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

- Plaza BART Station
- El Cerrito Plaza Shopping Center
- Cerrito Theater

Diagram shows the project limits with streets such as Lincoln Ave, Willow St, K St, and others.
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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