



City of Santa Barbara

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Report on City Capital Improvement Projects

The City of Santa Barbara has undertaken the following capital improvement projects in the area near Santa Barbara City College.

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Loma Alta Hill Sidewalk Project

This capital project consisted of the construction of sidewalk and the installation of street lighting along Loma Alta Drive between Coronel and Canon Perdido Streets. The new sidewalk provides much improved pedestrian access from the Westside to City College along lighted sidewalks with good views of the City along historic Loma Alta Drive.

This Project was funded by \$1,123,976 in grant funds by the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), with a minor portion of City matching funds. The work was substantially completed by last summer.

Additional work was completed as part of this project, including road resurfacing prior to the re-opening of Loma Alta Drive, reconstruction of some sidewalk areas with new access ramps, and three new streetlights adjacent to McKinley School.

West Cabrillo Boulevard Sidewalk Improvement Project

The project goal was to improve the pedestrian linkage between Stearns Wharf and the Harbor area while integrating the West Beach Neighborhood into the beach front. Work included the following components:

- Replacing the sidewalk along the West Cabrillo Boulevard promenade between Stearns Wharf and Castillo Street;
- Adding brick crosswalks with pedestrian amenities, such as a pedestrian-activated signal at Ambassador Park;
- Installing new plazas with commissioned art pieces at Chapala Street, Ambassador Park, Bath Street, and Los Baños Pool to create areas of interest;
- Providing Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access to the multi-modal beach path.

New landscaping was included at some intersections and at the public art plazas to further enhance the pedestrian experience. A signage program was included to highlight areas of interest along the Waterfront and provide didactic information about the public art.

Cliff Drive Underground Utility Project

The Underground Utility Project (UUD Project) provides for the undergrounding of overhead wires and facilities that supply electric, communication, or similar services along Cliff Drive. The project extends along Cliff Drive from Fire Station No. 6 west to Mesa Lane, including ancillary portions of Lighthouse Road, Meigs Road, Camino

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Calma, and Flora Vista Drive. The UUD Project is funded through Southern California Edison utility rate fees.

The City funded improvements include installation of 12 replacement streetlights and 7 new streetlights, for a total of 19 new City owned and maintained streetlights along Cliff Drive, and the conversion of 2 high voltage streetlight circuits to conventional low voltage 120 volt circuits.

The project remains on schedule for completion in May 2011. Southern California Edison (SCE) contractor crews completed the installation of wiring for their new underground conduits. Verizon and Cox Communications will complete their conversion work this spring, prior to the utility poles being completely removed in the final phase of the project.