

## **ASHBY**

**PLANNING** BART and the City of Berkeley are working together to support the emerging Ashby Arts District surrounding the BART station. The Arts District has received a series of National Endowment for the Arts grants to promote the area's visual arts and performance venues.

BART's west parking lot has been the subject of economic feasibility and site analyses that grew from the 2002 City Council resolution that workforce housing be built in this location. Next steps for planning will be determined by policymakers in FY06. A preliminary station capacity analysis was completed in 2003.

**DEVELOPMENT** In October 1999, the BART Board of Directors authorized execution of an option agreement with the Ed Roberts Campus (ERC) for approximately one-third of BART's property on the east side of the Ashby BART Station. ERC plans to construct office space for each of their eight - member organizations, as well as common facilities for all members, and an improved entrance to the BART station. The option agreement affords ERC sufficient property control to conduct their fund-raising campaign. ERC has completed their environmental effort through the City of Berkeley; the BART Board of Directors must now be asked to also make a finding under CEQA.

**ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS** In 2004, the Berkeley City Council requested that BART charge for parking at the Ashby Station. In March 2005, the BART Board approved the institution of parking fees at stations which had sold 15% of the parking spaces at the stations for reserved parking, or where the local jurisdiction had requested that a daily parking fee be established. The daily parking fees have been or will be at ten East Bay stations, including the Ashby Station.

BART is also working cooperatively with City CarShare to establish "pods" at or near its BART stations. At the Ashby station, the City CarShare parking space is located in the parking lot.

The District is installing accessible fare gates to accommodate the access needs of customers in wheelchairs, bicyclists, and others with luggage.

**REINVESTMENT** This station was painted in 2003 and will have new energy efficient lighting fixtures and lamps installed inside the station in 2005. These projects are part of ongoing station renovation program activities. This station had upgraded replacement ADA-compliant platform edge tiles installed in early 2004.