

# Fairfield to eye 5-year plan for Heart of Fairfield

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FAIRFIELD — The city staff is researching funding to put the Heart of Fairfield plan in place and will prepare a Five Year Implementation Plan.

A report to the City Council about a public hearing Tuesday and adopting the downtown plan includes the staff looking at funding. A report on paying for the first five years will be presented at a future council meeting.

A draft plan released in February estimated the plan will cost \$49.1 million through 2040. The first five years are estimated to cost \$12 million.

Roadway, pedestrian and bicycle improvements total \$33.8 million and represent most of the costs.

Fairfield during past decades has undertaken programs to improve the area, including the Downtown Fairfield Streetscape Program in 1989, construction of the new Fairfield Transportation Center on Cadenasso Drive and establishment of the Fairfield Main Street Association, a city staff report said.

The Heart of Fairfield guides development downtown and along West Texas Street that cover a total of 513 acres, the report said.

The document complements the Allan Witt Park master plan, the report added. Vacant land next to park will provide housing and establish “eyes on the park” to reduce crime and antisocial activity, according to the staff report.

A contract with MIG Architects of Berkeley to prepare the \$807,500 plan and environmental impact report for downtown Fairfield, including land between Highway 12 and Kentucky Street as well as the County Justice Center and Pennsylvania Avenue, won City Council approval in 2014.

Council members meet at 6 p.m. in the chambers at 1000 Webster St.

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