



TO: Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Commission

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SUBJECT: Review of the Draft Street Tree Management Plan

MEETING DATE: June 12, 2025

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Commission recommend that the City Council approve, subject to Commission comments, the draft Street Tree Management Plan.

Background

The preparation of a Street Tree Management Plan (STMP) evolved out of several policy documents adopted in recent years, including the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan adopted in 2019, and the City's General Plan approved in 2016. The plan has been undertaken in two phases. The first phase was to create an inventory of all existing street trees and vacant planting sites in Albany. The inventory was completed in 2023.

The second phase is to create a programmatic plan to help guide City street tree-related decision-making to improve canopy cover along public rights-of-way. This plan when adopted will set planting goals, guide resilient tree planting, manage tree removal, and evaluate responsibility for watering and maintenance.

Staff and consultants have provided the Commission with a number of updates on the preparation of the Street Tree Management Plan, dating back to 2022. Generally, each presentation was focused on a particular element of the plan as it was being drafted.

In addition to PROS meetings, city staff have provided the Climate Action Committee and the Transportation Commission with periodic updates on the preparation of the plan. Additionally, staff and or consultants attended various public meetings, including the April 2024 Community Expo and the recent May 20, 2025, Citywide Planning Expo.

Discussion

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the Commission and members of the public with an opportunity to review the draft plan in its entirety. Ideally, the Commission and public will provide staff and consultants with detailed comments that can be incorporated into an updated draft plan. Once comments are incorporated, the draft document will be provided to a graphics team to create the final draft for City Council consideration.

The preservation and enhancement of the City's street trees is a uniquely complicated public investment. Ultimately, for the plan to be successful, significant implementation actions will include identifying the additional funding that will be required. In addition, the City's Municipal Code will need to be modernized to clarify the division of responsibility between the City and the property owners adjacent to street tree locations.

Next Steps

Following the input from the Commission, revisions and graphic formatting will be incorporated into the plan and presented to the City Council.

Attachment

June 2025 Draft Street Tree Management Plan