

## City of Albany

Community-Based Transportation Planning  
FY 11-12 Grant Cycle  
District 4  
Grant Award Amount: \$128,600



### Project Summary:

The city of Albany and the Local Government Commission will conduct a participatory planning process to ensure that two main streets in Albany, San Pablo Avenue and Buchanan Street, support all modes of transportation and all users of the street in an equitable fashion by promoting the local economy, creating community nodes, reducing our carbon footprint all while increasing safety.

### Community Outreach

- A community Charette took place over the days of December 6<sup>th</sup> through December 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Includes in the Charette were a series of focus group meetings, presentations, and workshops with residents, businesses, community organizations and local government.
- A half-day community walk and design workshop was held on December 8<sup>th</sup> 2012.
- A final public presentation was held on December 12<sup>th</sup> 2012 where the design team presented draft site design recommendations and other visuals for residents to comment on.
- Banner at City Hall advertised the meetings.

### Project Outcome

- An active, defined, retail-oriented, mixed-use neighborhood district.
- Well-designed building facades and a mix of uses that help achieve a pedestrian-friendly environment.
- Appropriate transitions between public spaces such as sidewalks, and privately owned plazas, courtyards, and entries.

## Successes & Next Steps

- The residents were supportive of the original ideas presented and pointed out several additional issues to be considered.
- Will begin to seek funding for the project from a variety of sources including federal, state and local sources the most important being the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Alameda County Transportation Commission.
- Each community outreach event involved a different group of stakeholders (barring the community walk) to address the needs of every group using the road way individually.
- These individual opinions and suggestions were amalgamated to create the design plan.