

Downtown Vibrancy Plan: Main Streetscape Project Update

Recommend:

There is no recommended motion. The Traffic and Transportation Commission is requested to receive a project update on the Main Street Streetscape Project and provide comments.



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Executive Summary

- Public Works has been working to develop construction documents for the Main Street project.
- A landscape architect recently joined the Main Street team to assist in the “place making” of the design.
- Recommendations from the landscape architect are being incorporated into the design
- A community meeting is planned for November 15th to review updated plans and discuss next steps

Background

2015

- Downtown Vibrancy Plan

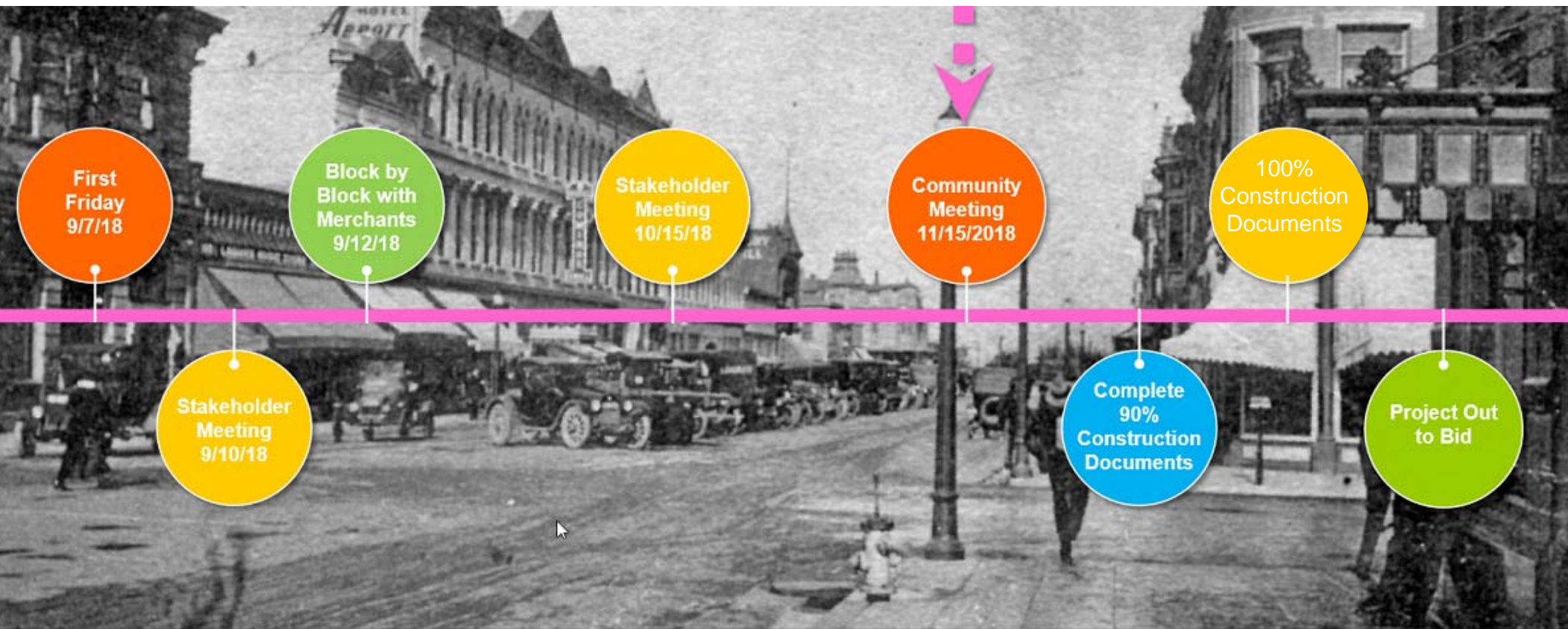
2017

- Main Street Master Plan

2018

- Main Street Streetscape Project

Background



Existing Trees

What we heard

- Some residents recognized inappropriate existing species in sidewalks
- The tree canopies need to be trimmed to allow for more sunlight
- Some of the existing trees should be retained

