



Downtown Streets & Open Space Improvement Plan Subcommittee

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AGENDA

Downtown Streets & Open Space Improvement Plan Subcommittee – Meeting #1 Monday, March 8, 2010, from 6 to 10 pm

North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue, Berkeley, California

6:00 Welcome & Introductions

6:15 Presentation of Process, Alternative Design Concepts & "Open House" Comments
Staff will provide an overview, followed by Subcommittee questions. New design concepts have been developed in response to comments heard at February's Open House. Procedural issues may be discussed.

6:45 Public Comment

Speakers are customarily allotted 2-3 minutes each, depending on the number of speakers. Speakers are encouraged to submit comments in writing.

7:15 Goals & Key Issues

Staff will present a set of draft Goals, after which each Subcommittee member will have an opportunity to describe one or two issues of critical importance.

7:45 Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

The Subcommittee will elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to serve as described in the Commissioners Manual. Procedural issues may be discussed.

8:00 Input on Alternative Design Concepts for SOSIP Cost Estimating

Downtown subareas have been identified for major improvements. For each subarea, the Subcommittee will provide input on which alternative should be used to estimate "ballpark" costs. Cost estimates will inform a financing strategy that will be presented in May or June. The Subcommittee may reconsider and will refine design preferences later in the SOSIP process. Consideration of the "mid-Shattuck" subarea will not occur at this meeting, so that it follows City Council discussion on Bus Rapid Transit (expected on March 23).

10:00 Adjourn

Attachments in Subcommittee agenda packet and available at www.cityofberkeley.info/sosip:

Staff Report

Goals & Alternative Design Concepts (including new concepts for lower Shattuck and Civic Center Park).

Comments from SOSIP Open House and by email (organized by subarea).

Communication from EcoCity Builders on Center Street Plaza design.

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