
Chinatown Action Plan Community Meeting #3

SUMMARY REPORT

September 15, 2016 – The Arts at Marks Garage, Chinatown

Summary

Community Meeting #3 was held on September 15, 2016 to present an update of some of the strategies in the Chinatown Action Plan, resulting from the Chinatown Action Summit held in the summer of 2015. These action updates were shared by the City and one its consultants, HDR Inc.

They included:

1. Upgrade street lighting with island wide RFP;
2. Public high-speed Wi-Fi to be provided in late 2016;
3. Preserving cultural resources by rehabilitating the historic Ai-Goto Building with Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant funding;
4. Explore a “Street as Places” pilot project for Hotel Street in Spring 2017;
5. Wayfinding to be implemented thru a pilot project for pedestrian sign installation for Chinatown and a wayfinding master plan from Chinatown to Waikiki. The master plan portion is to be funded with a \$400K TAP grant. The scope of the pilot project includes installing pedestrian-scaled signs to locate critical destination areas in Chinatown;
6. Installing bulb-outs (curb extensions) at five intersections in Chinatown to be completed in late 2016;
7. Improvements for Kekaulike Street:
 - o Chinatown Archway;
 - o Complete Street improvement to connect to the future rail station.

The purpose of this meeting was to receive feedback from the community on the latest actions being implemented as part of the Chinatown Action Plan. This report outlines the priorities and comments received, and the next steps to be taken in further developing the strategies listed above. Meeting presentation slides are attached to the end of the report.

Meeting Overview

The community meeting took place from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 15, 2016, at the Arts at Marks Garage, 1159 Nuʻuanu Avenue. Upon check-in, participants were given three handouts. One handout was a draft of the Chinatown Action Plan Summary. The second handout was for comments or suggestions (Figure 1) and the third described the proposed Kekaulike Street Improvements (Figure 2). At least 80 individuals attended the community meeting. In addition to individual residents from Chinatown and surrounding communities, participant affiliations included the neighborhood board and community associations, non-profit groups, and government agencies. The format of the event included an overview presentation. After the presentation there were three stations set up with presentation boards so the public could review and discuss the different actions and design strategies.



A resource table provided information about the Chinatown Action Plan and the Downtown Neighborhood Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Plan. The Neighborhood Commission Office and the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation also had resource tables with informational brochures.

The three interactive displays were setup throughout the venue. The first display was around the space for the public to provide information and input. The first display near the entry was “Pedestrian Wayfinding, Bulb-outs and Hotel Street Placemaking Pilot” where participants could view the proposed strategies and the location of these design elements. City officials were available to answer questions. The second display shared three design concepts for “Kekaulike Street Improvements.” HDR Inc. staff were available to solicit feedback from the public and answer questions regarding the different design schemes. The third display represented existing conditions of Kekaulike Street, and discussion then ensued regarding current concerns about safety, homelessness, trash, parking and loading issues. Post-its and large sketch pads were available for comments. The meeting began with a welcome by Harrison Rue, TOD Administrator for the City. He recognized the different partners and stakeholders that have been involved in this community process: elected officials, community organizations and the public. Harrison Rue then explained the agenda and the desired outcomes of the meeting.

Each display area was accompanied by City or consultant personnel, who facilitated discussion and recorded key points. The results of these table discussions are described in the following section.

With the PowerPoint presentation and group discussion concluded, the community meeting was completed at 8:00 pm.

Group discussion while reviewing presentation boards

1. What are your top priority for physical improvements for Kekaulike Street? In regards to accessibility, culture/aesthetics and safety/security.
2. Brainstorm ideas on how to make Kekaulike Street a “living street”.
3. Discuss the design concepts (Concept A, B, & C) for Kekaulike Street (*vote your preference*).
4. Anything missing from the Action Plan?
5. Discuss any comments regarding bulb-outs as presented.
6. Discuss any comments regarding pilot project for pedestrian sign installation as presented.
7. Discuss any comments regarding conceptual design of the Chinatown Archway.

