

Central & Liberty Streetscape Improvements Project



Community Meeting
April 5, 2011

City of El Cerrito, Public Works

Agenda



- Background
- Funding
- Project Elements
- Schedule

Project Area and Limits



Project Goals



- ❑ Improve walking and biking routes to transit
- ❑ Support in-fill, transit-oriented development
- ❑ Enhance sense of place and quality of life

Recent Efforts



- ❑ El Cerrito Circulation Plan
- ❑ Priority Development Area - Association of Bay Area Governments
- ❑ Draft San Pablo Specific Plan
- ❑ Coordination with BART

Funding



- Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC) Programs

- Total of \$1,020,000
 - Federal Funds - 80%
 - Countywide half-cent sales tax funds – 20%

Key Project Elements



- ❑ Pedestrian Safety Improvements
- ❑ Bicycle Route Improvements
- ❑ Accessibility/ADA Improvements
- ❑ Landscaping and Streetscape Amenities

Pedestrian Improvements



- ❑ Sidewalk Replacement
- ❑ Curb Bulb-outs and Enhanced Crosswalks
 - Central Ave & Liberty St
 - Central Ave & Lexington Ave
 - Central Ave & Kearney St
- ❑ Mid-block Speed Table on Liberty St
- ❑ Median Modifications on Central Ave
- ❑ Pedestrian Lighting
 - Central Ave, both sides
 - Liberty St, east side – next to BART parking lot
- ❑ Misc. Improvements

Bicycle Route Improvements



- ❑ Central Avenue – Class III facility
- ❑ Bike Route Signs
- ❑ Shared Roadway Pavement Markings -
"Sharrows"

Other Improvements



- ADA Improvements
 - Sidewalk Replacement
 - 17 curb ramps
- Streetscape Amenities
 - Benches
 - Garbage & Recycling Containers
 - Trees
 - Central Avenue
 - Liberty Street

Liberty St – Existing Conditions

sidewalk obstacles, minimal street lighting, few street trees on west side of street, hazardous/unhealthy street trees on east side fronting BART parking lot, and commuter traffic on wide local street



Proposed Improvements: Curb bulb-out at southeast of Central Ave (shown above at BART sign), Concrete Sidewalk Replacement, Pedestrian-Level Lighting, Street Trees, and Speed Table

Central Ave - Existing Conditions between Liberty St and Ohlone Greenway

Sidewalk obstacles, landscaping on median noses can obstruct visibility at crosswalks, no bike route signs or markings, some street lighting in median, no street trees on north side of street, and unsuitable trees in median but healthy street trees on south side fronting BART parking lot



Proposed Improvements: Concrete Sidewalk Replacement, Decorative Concrete on Median Noses, Class III Bike Routes Signs and Sharrows, Pedestrian-Level Lighting and Street Trees



Central Ave – Existing Conditions between Liberty St and Lexington Av

Sidewalk obstacles, no bike route signs or markings, minimal street lighting, and few street trees



Proposed Improvements: Concrete Sidewalk Replacement, Curb Ramps, Class III Bike Routes Signs and Sharrows, Pedestrian-Level Lighting and Street Trees



Central Ave – Existing Conditions between Lexington Av and Kearney St

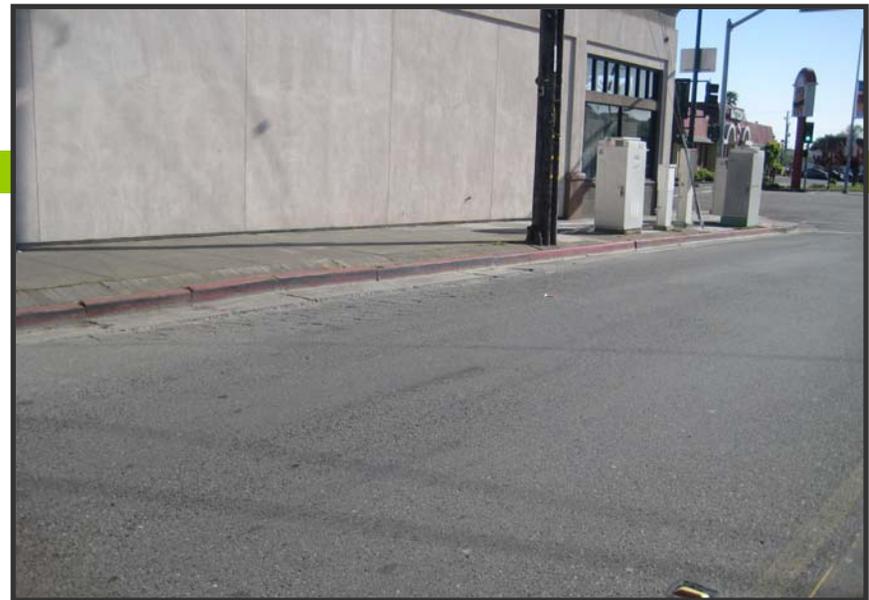
Marked Crosswalks with minimal striping,
no bike route signs or markings, sidewalk
obstacles, minimal street lighting, and some
street trees



Proposed Improvements: Curb Bulb-outs,
Enhanced Crosswalk Signing and Striping,
Concrete Sidewalk Replacement, Curb Ramps,
Class III Bike Routes Signs and Sharrows,
Pedestrian-Level Lighting and
Additional Street Trees

Central Ave – Existing Conditions between Kearney St and San Pablo Ave

Sidewalk obstacles, failing pavement at bus stop, no bike route signs or markings, minimal street lighting, and some street trees



Proposed Improvements: Concrete Sidewalk, Curb & Gutter Replacement, Installation of Concrete Bus Pad, Class III Bike Routes Signs and Sharrows, Pedestrian-Level Lighting and Additional Street Trees

Project Schedule



- Design Begins – Spring 2011
- Design Complete – Winter 2011/2012
- Construction Begins – Summer 2012
- Construction Complete – Winter 2012/2013

Additional Questions



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