

# UNDERCROSSING IMPROVEMENTS Project Updates



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**BACKGROUND**



# Project Locations & Scope

## This project will improve four undercrossings:

- 7th Street under I-980
- Martin Luther King Jr. Way under I-880
- Washington Street under I-880
- Broadway under I-880

## The scope includes:

- Lighting
- Wayfinding
- Placemaking



# How We Gathered Feedback

Through a combination of meetings, presentations to boards and commissions, in-person events, and online engagement, stakeholders provided **777 feedback comments** and cast **2,509 votes in board activities.**





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# **KEY TAKEAWAYS & DESIGN DIRECTION**

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## Lighting

- Resilient and easy to maintain
- Consider individuals with sensory sensitivities and limited vision
- Colorful lights and warm tones.
- Static lighting over interactive lighting.

## Wayfinding

- Directional signage should be simple and not have too much text

# Key Takeaways & Design Direction

## **Placemaking**

- Functional and easy to maintain
- Bold colors
- Clear sidewalks
- See-through fencing (where feasible)
- No hostile infrastructure.
- Each undercrossing should be distinct from the rest.

## **Community engagement**

- Project team will explore ways to conduct outreach to people who are sheltering at or near the undercrossings.
- Project team will continue community engagement. They will also focus on reaching youth and families.



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DESIGNS**



# 7th Street under I-980: Columns

## Option A

Music notes to represent the history of Black jazz



## Option B

Black liberation history and adding the words "West Oakland"



# MLK Jr. Way under I-880: Columns

## Option A

Add tiles that are different shades of one color



## Option B

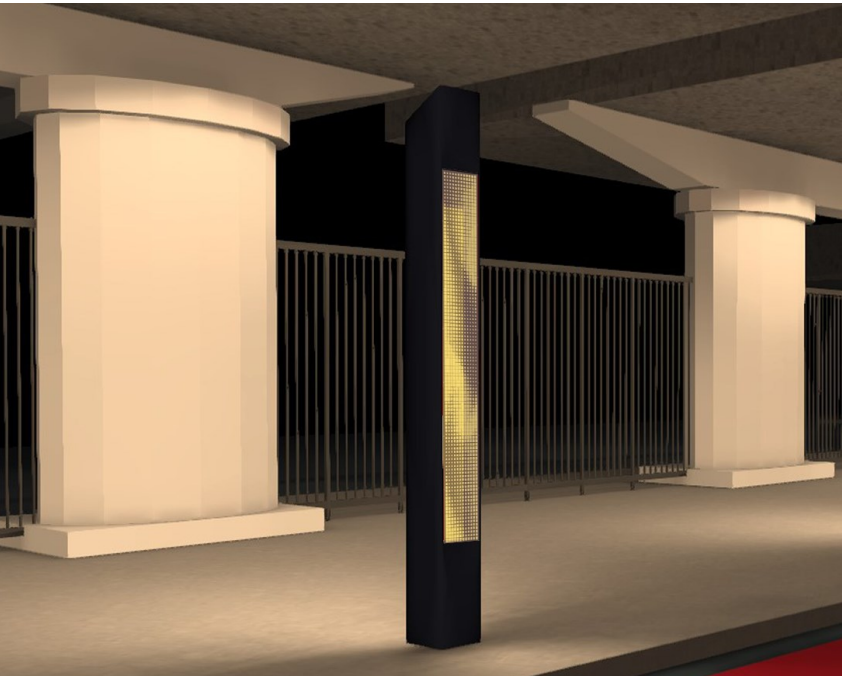
Paint the upper half of each column





# Broadway under I-880: Lights on columns

**Option A**



**White lights on columns**

**Option B**



**Colorful lights on columns**

**Option C**



**Projected patterns on columns**

# Broadway under I-880: Sidewalk bollards

**Option A** No bollards on the sidewalk

**Option B**



**Bollards placed at intersection corners only**

**Option C**



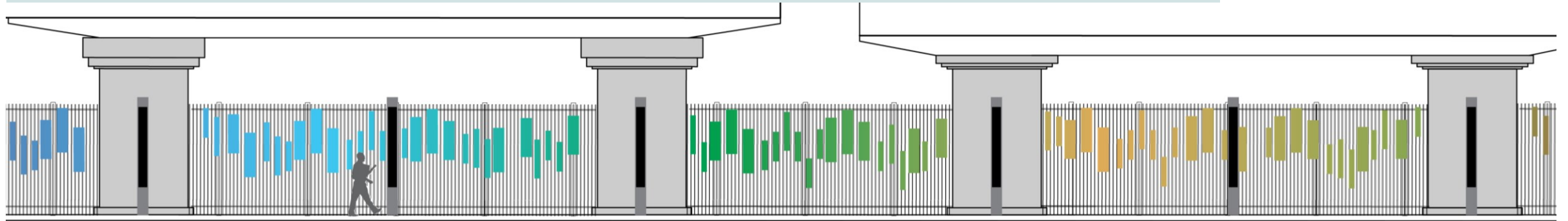
**Bollards placed along the full sidewalk edge in a wave design**



