

## **Ross Facilities Master Plan: Progress Update**

The Town of Ross continues to make significant progress on the Facilities Master Plan, with recent efforts focused on planning, environmental review, affordable housing, and community partnerships. The goal is to ensure safe, modern, and accessible public facilities that meet the needs of residents today and in the future.

### **Implementation Roadmap**

A phased project roadmap has been developed. It outlines milestones for replacing the Police Station and Paramedic Facility, sets funding priorities, and defines design and permitting timelines.

### **Construction Cost Updates**

Updated cost estimates are being reviewed with the Town's architectural consultant to reflect current market conditions. This ensures that funding strategies are realistic and taxpayer resources are managed responsibly.

### **Temporary Space Planning**

In partnership with the Marin Art & Garden Center, temporary space options are being explored for Town administration and programs. This will minimize service disruptions and support efficient phased construction.

### **CEQA Environmental Review**

Town staff are preparing a program-level CEQA review. It will address land use, biological and cultural resources, noise, transportation, and public services. This approach allows near-term projects to move forward while planning for long-term improvements.

### **Affordable Housing**

Plans are underway to develop up to nine affordable housing units on the Civic Center's northern parcel. The Town is exploring partnerships, including with the Branson School, and will release a Request for Qualifications later this year. These units will provide much-needed housing opportunities for local families and workers.

### **External Partnerships & Negotiations**

Lease negotiations for the Civic Center cell tower are progressing and could generate dedicated revenue for facility improvements. At the same time, site planning for the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority facility is advancing with input from Marin County Fire to ensure operational efficiency and effective emergency response.

### **Next Steps**

Over the next 6 to 12 months, the Town will:

- Finalize the CEQA review
- Advance formal design development

- Refine project budgets and funding strategies

These steps will prepare the Town for phased construction and continued investment in public facilities.