Community Input

The display exercise allowed meeting participants to directly share their feelings or reactions at the three different display areas. In general there was much support for the proposed projects, particularly the wayfinding and Kekaulike Street improvements. Some participants were concerned about the use of bulb-outs where the streets are narrow.



The table below summarizes the key feedback provided by the participants. Overall the participants reiterated many topics that were covered in the Action Plan, but they wanted to point out or highlight specific elements that should be considered, such as trash, homelessness and self-cleaning public toilets.

Kekaulike Street Feedback:

- Food waste
 - Implement tastefully designed recycle receptacles
 - Waste from businesses should be out of the public eye, but easily accessible for pick up
 - Implement the use of PV panel waste receptacles
- Street Improvements
 - Maximize pedestrian use of street
 - Raise street level to meet sidewalk for elderly pedestrian ease
 - Paving should be smooth for elderly
 - Create social gathering areas
 - Implement historical and cultural story telling and events
 - Wood carving or art demonstrations
 - Who will manage the outdoor furniture
 - Use color throughout
 - How does the city implement the use and maintenance of street furnishings (table and chairs)
- Rail
 - Have businesses lease space in station
- Bikes
 - Bike share
 - Better bike parking
- Restrooms
 - Need for public restrooms
 - Wayfinding for restrooms
- Safety
 - Walking between parking and destination needs to be safe
 - Install smooth paving material
- Wayfinding
 - Signage for parking and restroom locations
 - Communication for those who are blind and/or deaf
 - Language access considerations
 - Bulb-outs may be hard to implement on the narrow streets
- Others
 - Plant beautiful landscaping
 - Use the landscape maintenance as an opportunity for training and educational opportunities for the homeless
 - Public-private partnerships
 - Relocate the homeless

Street Bulb-outs Feedback:

- Bulb outs
 - Concern regarding ongoing maintenance of flowers inside planters.
 - Concern of planters attracting rubbish and being used as a bathroom.

Pilot Project for Pedestrian Signage

- Pilot pedestrian signage
 - Multiple languages if possible

Chinatown Archway

- Conceptual Design for Chinatown Archway
 - Positive feedback received.

Next Steps

The feedback from Community Meeting #3 will be used to update and finalize some of the Chinatown Action Plan strategies and assist in the development of the plans for Kekaulike Street improvements.

Other actions include:

- Wayfinding signage to be installed early 2017
- Bulb-outs to be installed in early 2017
- Hotel Street Placemaking Pilot to take place, 2017
- Chinatown Archway cost and feasibility will be studied by community leaders in 2017.
- Some other actions will be presented at the next community meeting in 2017

Figure 1 - Chinatown Action Plan Community Meeting Handout



The Chinatown Action Plan is a set of strategies identified by the community for improving the historic neighborhood. It includes the following groups of actions to be led by various public agencies in collaboration with community partners.

1. STREETS AS PLACES

- 1.1 Install pilot curb extensions at key Chinatown intersections
- 1.2 Plan and design complete streets and rail access improvements for Kekaulike Street
- 1.3 Revitalize the Nu'uanu Stream corridor
- 1.4 Provide pedestrian crossing of Vineyard Boulevard at River Street
- 1.5 Explore a pilot placemaking project on Hotel Street

- 1.6 Develop a Chinatown parking management plan
- 1.7 Plan and implement wayfinding signage and digital tools

2. CLEANER AND SAFER CHINATOWN

- 2.1 Establish a business improvement district (BID) for Chinatown
- 2.2 Develop improved food waste management practices
- 2.3 Increase the frequency of sidewalk power washing on particular streets

- 2.4 Revise the street sweeping schedule based on alternate side parking restrictions
- 2.5 Pilot a mobile public restroom
- 2.6 Upgrade street lighting
- 2.7 Improve communication, collaboration, and enforcement to increase security and safety

3. CHINATOWN'S VIBRANT ECONOMY

- 3.1 Host activities on River Street
- 3.2 Repurpose and market vacant and underutilized properties
- 3.3 Provide high-speed public Wi-Fi
- 3.4 Preserve the neighborhood's cultural and historic resources

4. PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- 4.1 Enhance 'A'ala Park
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Figure 2 - Chinatown Action Plan Community Meeting #3 Comments or Suggestions



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If you have any comments or suggestions in response to the following actions, please share below.

