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Van Ness Avenue improvements have brought the Civic Center area to life, from Market to McAllister Streets. Together with raised planters of blooming shrubs and new street trees, accented by decorative paving and ornamental metal rails—Van Ness Avenue Enhancement Project has enhanced the grand historic character of this important district.

## A COORDINATED EFFORT

DPW worked with a multitude of City arts organizations along Van Ness to minimize the impact of construction on their activities—from the War Memorial and Veterans Building, to the San Francisco Ballet, Opera, Symphony and Conservatory of Music, as well as City Arts and Lectures. Coordinating with other DPW Bureaus, the Bureau of Street Use and Mapping installed consolidated newspaper racks in two new locations along Van Ness in the Summer of 2007, reducing the amount of sidewalk clutter and adding to the aesthetic improvements.

## COMMUNITY PLANNING & STEWARDSHIP

Several stakeholder meetings were held from August 2005 to June 2006 to gain community input on the plan vision. DPW coordinated with the Transportation Authority’s Van Ness Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project, which proposed dedicated bus lanes, transit signal priority, pedestrian improvements, and transit platform improvements. DPW also collaborated with numerous other City agencies including the Mayor’s Office of Greening, City Real Estate, the Arts Commission, and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency. In addition, valuable input was received from neighborhood stakeholders, including Civic Center Commission, CSAA, Honda, Lighthouse for the Blind, and Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association, among others.

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

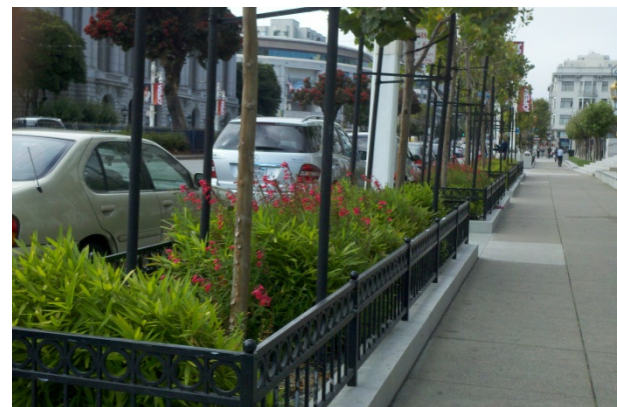
- Installed raised planters with ornamental metal railing
- Created a classic civic design that complements the existing architecture and enhances this historic district
- Honored the unique cultural resources in the area by promoting a more pleasant pedestrian experience
- Balanced the needs of all transportation users, from pedestrians to cars
- Improving the City’s environment by extending green space on our streets



*Raised planters with metal railing*



*New trees and landscaping*



*Ornamental railing*

Project Cost:  
\$1.4 Million

Project Team:  
Project Manager:  
Landscape Architects:

Kris Opbroek  
Martha Ketterer, John Dennis, Nick Ancel

Schedule:  
Construction Completed: September 2010