Ohlone Greenway BART Station
Access, Safety and Placemaking Improvements
Community Meeting #1
6/18/15
City of El Cerrito
Project Overview

» The ASP project was conceptually developed in the Ohlone Greenway Master Plan in 2009

» Strong need for improvements at two BART stations
  • Narrower trail
  • Irregular alignment
  • High pedestrian, bicycle, automobile and bus traffic/conflicts
Project Overview

» City Secured a competitive, technical grant through MTC’s OBAG program

» Improve path, increase intersection safety, create vibrant gathering spaces

» Final design must be completed by October 2015

» BART is a partner in the project and has also provided funding
Presentation Outline

» Project Goals
» Project Team
» BART Station Modernization
» Security Upgrades
» Del Norte BART Concept
» El Cerrito Plaza BART Concept
» Open House
» Summary and Next Steps
Project Goals

» Improve bicycle and pedestrian routes to transit, commercial nodes and housing;

» Bring new vibrancy to the areas around the BART stations to encourage housing development;

» Increase safety and accessibility for BART riders and Greenway users; and

» Improve the integration of the BART Stations with the surrounding community.
Project Team

» BKF Engineers - Project Manager/ Civil Engineering, Robert Stevens

» PlaceWorks - Urban Design/ Landscape Architecture, Bruce Brubaker, Cynthia Greenberg

» Fehr and Peers - Traffic Engineering

» Avila Project Management - Local Assistance Coordinator/ Permitting

» YEI Engineers - Electrical Engineering

» Security By Design - CCTV Design

» BART - Coordinating Partner
Del Norte BART Station Modernization

» Upgrade and modernize station’s function, safety, capacity, sustainability and appearance

» Concurrent & coordinated with Ohlone Greenway ASP Project
**Scope of Work**

**Base Project**
- Expanded Paid Area
- New elevators
- New Stairs
- Glass stair & elevator enclosure
- New station agent booth
- Station agent break room upgrades
- Refurbish mosaic tile artwork

**Option**
- Enhanced Ohlone Greenway Connection
- Enhanced bike path
- Perimeter site signage
- Improved site lighting
- Storm drain improvements
- Station main sign, logo, directional & wayfinding signage

**New construction**

- Relocated Passenger Drop-off
- Expanded Paid Area
- Existing Paid Area
- Utility
- Seating / Windscreens
- BART Police

**Ohlone Greenway Improvements**
Del Norte BART Station Modernization

» In-Station Event Wednesday July 8th 4pm-7pm
» For More Information- Sarah Graham sgraham@bart.gov

www.bart.gov/elcerritodelnorte
Del Norte BART Concept

» Uptown District
» Mixed-use Commercial Area
» Adjacent to San Pablo Avenue
» Northern Gateway to the City
» Concept: Geometric Promenade
Del Norte BART Concept Plan

Cutting Blvd Plaza
Improved Greenway
BART Plaza TBD
Hill St. Plaza

Bus Lane
Mid-Block Crossing
Mid-Block Crossing

BART Garage
BART Station

PLACWORKS
Del Norte BART Trail Cross Section

» Master Plan is 14’ with 2’ DG
» Existing condition is 8.3-9’
» Proposed 9-12’ trail with no DG shoulder
Cutting Blvd Plaza
Cutting Blvd - Trail Offset
Cutting Blvd Plaza

- Gateway Opportunity/BART Pole
- Existing Walkway
- Seatwall
- Ohlone Greenway
- Double Ladder with Bike Ped Symbols
- Proposed Flashing Beacons
- Tight Turning Radius Under Review
- Plaza with Seating
- Enhanced Intersection Paving
- Remove Existing Flashing Beacons
- Gateway Opportunity on BART Overpass
- Class II with Sharrows

To San Pablo
Crosswalks at Ohlone Greenway

» Double Ladder Crosswalk
• 4’, 8’, 4’ with bike symbols at trail crossing

Source: F&P Ohlone Greenway and West Street crossing at University Ave
Enhanced Intersection Paving

» Pavers

http://unilock.com/blog/unique-revitalization-of-uptown-cleveland/

Acker-Stone

http://landscapeonline.com/
Enhanced Intersection Paving

» Stamped/ Colored Asphalt/ Concrete


Vehicular Gateway - Cutting Blvd

Source: http://flickr.com
Pedestrian Gateway- Cutting Blvd

» Existing BART pole
  • Paint Pole
  • Lighting
  • Banners
  • Flags
Gateway Elements

