

Oakland Department of Transportation – Major Projects Division

Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

June 12, 2025, meeting agenda

Outcomes

- CAC members learn about updates to the Embarcadero West Rail Safety and Access Improvements project
- CAC members learn more about the Broadway Streetscape Improvements and Martin Luther King Jr. Way Streetscape Improvements projects finalization and upcoming engagement ahead of their construction
- CAC members learn more about the Undercrossing Improvements design development and provide feedback on preferences for improvements
- CAC members celebrate and reflect on one year with the cohort

Agenda

Time	Agenda Item	Duration	Lead
4:40pm	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next CAC Office Hours - June 17th• CAC Meeting Questionnaire• Invoicing	10 minutes	360 -Lula
4:50pm	Embarcadero West Rail Safety and Access Improvements project <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project updates• Next Steps	15 minutes	OakDOT – Acacia
5:05pm	Construction is Coming! <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project updates for the Broadway Streetscape Improvements and Martin Luther King Jr. Way Streetscape Improvements projects• Next Steps	15 minutes	OakDOT – Ruth/Audrey
5:20pm	5-minute break		
5:25pm	Undercrossing Improvements project <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recap recent engagement• Design options overview• Request to share the survey	30 minutes	OakDOT – Ruth/Celina
5:55pm	Community Announcements	5 minutes	360 - Lula
6:00pm	1 Year Celebration!	30 minutes	All





Embarcadero West

Rail Safety and Access Improvements



EXISTING clockwise from top left Embarcadero West at Washington St, Clay St, and Webster St

Project Goals & Opportunity

Project Goals

- Significantly **increase railroad crossing safety** for all users on Embarcadero West
- Improve **reliability for freight and passenger rail** operations
- **Enhance access and connections** to the Jack London District and Waterfront

Opportunity

- Leverage available funding to deliver a once-in-a-century project



Embarcadero West at Franklin St



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Project Scope



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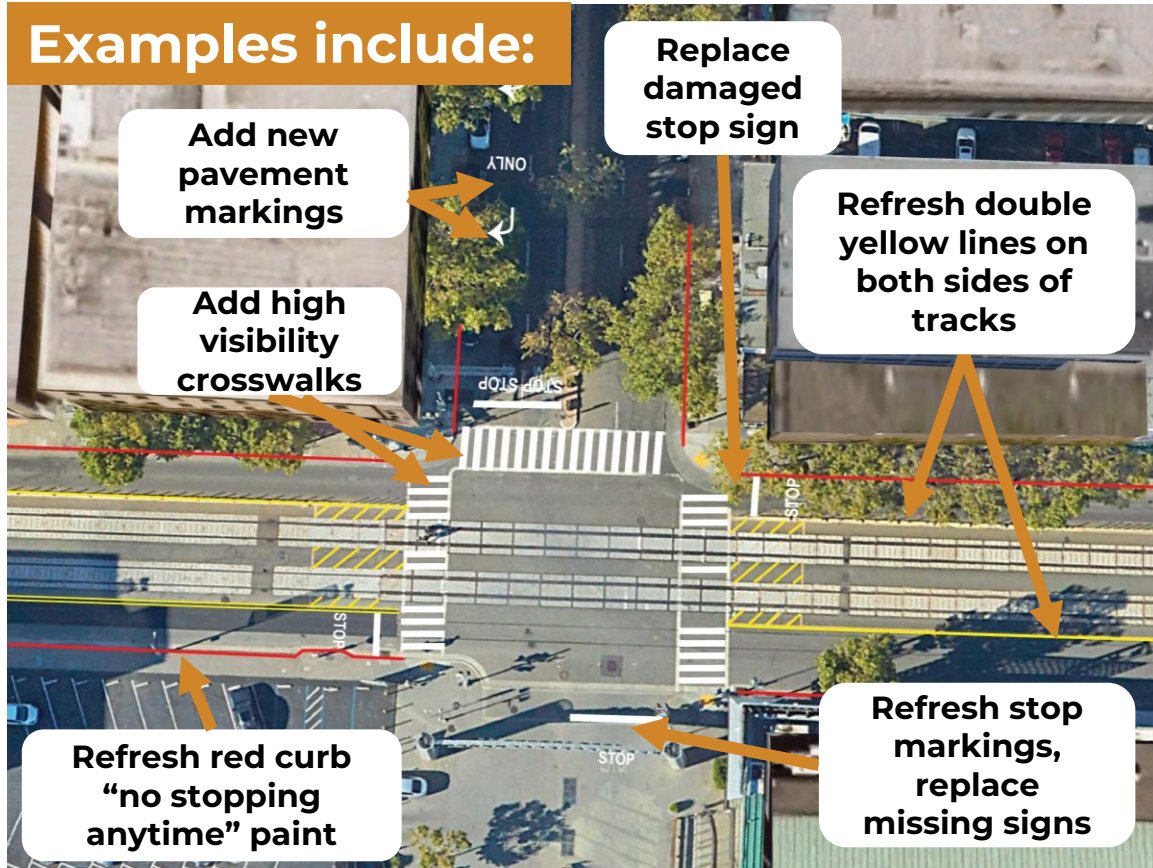
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Work Planned for 2025

