

# Santa Rosa Southeast Greenway



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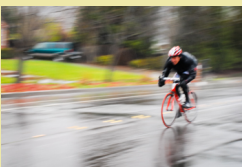
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### Greenway Remains City Priority

Annually, the City Council requests community input for City goals and budget in order to help prioritize precious time and dollars. This year Campaign Committee members asked the City Council to retain the Greenway's Tier 2 priority status in the face of competing priorities. Fortunately, we were able to retain our position, allowing City staff to complete the General Plan Amendment, Rezoning Plan and EIR for the Greenway.



## Greenway Part of Santa Rosa Bicycling "Mecca"



What does the Santa Rosa Southeast Greenway have in common with the increased popularity of bicycling in Santa Rosa? Eric Anderson, co-owner of the recently renovated Astro Motel, which caters to cyclists, had this to say: "Next to the SMART bikeway already promised, seeing robust cycling infrastructure included in the Southeast Greenway is the next important project needed to cement Santa Rosa's reputation as a cycling "Mecca", and to create a way to move around the Santa Rosa Plain on a bike without having to engage with cars. Our community will be so much stronger with a bike-centric Greenway."

We couldn't agree more! As our city continues to define itself as a cycling destination, Greenway bike paths would become an attraction for cyclists – both residents and visitors alike. Check out this recent article in the Press Democrat about how we are getting out of our cars and onto bikes in Santa Rosa:

<http://www.pressdemocrat.com/lifestyle/7864448-181/new-santa-rosa-bike-rentals>

We'd love to hear your experiences cycling in Santa Rosa, and how the Greenway can play its part. Please share your comments on our [Facebook](#) page!



## 2018 Greenway Update

We welcome in 2018 with hope, cheer and goodwill.

This year promises advancement of the dream we have had for so many years. We are very close to completion of a General Plan Amendment for the Greenway, which will bring the goal of acquisition into clear sight. Currently the City's consultant is conducting an additional traffic study to incorporate into the project's Environmental Impact Report (EIR). **Stay tuned, as we anticipate that a public comment period on this final portion of the EIR will open in March, followed by a public hearing at the Planning Commission.**

Once the General Plan Amendment for the Greenway is approved by the Planning Commission this spring and adopted by the City Council, the Greenway Partners will have the Greenway property appraised and enter into negotiations with Caltrans. After so many years of discussion and professional planning, we are proud of the careful input Greenway supporters have contributed. Let's keep up the good work!

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