Solano Avenue Complete Streets and Corridor Revitalization Plan

Traffic & Safety Commission – September 27, 2018
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Draft Project Goals

- Improve Safety for all users
- Enhance access to transit
- Provide a cohesive streetscape
- Support local economic activity
Existing Conditions Cross Section

- Sidewalk 6’ - 10’ + curb extensions
- Pull-in angle parking 9’ - 10’ (striped)
- Travel lane 20’
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- Sidewalk 6’ - 10’ + curb extensions

60’ PAVED WIDTH
80’ RIGHT-OF-WAY
Proposed Mid-Block Cross Section

- Sidewalk: 6'-10'
- Pull-in angle parking with valley gutter: 15' min
- Travel lane: 15'
- Travel lane: 15'
- Pull-in angle parking with valley gutter: 15' min
- Sidewalk: 6'-10'

60' Paved Width

80' Right-of-Way
Designing Solano's Streetscape

Many elements combine to create vibrant, welcoming streetscapes, as seen below. How will these elements look and feel for Solano? What are the best solutions and most exciting ideas? Stick a dot sticker below your favorite ones here, or leave a comment with a post-it!

**Bus Stops**

Bus stops should offer covered, protected, and aesthetically pleasing spaces while providing visibility to public transit access. They can also contribute to community building and supporting local businesses. Regular seating allows a comfortable experience that can even help shape the identity of a place.

**Design Considerations:** varying for all activities, shelter from wind and rain, prime access for people using wheelchairs.

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**Public Art/Murals**

Public art is crucial to create Solano's character and identity. When community members are invited to participate, murals can become a central location and focal point of the community, or ways to show local pride. Public art is transient and might be designed over the years, or it can become permanent.

**Design Considerations:** eco-friendly paint, designed to promote local artists, local culture.

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**Bike Racks**

Solano has been implementing colorful bike racks. These bike racks are not only functional, but they can also enhance the urban character and identity of the place. They can be used to create a sense of community and encourage cycling.

**Design Considerations:** integrating bike racks with existing infrastructure, adding visual interest, maintaining tie-ins to local businesses.

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Solano at Key Route Boulevard

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- **Site Furnishings**
  
  Creating a walkable street improves livability, safety, and local business. But walkability starts with offering places for people to stop and enjoy the destination. Street furniture offers spots to rest, eat, meet up, or even charge technology. These needs can be met in fun ways to create welcoming environments for both individuals and groups.

  **Design Considerations:** variety of seating types, functional and functional benches, integrated plants/hedge arrangements to facilitate use by groups.

- **Paving**
  
  Paving changes, adding texture and color, alter the overall sense of pedestrian places, such as transitions from sidewalk to plaza or walking area to sitting area. Or use curbsless street design; paving can even demarcate bicycle and vehicular zones, all while giving the sense that the entire space is “shared” and pedestrian-friendly.

  **Design Considerations:** accessibility, drainage and permeable pavers, slip-resistance, movement over time, local materials, durability.

- **Street Trees and Plantings**
  
  Trees and plants of all shapes and sizes thrive in the Bay Area. Well-placed combinations provide a balance of light and shade while adding urban Interest and natural drainage. With thoughtful species selection, such welcoming natural elements can also be implemented with resilience for drought.

  **Design Considerations:** local plants, multi-story, space trees 2.5-3 ft D.C., suspended pavement system for tree roots.
Solano at Tacoma Avenue

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- **Branding & Sense of Place**
  Solano already has several beloved, well-recognized nodes. In "Super" and "Pearl" Solano, deep history holds a "Central Solano" in "Heart of Solano" tone.
  **Consideration:** Incorporate memorable urban design elements (e.g., lighting).

- **Rain Gardens**
  Rain gardens filter pollutants and help to reduce the amount of polluted water runoff.
  **Consideration:** Design "kneecaps" that integrate green roofs, rain gardens, and permeable pavement, creating a coherent network of green areas throughout the streetscape.

- **Lighting**
  Lighting is important for security and pedestrian safety. Well-designed lighting especially helps to illuminate walkways, streets, and surrounding areas, enhancing the streetscape's aesthetic appeal.
  **Consideration:** Incorporate warm, inviting lighting elements such as bollard lights, tree lights, and decorative street lamps.

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Bulb Out at Pomona
Displays at Flowerland
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