Deliver safety improvements in 2025 ahead of capital work

Examples include:



Embarcadero West at Broadway



- Replace missing or damaged signs
- Refresh or add missing street markings
- Extend Washington St bike lanes from 2nd St to Embarcadero West
- Refresh curb zone paint
- Install new stop signs at 2nd St intersections



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Status - Intermediate Design (65%)

Improve overweight vehicle railroad at-grade crossing to heavyweight standards

- Safely accommodate Port access for overweight trucks
- Establish new temporary overweight route
- Eliminate current reroute on 7th Street sooner than earthquake-resistant bridge redevelopment
- Not intended for public access

More information: [Oakland Heavy Container Program](https://www.oaklandca.gov/EmbarcaderoWest)



Overweight Vehicles Since 1993:

- Require permits from City and Port
- Must use designated overweight routes
- Cannot travel on Caltrans highways

Since 2021:

- Have been temporarily rerouted through West Oakland on 7th Street



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Status - Intermediate Design (65%)

Update Market Street railroad at-grade crossing to improve safety and rail operations, including:

- Modernized railroad crossing gate arms for pedestrians and drivers
- High-visibility crosswalks
- Intersection safety lighting
- Intersection re-designed to accommodate large truck turns safely



Existing Embarcadero West at Market St



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Status - Intermediate Design (65%)

Update Oak Street railroad at-grade crossing to improve safety and rail operations, including:

- Modernized railroad crossing gate arms for pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers
- High-visibility crosswalks
- Intersection safety lighting
- New traffic signal timed to match approaching trains
- Protected bike lane crossing and bike network connections



*Example
Pedestrian
railroad
at-grade
crossing gate*



Bike Network



Embarcadero West Rail Safety Access:
Bike connections to Bay Trail, Water St, and OAAP protected bike lanes

Oakland Alameda Access Project (OAAP):
Bike connections to Lake Merritt BART on Oak St and 6th St

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Next Steps

Fall 2025

- Safety improvements installed – markings, signage, new stop signs
- Additional project updates

Early 2026 Overweight Vehicle Corridor, Market St, Oak St designs finalized

Late 2026

- Jack London Square Commercial Corridor designs finalized
- Construction schedule announced

2027 Construction expected to begin

Late 2029 Construction concludes

Project Information



Project information and updates will be available at
www.oaklandca.gov/EmbarcaderoWest

For more information, please email **MPD@oaklandca.gov**



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Broadway and MLK Jr. Way Streetscape Improvements

2025 UPDATE

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MLK Jr. Way - Final Project Scope

Rendering of MLK Jr. Way
at 10th Street



- Two-way cycle track
- New street trees, benches, bike parking, and pedestrian lighting
- Upgraded traffic signals and new bike signals
- New ADA curb ramps, bulb-outs, and high-visibility crosswalks
- Wayfinding signage

Broadway - Final Project Scope



Rendering of Broadway at 9th Street

- Bus-only lanes and Transit Signal Priority
- New bus shelters with seating, lighting, and trash cans
- New ADA curb ramps, bulb-outs, high-visibility crosswalks, and upgraded sidewalk
- New street trees, benches, bike parking, and lighting
- Upgraded traffic signals
- Wayfinding signage

Next Steps

- **Summer/Fall 2025:**
 - Advertise the opportunity to bid on construction.
 - Conduct pre-construction outreach to inform stakeholders of upcoming construction timeline.
- **Early 2026:** Construction anticipated to begin