What we propose

- Consider retaining trees that are feasible
- Review tree #s 9, 12, 20, 28, 40, 43, 62, 68

Proposed Trees

What we heard

- Residents want to maintain visibility to businesses and signage

What we propose

- Consider eliminating clusters of trees on the corners to keep open for pedestrian circulation and vistas
- Consider replacing proposed western redbuds with a small to mid-size tree with taller branching so that the trees don't block signage or impede the flow of pedestrian traffic
- Consider different species than Valley Oak for larger canopy street tree

Planting

What we heard

- Residents like lush and colorful planting. Some like the existing raised planters, and the hanging baskets, but the planting needs to be fuller and more lush.
- Planting should reflect the agriculture in Salinas Valley

What we propose

- Consider designing larger tree planters to accommodate additional planting
- Add more diversity and color to the plant palette
- Consider locating hanging baskets at strategic locations to reduce the overall maintenance
- Coordinate pot selection and plant palette with the merchants

Waste Receptacles

What we heard

- Residents like the art on the existing receptacles
- There are currently not enough waste receptacles
- The waste receptacles are often dirty and need to be cleaned more often

What we propose

- Use the existing receptacle with artwork
- Keep the proposed locations
- Recommend additional cleaning by maintenance crew

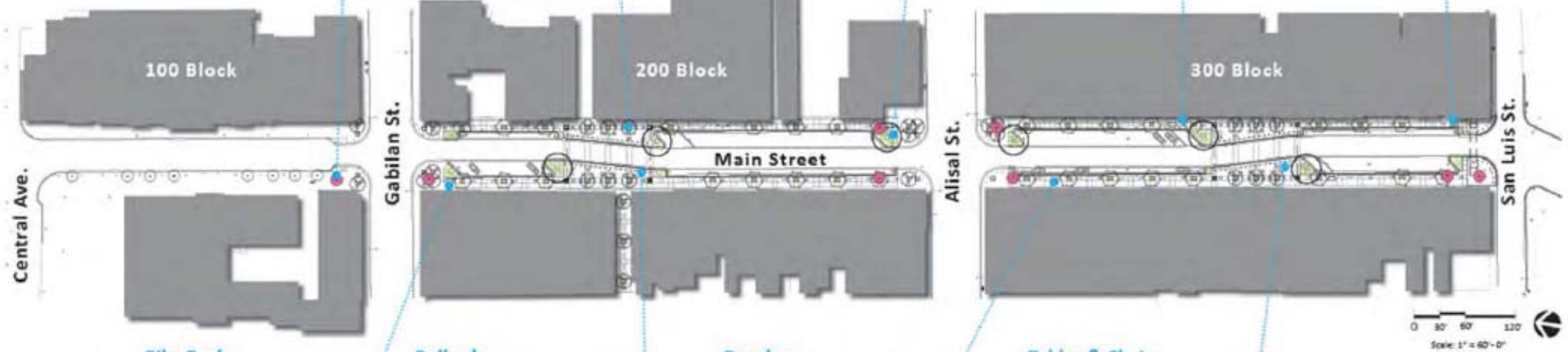
Other Amenities

What we heard

- Residents would like dog friendly amenities
- Free Wi-Fi and power outlets would be a nice addition

What we propose

- Consider adding a dog water fountain and waste bag dispensers
- Install infrastructure to have Wi-Fi and power



Bike Racks

What we heard

- Residents would like the bike racks to be located near businesses for convenience
- Residents didn't like the proposed bike rack style

What we propose

- Consider adding bike parking to the middle of the block
- Consider an alternate bike rack

Bollards

What we heard

- Not mentioned in discussions

What we propose

- Consider re-design of mid-block crossing to eliminate need for row of bollards. Potential to use site furnishings and planters to create a safe edge from street
- Explore bollard design to reference unique feature to downtown Salinas

