

Department	Arcata City Council Priority Projects for 2021/2022 Fiscal Year (DRAFT)
	1. Develop a 2-3 year Homelessness Reduction Strategy framework identifying initial priority benchmarks to provide for or continue to shelter those who are or may become homeless.
City Manager's Department	a. Identify an ongoing funding stream (i.e. sales tax, parcel tax, TOT), and prepare a ballot initiative for voters to consider in 2022.
Community Development	b. Identify locations and operational funding for a day center.
Community Development	c. Support/Collaborate on strategies to create safe spaces for those without shelter, including a safe parking program.
Community Development	d. Obtain site control of a property to provide transitional and/or long-term shelter housing in partnership with Humboldt County and Arcata House Partnership.
Community Development	e. Continue support for Arcata House Partnership.
Community Development	f. Long term: Develop a cooperative housing model, that includes onsite services and peer to peer mentoring support, creating holistic support for individuals.
	2. Valley West Improvements
Environmental Services	a. Develop beautification priorities for Valley West collaborating with the Chamber, Main Street and Arcata House Partnership such as trash pick-up/cans, murals, planters, flower baskets and better lighting.
Environmental Services / Community Development	b. Continue the planning for a Valley West community center to offer recreational and learning opportunities, resource services and a general gathering space. Support the HSU student project to complete initial visioning.
Environmental Services	c. Prioritize Improvements to Carlson Park; picnic tables, bathrooms, cleanup efforts, play space and river access.
Arcata Police Department	d. Focus public safety on neighborhood meeting priorities of trespassing/loitering, narcotic activity, vacant properties and encampments and coordinate enforcement of nuisance properties.
	3. Mental Health and Social Services
Arcata Police Department	a. Hire more social workers/mental health professionals to expand access to services (MIST and similar response programs). Seek out long term funding strategies and 24-hour emergency crisis response team for adults and youth.
City Manager's Department	b. Establish a working group of mental health / social services professionals – to serve as a collaborative space to grow these services in Arcata and assess City/local assets and resources that could be used to support an increase in programs/services.
	4. Infrastructure
Engineering	a. Develop a working group to support the build out of HSU Campus to City Walking Corridors include: - Lighting, banners, street/sidewalk and other art - LK Wood Blvd, G, H and D Streets - The connecting footbridge
Engineering / Environmental Services	b. Support Plaza Improvement Task Force recommendations: Remove plaza center to ground level; set aside specific funds (to be determined through the budget process) to allocate to the priority list.
Engineering	c. Add paving overlay on G Street between 12th to 18th Streets.
Environmental Services	d. H Street: Beautify and replant the planter(s)
	5. Economic Recovery Strategies
Environmental Services	a. Beautification and maintenance: HSU footbridge, Plaza and Valley West.
City Manager / Community Development	b. Work with the County to pre-approve outdoor events and assist businesses with reopening guidelines.
City Manager / Community Development	c. Maintain the Economic Recovery Collaborative with Main Street, the Chamber of Commerce and Humboldt State University.
City Manager's Department	d. Promote business and tourism: Advertise Arcata as a safe place to shop; support visitarcata.com and regional marketing around student alumni successes locally.

	6. Prioritize the Strategic Infill Redevelopment Plan
Community Development	a. Housing – Find ways to build more of all types of housing for students, individuals, small and large families.
Community Development	b. Complete the K Street Corridor /Arcata Gateway Specific Plan and General Plan updates based on specific Long range and Infill planning.
Community Development	7. Implement the Arcata Arts Strategic Plan by working with existing arts efforts established in the community.
	8. Zero Waste
Environmental Services	a. Determine how to implement SB 1383 - Short-lived Climate Pollutants (SLCP): Organic Waste Reductions.
	9. Parks Improvements
Engineering / Environmental Services	a. Complete Improvements to Shay Park.
Engineering / Environmental Services	b. Finalize a development plan for Carlson Park with neighborhood input.
Engineering / Environmental Services	c. Complete conceptual plan, preliminary design and seek funding for implementation of Redwood Park improvements and finalize the bike pump track plans.
Engineering / Environmental Services	d. Finalize Environmental and Design plans to construct the Annie Mary Trail (A&M).
	10. Transit and Alternative Transportation Systems
Engineering	a. Ensure that alternative transportation is required/incentivized in new development projects.
	11. Arcata All Electric Initiative
Environmental Services	a. Develop an all electric ordinance to phase out natural gas in new construction.
Arcata Police Department/ Environmental Services	12. Continue to test the City-wide disaster plans and improve preparedness and emergency response strategies. Support Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT).
	13. Proactively maintain a strong partnership with Humboldt State University focused this year on:
City Manager's Department	a. Continue to support equity arcata.
Engineering	b. Provide options and costs for better lighting along D Street from 7th–14th and along LK Wood Blvd north of Sunset.
City Manager's Department	14. Explore options to expand City Council office meeting space.