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Proposed Outreach

- Notification letters
- Sidewalk stickers
- Posters at bus stops
- Email updates
- Social media posts
- Newspaper ads
- KTOP ads
- IKE Kiosk ads
- Virtual forums
- Business outreach
- Engagement with people experiencing homelessness



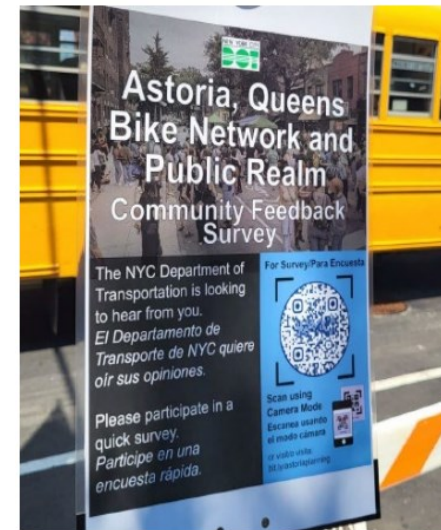
Social media



Business outreach



Sidewalk sticker



Poster at bus stop



Newspaper ad

Contact Info & Webpages

Contact

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Project Webpages

www.oaklandca.gov/mlk

www.oaklandca.gov/Broadway

Major Projects Division Webpage

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UNDERCROSSING IMPROVEMENTS Project Updates



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BACKGROUND

RECAP: 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



Project Timeline

2024

**Evaluate
Previous
Planning and
Engagement**

2025

**Project
Kick
Off**

Engagement & Design



WE ARE HERE

2026

**Final
Designs**

2027

**Begin
construction**

2028

RECAP: Top Themes from Previous Engagement



Lighting improvements should be functional, enhance safety, and be easy to maintain.



People had concerns about personal safety and traffic safety when traveling through the undercrossings.



There's strong interest in art and creating vibrant spaces that represents Oakland's history and culture.



There was support for adding bright, bold colors. There were suggestions to use color on the ceilings, columns, and walkways to brighten the undercrossings.



Maintenance was a concern. Undercrossings should be clean, and trash should be removed regularly. New improvements should be easy to maintain.



RECENT ENGAGEMENT

Ways We've Gathered Feedback on Designs

Meetings and Presentations

- Oakland Youth Commission
- Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities
- Oakland Chinatown Improvement Council
- Brian McGhee (McClymonds High School)
- Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission
- Jack London Improvement District
- 7th Street Thrives
- Oak Center Neighborhood Association
- 8 Orchids
- Oaklandish

Upcoming Meetings and Presentation

- Oakland Commission on Homelessness

Project Survey

- Available in English, Chinese, and Spanish

Corridor Walk

- Visited businesses on 7th and MLK corridors



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**SHARE YOUR
THOUGHTS ON
DESIGNS**

7th Street under I-980: Columns

Option A

Music notes to
represent the history
of Black jazz/blues



Option B

Black liberation history
and adding the words
"West Oakland"



7th Street under I-980: Columns

Focus question

**Do these options resonate with you?
Do they reflect the history of West
Oakland? Why or why not?**

- The consultants developed these two options in response to feedback to reflect Oakland history in the design and to add more color where possible
- Trying to make the space feel unique without veering into the Caltrans definition of "Transportation Art"



