

BERKELEY

PLANNING The City of Berkeley received an MTC TLC Planning Grant to revision and redesign the core of the Downtown's public space – from building face to building face – surrounding the Berkeley BART station. The study area includes Shattuck Square, the BART Station plazas, and Center Street, the major pedestrian corridor to the University of California. AC Transit staff will be partnering in the study, coordinating the Bus Rapid Transit project with this work. BART staff will be participating in right-of-way analysis, access mode analysis and public space design. This effort is scheduled for completion in 2006.

A Capacity Plan was completed in 2005 that defines a host of improvements for this high-ridership station.

The City of Berkeley has facilitated a large array of transit-oriented development in the immediate vicinity of the Downtown Berkeley BART station. Major projects (completed or under construction) include the Gaia Building (267 dwelling units per acre), the Bachenheimer Building (163 dwelling units per acre), other high-density residential projects, and the new Vista Community College. As a result of the University of California's Environmental Review process analyzing the impacts of UC's projected growth, the University and City are initiating a joint Downtown land use study. The University has also moved forward on plans for a downtown hotel, conference center, and art museum complex across from the BART rotunda. BART continues to support these initiatives to enhance transit access, create a safe and attractive public environment, and foster Downtown Berkeley's renaissance.

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS BART funds the operation of the Berkeley BikeStation. The BikeStation accommodates approximately 70 bicycles a day. BART is partnering with the City of Berkeley on an upgrade of the BikeStation, either at the concourse level or on the street level. BART and the City have applied for grant funding to expand the facility to provide additional bicycle parking spaces and have the capability for "self-serve" parking. A combination attended and self serve facility has been established at the Embarcadero Station, and provide greater flexibility. Bicyclists are allowed to access their bicycles at hours when the attendant is not present, which provides bicyclists greater flexibility when planning their schedules.

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

REINVESTMENT This station had new upgraded replacement ADA-compliant platform edge tiles installed in 2004.