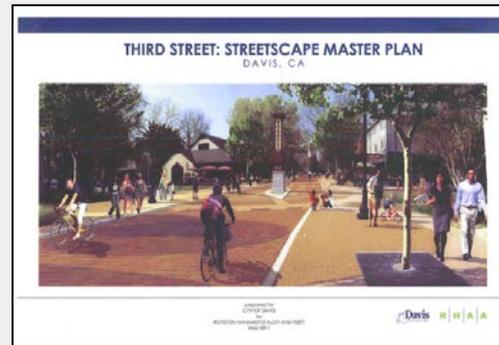




Third Street Improvements

City of Davis

Community-Based Transportation Planning
FY 10-11 Grant Cycle
District 3
Grant Award Amount: \$39,900



Project Summary:

The intent of the Third Street Improvements Streetscape Design Concept Plan was to improve the safety, function, aesthetics, and sustainability of the area. The Plan led to the city's overall goal of establishing a signature gateway connection between downtown Davis and the University of California, Davis. Community engagement focused on improving safety and access for bicycles and pedestrians, supporting local businesses, and employing green infrastructure to address localized flooding. The transformation of this streetscape will contribute to sustainable urbanism that embodies the spirit of the Davis community.

Community Outreach

- Stakeholder interviews included property owners, residents, UC Davis staff and students, Davis Downtown Business Association, bicycle advocacy groups, and the City of Davis
- Held three community workshops to help develop the design concept.
- Established a Project Oversight Group of key stakeholders to review deliverables prior to workshops and generate stakeholder "buy-in."
- Collaborated with the Planning Commission, Parking and Safety Advisory Commission, and Bicycle Advisory Commission, and ADA subcommittee to the Social Services Commission.

Project Outcome

- Created a design concept and plan to improve conditions for pedestrians and bicyclist.
- Spurred community interest for the project area.
- Created a vision to improve the area and create a gateway linking the university and the city.
- Plan incorporated sustainability concepts in the Plan:
 - Permeable pavers in sidewalk and street to improve storm-water quality, urban greening, preservation of mature street trees, sustainable construction materials, dual-phase LED lighting, and a "Davis Needle" obelisk constructed out of children's bicycle frames.

Successes & Next Steps

- The grant was completed 1-year early.
- The City has secured capital improvement funding such as Pacific Gas and Electric Rule 20A and SACOG Community Design grant funds.
- Local funding includes Development Impact Fees, Utility Enterprise Funds, and a Community Development Block Grant.
- The City has completed the engineering phase after completing the Plan.
- Anticipated construction date to begin in 2015.