CESAR CHAVEZ STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Cesar Chavez Street is an important arterial in the Mission District that provides direct access to the Mission District from Highway 101. The purpose of the streetscape improvement project, which focuses on the segment between Guerrero Street and Hampshire Street, is to improve the safety, aesthetics, and infrastructure and transit efficiency of the corridor.

This project will also turn Cesar Chavez into a sustainable “green street” by increasing the number of street trees, implementing Low Impact Development & Design practices, and installing stormwater planters.

A COORDINATED EFFORT

A joint effort between the San Francisco Department of Public Works, Planning, Municipal Transportation Agency, and Public Utilities Commission, the project aims to address many issues affecting Cesar Chavez. Each department is working together to ensure that proper lighting, drainage, safety, and street vibrancy is promoted. The coordinated project will reinvent Cesar Chavez as a welcoming multi-modal roadway with increased transit efficiency, corridor greening, permanent bike lanes, and efficient lighting and sewage infrastructure.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Widening the center median and installing bulb-outs at intersections and mid-blocks.
- Install new energy-efficient LED street lighting.
- Install street furnishings such as trash cans and seating.
- Plant 302 new street trees.
- Improve street drainage and irrigation.
- Resurface and repave the roadway.
- Increase sewer reliability and minimize potential flooding.
- Installation of permanent bike lanes.
- Green the street with new landscaping and biofiltration planters.
- Construct public plazas that pay homage to the streets’ namestake; Cesar Chavez.

Total Project Cost: $11.6 Million
Project Team:
Project Manager: Cristina Olea
Project Lead: John Dennis

Schedule:
Construction Began: February 2013
Construction Completed: January 2014

Center median with street trees
Biofiltration planters collect rain and recharge the watershed
Sidewalk extensions increase transit efficiency