Option A



Option B

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



MLK Jr. Way under I-880: Columns

Focus question

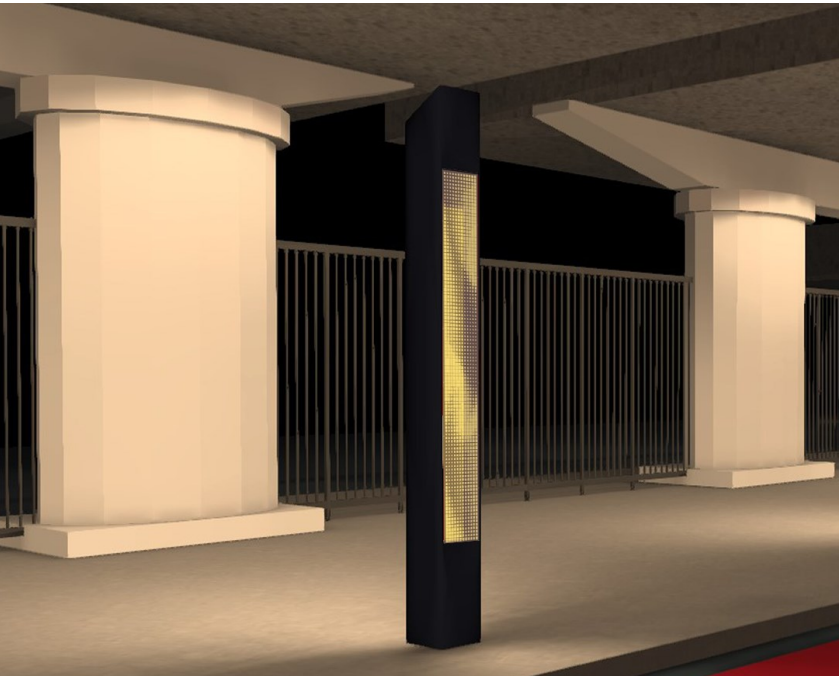
What are your thoughts on these two options for MLK under I-880?

- The consultants developed these two options in response to feedback to add more color, add colorful lights, and incorporate imagery that reflects Oakland
- Trying to make the space feel unique without veering into the Caltrans definition of "Transportation Art"



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: Lights on columns

Focus Question

What are your thoughts on the trade-offs for including projected patterns?

- Including patterns adds to specific sense of place. Requests have included designs that are representative of Chinatown.
- Project is limited to using generic clip art. Can we achieve authentic representation with generic imagery?

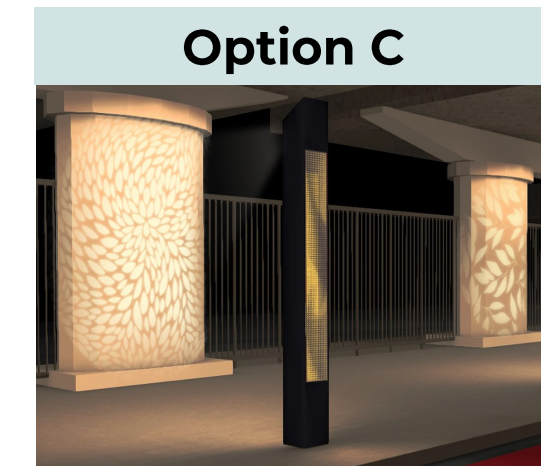
**White
lights**



**Colorful
lights**



Patterns



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

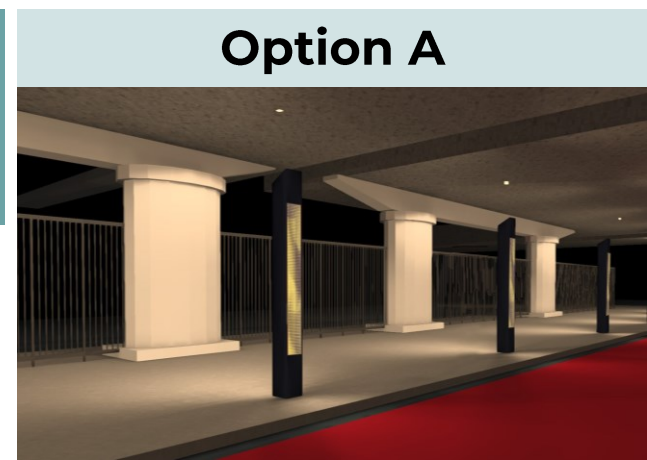
Broadway under I-880: Sidewalk bollards

Focus Question

What are your thoughts on the trade-offs for including bollards?

