He reports that frequently both spaces are occupied all day by owners or employees of nearby businesses, thereby preventing customers from using the spaces. Police Staff convened a meeting of area business owners. Owners from at least two adjoining businesses were opposed to this request, feeling that the Marigold Indian Bistro has its own private parking lot, as does the Magnolia Center.

Funding: This can be accomplished within the existing Department of Public Works budget.

Recommendation: Provide Staff direction as to how to respond to this request.

Request #3 **Consider modifications to the intersection of Jewell and Willow Avenues.**

Source: Area residents.

Discussion: Police and Engineering Staff were contacted by a Sebastopol resident who reported he had a near collision at the intersection of Jewell and Willow Avenue and he felt the intersection's safety could be enhanced. Police and Engineering Staff met with this resident and others who had been notified of the meeting. At the meeting, Police Staff shared there had been one non-injury collision at that intersection in the last ten years. Those in attendance expressed feelings that the intersection, because of its non-traditional configuration, was potentially unsafe. Those in attendance expressed their desire to see the intersection reconfigured into a more traditional "T" intersection. There was also discussion of enhancing the painting and markings that already exist as well as the possibility of a roundabout. Since that meeting, the City has been contacted by one area resident who objected to reconfiguring the intersection.

Funding: Depending on Council direction, it is possible improvements may be accomplished within the existing Public Work budget or it could cost tens of thousands of dollars or more.

Recommendation: Provide direction to Staff as to what modifications, if any, the Council wants at this location.