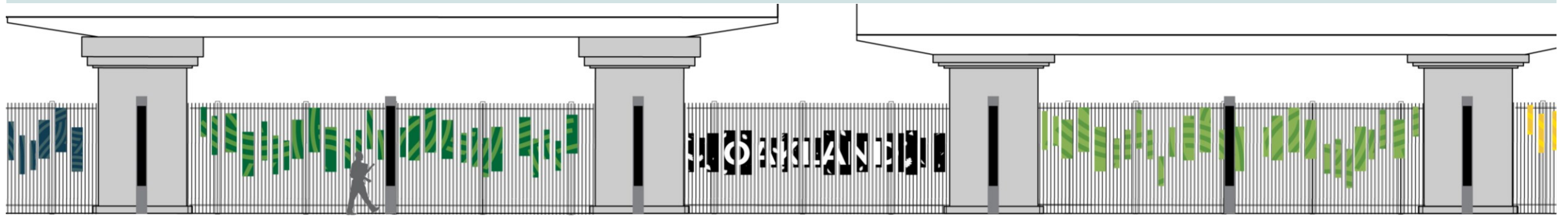
# Broadway under I-880: Fencing

Option A: Plain, undecorated fence

Option B: Fence with panels that are solid colors



Option C: Fence with panels that are patterned including the word “Oakland”



# Broadway under I-880: Wayfinding

## Option A

**Neighborhood icons**



CHINATOWN  
中国城

## Option B

**Neighborhood  
names in more than  
one language**



JACK  
LONDON



# Washington St under I-880: Painted pedestrian space

## Option A

Painted solid color on both sides



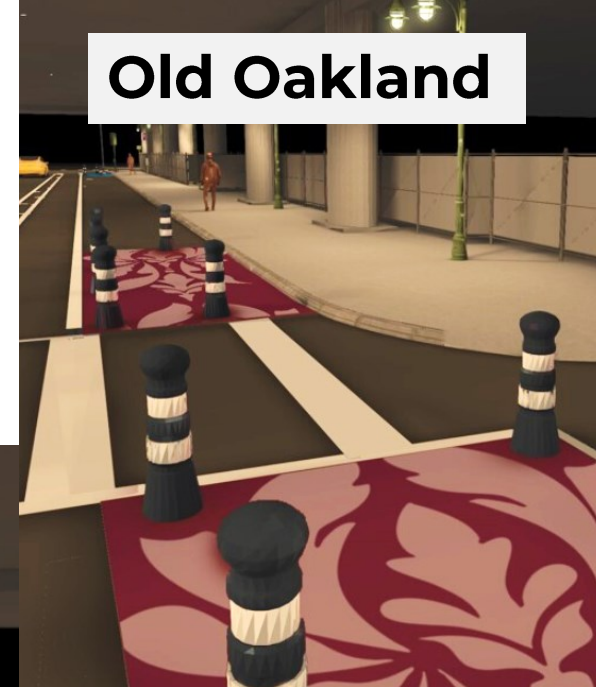
## Option B

Painted patterns that represent Jack London and Old Oakland neighborhoods on each side



Jack London

Old Oakland



# Additional Feedback

**Do you have additional feedback about the design options for the undercrossings?**

- Broadway
- Washington Street
- MLK Jr. Way
- 7th Street



# Contact Information & Resources

## Contact

[mpd@oaklandca.gov](mailto:mpd@oaklandca.gov)

## Project Webpage

[www.oaklandca.gov/Undercrossings](http://www.oaklandca.gov/Undercrossings)

## Major Projects Division Webpage

[www.oaklandca.gov/MPD](http://www.oaklandca.gov/MPD)

## Additional Links

- [Engagement Summary \(Fall/Winter 2024\)](#)
- [Undercrossing Improvements – Engagement Activity Boards \(Fall/Winter 2024\)](#)



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