Source: http://flickr.com
Source: http://koreatownnorthgate.org
Mid-Block Crossings - Existing
Mid Block Crossings - Proposed

» Raised Table Crosswalks with Extension of Plaza Paving

http://paradigm21planning.com/Periodic_Table_Pages/16Crosswalk.htm

Hill Street Plaza
Hill Street Plaza

- Parking Garage
- Ohlone Greenway
- Stormwater Planting
- TBD BART Modernization
- Existing Trees to Remain

HILL STREET

(Under Review)
Bulbouq Reduces 1 EB Lane, allows for Class II Bike Lane

To Safeway

Proposed Flashing Beacons

Columnar Bosque Seating
Enhanced Intersection Paving
Double Ladder Crosswalk

Retaining Wall
Kinetic Sculpture
Hill Street Plaza - Palette

Kinetic Sculpture, San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito


http://www.ncufc.org/species-tolerance.php
Hill Street Plaza - Palette

Metal Planter Google Campus

Pavers or colored concrete - grey/blue from mosaic in BART station

Hill Street Plaza - Palette

Source: http://landscapeonline.com/research/article.php?id=11317

Granite Benches, San Pablo Ave

Precast Concrete Benches, City Hall

Escofet Socrates Bench

Forms & Surfaces
Signage Concept

BART Signage

Existing signage

Street Signage

Wayfinding Signage
El Cerrito Plaza BART Concept

» Downtown Entertainment/ Theater Shopping District
» Southern Gateway to the City
» Fairmount and Central- Major East West Connectors to Bay Trail
» San Pablo and Fairmount is Green Gateway Highlighting Cerrito Creek
» Concept: fluvial aesthetic
El Cerrito Plaza BART Concept Plan

Central Ave. Plaza  Enliven Bike Parking  Improved Greenway  Fairmount Ave. Plaza

Decorative Fencing  Mid-Block Crossing  Mid-Block Crossing  Bus Lane
Plaza BART Trail Cross Section

- Master Plan is 14’ with 2’ DG
- Existing condition is 8-10’
- Proposed 8-12’ trail with no DG shoulder
Central Ave Plaza
Central Ave Plaza

- Existing Oak
- Curvelinear Wood Bench
- Seatwall
- Enhanced Plaza Paving
- Ohlone Greenway
- BART Bus Lane
- Bulboult Reduces Street, Allows for Existing Class III Bike Lane with Sharrows
- Enhanced Intersection Paving
- Double Ladder with Bike/Ped Symbols
- Ohlone Greenway Wall/Signage
- Plaza
- Relocate Flashing Beacons To San Pablo
Seating Concept

Source: http://www.landzine.com

Source: http://www.streetlife.nl

Source: www.mmcite.com
Enliven Bike Parking Area

- Opportunity for mural on concrete wall
Enliven Bike Parking Area

Topher Delaney Cornerstone Wall
http://www.susancohangardens.com/blog/

Existing BART Wall
Inspiration

Mid Block Crossing
Mid Block Crossing

» Increase crossing to 40’
» Direct pedestrians using fencing
Mid Block Crossing - Fencing

Ohlone Raingardens Fencing

Google Campus Fence

Cryer Site Park Wavy Fence
Swale Planting Enhancement
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El Cerrito City Hall

El Cerrito Raingardens
Fairmount Ave. Plaza
Fairmount Ave. Plaza

RICHMOND STREET

- Seatwall
- Upper Plaza
- Future Coffee Cart Opportunity
- Existing Headwall
- Ohlone Art/Signage on Slope
- Seatwall with Wooden Bench
- Fairmount Plaza
- Future Coffee Cart Opportunity
- Proposed Flashing Beacon

- Enhanced Swale with Habitat
- Planting and Boulders
- Ohlone Greenway
- New Mid-Block Crossing

- BART Bus Lane
- Monolith and Seatwall
- Enhanced Intersection Paving
- Future Class III with Sharrows
Fairmount Ave. Plaza - Palette


Permeable concrete Fair Oaks Miller Park www.flickr.com
Fairmount Ave. Plaza - Palette

http://www.landscapeonline.com/research/article/14966

Open House

» Visit Comment Stations for each BART
» Questions/ Comments
» Mark up Plan with Your Feedback
» Fill out Comment Cards
» Summary and Next Steps
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» Comment Station Summary
» Next Community Meeting- Sign up to receive email notifications http://www.el-cerrito.org/OhloneASP
» Yvetteh Ortiz yortiz@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us 510-215-4382
» Thank You!
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