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Project Overview

San Pablo Avenue Streetscape Improvements
Project Goals:
• Identify *El Cerrito* as a Unique Place
• Enhance Pedestrian Experience
• Create a Safe Place
• Enhance the Vitality of the Corridor
• Address Project Challenges
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<td><strong>ENHANCE PEDESTRIAN EXPERIENCE</strong></td>
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<td>- Enrich corridor with infilling of street trees and enhanced drought-tolerant planting</td>
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<td>- Design bulb-outs to emphasize pedestrian activities</td>
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<td><strong>CREATE A SAFE PLACE</strong></td>
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<td>- Provide bulb-outs to shorten crossing distance</td>
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<td>- Distribute improvements along length of streetscape</td>
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Enhanced Pedestrian Experience: Central Avenue

Existing Photo

Plan View

San Pablo Avenue Streetscape Improvements
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Perspective Rendering
Enhanced Pedestrian Experience: Stockton Avenue

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Perspective Rendering
Bulbouts

Reasons:
• Shorter Crossing Distances
• Space for Planting & Street Furnishings
• Highlight Pedestrian Environment

San Pablo Avenue Streetscape Improvements
Interpretive & Art Element

Reasons:
• Community Identity
• Opportunity for Public Art
Crosswalks

Reasons:

• Pedestrian Safety
• Additional Crossing Locations
• Increased Pedestrian Visibility

San Pablo Avenue Streetscape Improvements
Parking Loss

-9 STALLS

Reasons:

- Bulbouts
- New Crossings
Street Tree Species

San Pablo Avenue Streetscape Improvements
Street Tree Planters

Reasons:
- Sidewalk Width
- Tree Health
- Pedestrian Access from Vehicles
Street Lights

Reasons:

• Theater Block – Pedestrian Zone Demonstration Area
• Rapid Bus Transit Stops
• Central Avenue: San Pablo Avenue to Kearney
• Future: Entire Corridor
Street Lights

San Pablo Avenue Streetscape Improvements
Seating

Reasons:
- Bus Stops
- Proximity to Small Shops

Seat Pad @ City Hall

San Pablo Avenue Streetscape Improvements
Bike Racks

**Reasons:**
- Proximity to Small Shops
- Bus Stops
- Based partially on Bike Study Recommendations
Newsracks

Reasons:
- Reduce Clutter
- Newsrack Ordinance
- Bus Stops
- Proximity to Small Shops

Custom Newsrack Design Options Inspired by New Signage

San Pablo Avenue Streetscape Improvements
Trash/Recycling Receptacles

Reasons:
- Replace Existing Receptacles
- Bus Stops
- Proximity to Small Shops

San Pablo Avenue Streetscape Improvements
Rain Gardens (Funding Dependent)
Construction Timeline

- Bidding Process / Job Awarded: March 2009
- Streetscape Construction: March 2009 - January 2010

San Pablo Avenue Streetscape Improvements
Construction Impacts

- Public Involvement & Signage
- Preconstruction Meetings w/ Business Owners
Construction Impacts: Detailing of Pedestrian Facilities in CD’s

San Pablo Avenue Streetscape Improvements
Construction Impacts: Temporary ADA Access

NOTES:
- SIGN MOUNTING DETAILS ARE ONLY SCHEMATIC, CONTRACTOR TO SUPPLY SHOP DRAWINGS FOR TEMPORARY SIGNS. - SEE DETAIL AT RIGHT FOR ELEVATION OF SIGN MOUNTING.

San Pablo Avenue Streetscape Improvements
Construction Impacts: Temporary ADA Access

NOTES:
- SEE DETAIL D FOR BRACKETS.

ELEVATION
N.T.S.
Construction Impacts: Typical Intersection Staging

STAGE 1

STAGE 2

STAGE 3

STAGE 4

Legend:
- Under Construction
- Completed Work
- Pedestrian Access

San Pablo Avenue Streetscape Improvements
Construction Impacts: Staging of Median along Theater Block

Legend:
- Under Construction
- Lane Closure 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Lane Closure 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Construction Impacts: Staging of Theater Block

STAGE 1

- Under Construction
- Pedestrian Access
Construction Impacts: Staging of Theater Block

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San Pablo Avenue Streetscape Improvements
Improvement Quantities

- Street Trees: 190
- Bulbouts: 20
- Crosswalks: 47
- Street Lights: 20
- Benches: 20
- Seat Pads: 26
- Bike Racks: 48
- Newsracks: 26
- Trash/Recycling: 49
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San Pablo Avenue Streetscape Improvements

**Phase 1 - Banners, Signage & Baxter Creek Frontage**
Completed. See photos on the back page!

**Phase 2 - Median Renovations**
- New landscaping and irrigation in existing medians
- Preservation of mature median trees
- Rail existing medians with additional trees

**Phase 3 - Overall Streetscape Improvements**
- New medians south of Central Avenue
- Pedestrian safety improvements
- Upgraded landscaping and street furnishings
- Additional street trees
- Improved pedestrian crossings
- Upgraded transit stops