

College Area Community Planning Board (CACPB)

Community Plan Update Committee

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Key Takeaways – Streetscape Concepts

- Look at the El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Association plan for BLVD 2020. Many aims of this plan dovetails with what goals are for College CPU. La Mesa redevelopment and mobility improvements are good examples too.
 - BID: Vision of the future – campaign called “locate here.”
- Proposal in 4/5 concepts is to trade on-street parking for bike lanes. Seems in business district, we don’t necessarily want to get rid of parking, but instead should look at getting rid of one lane of traffic on both sides.
 - Alternative: 3 lanes on ECB that doesn’t take away significant parking.
 - Montezuma should be two lanes with serious linear park design.
- Ped and bike sharing parkway on Montezuma – it is important that multifunctional aspect of Montezuma Road does not occur until East of 55th Street. It is important to demarcate the different modes as well. Bollard and physical separation on streets with multiple driveways create more problems than it solves.
 - College near Montezuma – no room for bikes.
- Concept of Mohawk is similar to what was done on Mead (W of Fairmount and goes through Normal Heights). Great concept, but note that cyclists traveling on to 70th street will need to be experienced or bike infrastructure will need to be improved.
- 80% of what the community is looking for here. Would like to see trees spaced close enough to create a shady-tunnel effect. Include distinctive lighting for the community – shortage of lighting. Montezuma is very dark at night and creates safety hazards.
 - Lighting SDSU placed on Montezuma (E of College) is a good example. Rolando Village is a good example.
 - Idea: lighting around the nodes as a distinctive characteristic that also creates gateways.
- Could address parking issues by time limits, meters, etc.
- Need to identify ways to keep shade-canopy trees watered and healthy.
- Folks will not give up their property for parkway on Montezuma – parkway would need to come with redevelopment requirements.
- Signing and screening requirements should make it into this new plan. 17 billboards on ECB in College Area. They create a highway feeling.
- Single family homes areas – this is far too much area for possible redevelopment. Single family neighborhoods need parks, sidewalks. Need to have transitions into the neighborhoods. Community supports protecting integrity of single family neighborhoods with higher density development along corridors and transitions to single family.