Benches

What we heard

- Residents are concerned about homeless loitering
- Residents would like the style of the benches to reflect the old-town character

What we propose

- Consider grouping benches near gathering spaces
- Reduce overall quantity and focus on intentional placement
- Specify backed bench with center armrest

Tables & Chairs

What we heard

- Residents are concerned about homeless loitering
- Residents are wondering who will maintain and secure the furniture
- There is a desire for tabletop activities/games

What we propose

- Suggest a mix of fixed and movable tables and chairs (to be locked together at night)
- Include table games on the fixed furniture



Discussion

Mid Block Crossings - Trees

What is in 60% Plan



Small canopy tree - *Cercis occidentalis* (Western Redbud)

What we propose



Small canopy tree - *Lagerstroemia* Sp. (Crape Myrtle)



What is in 60% Plan



Large canopy tree - *Quercus lobata* (Valley Oak)

What we propose



Large canopy tree - *Koelreuteria bipinnata* (Chinese Flame Tree)



Mid Blocks - Trees

What is in 60% Plan

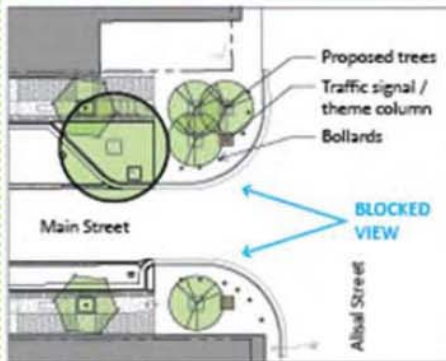


Pyrus calleryana (Callery Pear)

Discussion

Intersections

What is in 60% Plan



Site Diagram - Screened view

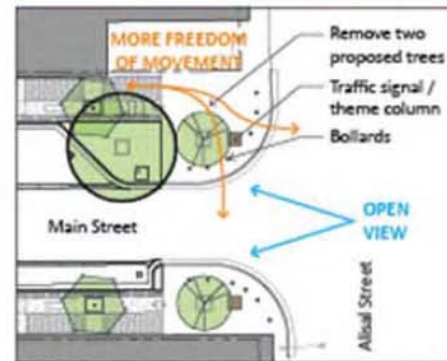


Blocked view



Landscape Forma BiciInea Bike Rack

What we propose



Site Diagram - Open view corridor



Open view corridor



Landscape Forma Loop Bike Rack

Discussion

Mid Blocks

What is in 60% Plan



Victor Stanley dual stream



Victor Stanley backless bench



What we propose



Artistic receptacle with artwork



Forms + Surfaces This Bench with center arm rest



CEQA Consideration

The proposed action to select a concept for traffic control at the subject intersections is **not a project** as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).



Strategic Plan Initiative

The Main Street Improvements Project is an implementation of the Downtown Vibrancy Plan, an objective of the City's Strategic Plan. At the approval of the Downtown Vibrancy Plan, stakeholders deemed it important that the City implement the Downtown Vibrancy Plan.



Fiscal and Sustainability Impact

Fiscal Summary:

- The adopted budget for the Main St Streetscape project design phase was \$1.1 million. Kimley-Horn was hired with a contract not to exceed \$904,750.
- The additional services by JLJA that provide feedback on landscaping and public amenities is approximately \$40,000.

COMMUNITY MEETING

MAIN STREET

STREETSCAPE

PROJECT



Come learn about project updates and schedule for your downtown.

THURSDAY
NOVEMBER
15
5:30PM

City Staff invites you to hear presentations from project consultants and City staff. Presentations will include a project update on the Main Street Plans from Joni Janeki and Associates. City staff will also provide a presentation with a overview of the anticipated sequence of construction activities. Please join us!



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100 Howard Street
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Learn more at <https://www.cityofsalinas.org/main-street-master-plan>