- Including bollards increase maintenance burden
- Including bollards provides sense of safety for some

**No
bollards**



Option B

**Corners
only**



Option C

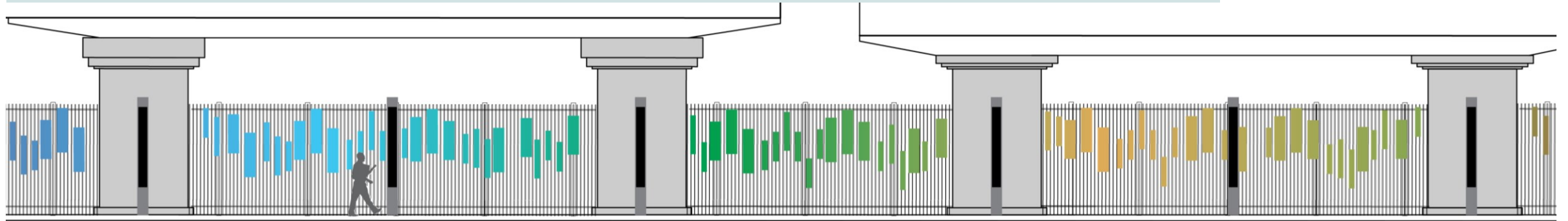
**Full
sidewalk
edge**



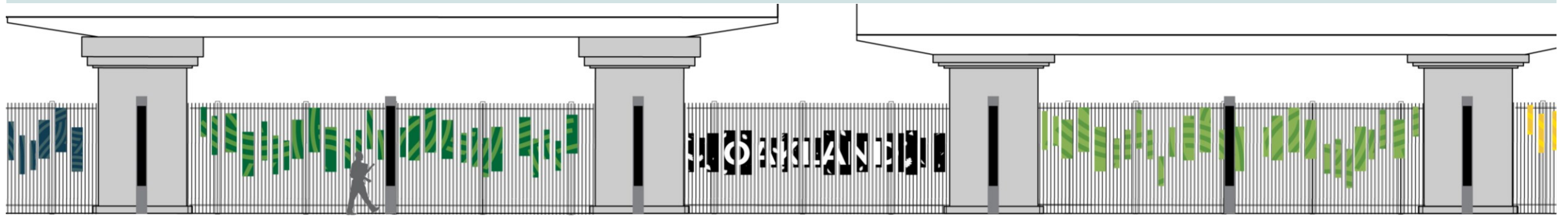
Broadway under I-880: Fencing

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



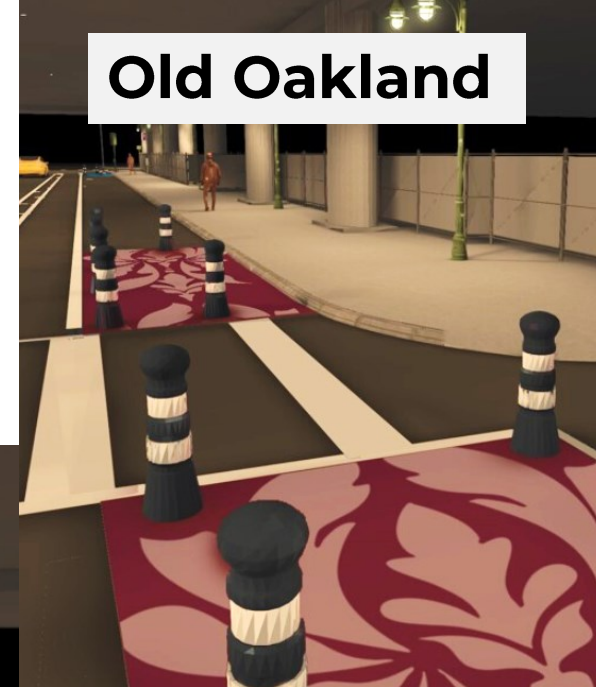
Option B

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



Jack London

Old Oakland



Contact Information & Resources

Contact

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Project Webpage

www.oaklandca.gov/Undercrossings

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Additional Links

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



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CAC Cohort Two: 1 YEAR CELEBRATION

- Celebrate achievements of CAC Cohort 2.
- Marking one year of successful collaboration.
- Recognize and appreciate the group's valuable contributions.
- Highlight key milestones from the past year.



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Year In Review



of CAC Meetings Held
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of CAC Office Hours
3



of CAC Field Trips
2



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Looking Ahead



Upcoming CAC meetings scheduled for:

- September 11, 2025 at 4:30PM
- December 11, 2025 at 4:30PM
- March 12, 2026 at 4:30PM
- June 11, 2026 at 4:30PM



Upcoming virtual office hour:

- June 17th at 12PM



We will continue to provide opportunities to offer feedback on designs, engagement strategies, and implementation plans.



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Let's Toast!

Cheers!

*To continued
impact, community
voice, and
collaboration!*
Thank you



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