Kekaulike Street _____

Pedestrian Wayfinding Signage _____

“Bulb-Outs” _____

Hotel Street Placemaking Pilot _____

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

You can also send this completed form to the Department of Planning and Permitting, TOD Division,
650 South King Street, 7th Floor, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 or khiramoto@honolulu.gov.

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Kekaulike Street Improvements

The community identified a need for a more coherent connection between Kekaulike Mall, Kekaulike Street, and the Chinatown rail station to improve pedestrian connectivity, economic activity, and the arrival experience of rail passengers. The City is executing a contract for the planning and design of Kekaulike Street improvements between King Street and the future rail transit station on Nimitz Highway. The design process will balance pedestrian and business access, retail and event space, and active loading zones.

Early concepts are being explored and are shared to the community for feedback.



Existing condition (Plan view)



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Sustainable. Collaborative. Transformational.

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CONCEPT A MAINTAIN EXISTING CURBS



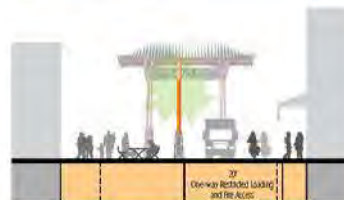
- Maintain existing curbs
- Extend sidewalk width on both sides
- Allow one-way general traffic and handi-van access
- Commercial vehicle parking only (no general parking)

CONCEPT B LEVELED STREET WITH PARKING






- Leveled street/plaza extend to Kekaulike Mall
- Allow one-way general traffic and handi-van access
- Designated parking and loading area

CONCEPT C LEVELED STREET WITH NO PARKING




- Leveled street/plaza extend to Kekaulike Mall
- Allow commercial vehicle and handi-van access only
- No general vehicle access and parking

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WHAT WE'LL DO TONIGHT

- Chinatown Action Plan ongoing efforts
- Hotel Street Placemaking Pilot
- Wayfinding Signage
- Curb extensions "Bulb-outs"
- Kekaulike Street Planning & Design
- Activity: Your Input

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



Senator Chun Oakland
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 Chinatown Business & Community Association
 Chinatown Improvement District
 Chinese Chamber of Commerce
 Chinatown Community Center Association
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 HDR Inc.
 United Chinese Society
 Hawaii Heritage Center

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JUNE 27, 2015



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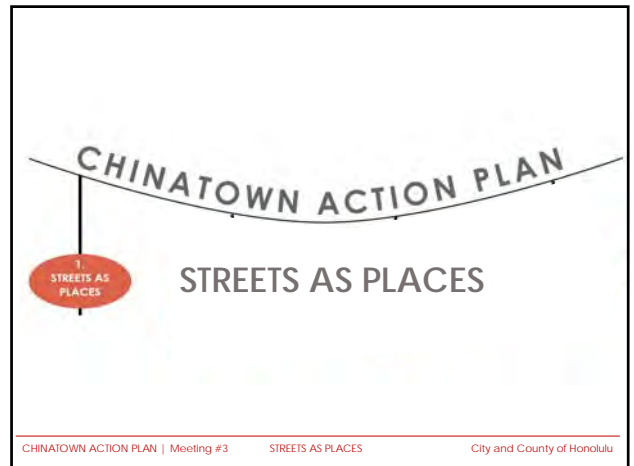
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2.6 Upgrade Street Lighting
- Island wide RFP has been issued.

3.3 Provide high-speed public Wi-Fi
- Public access anticipated in late 2016

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3.4 Preserve cultural & historic resources

Project Site
Al-Goto Building
902 Kekaulike Street
TMK 1-1-7-002-026

Bicycle Storage (up to 24 spaces)

Program Space (bicycle valet, repair, or other station-related vendor)

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1.5 Explore a Hotel Street Pilot

- Staff analysis underway; Community partners desired.
- Potential Pilot in Spring 2017

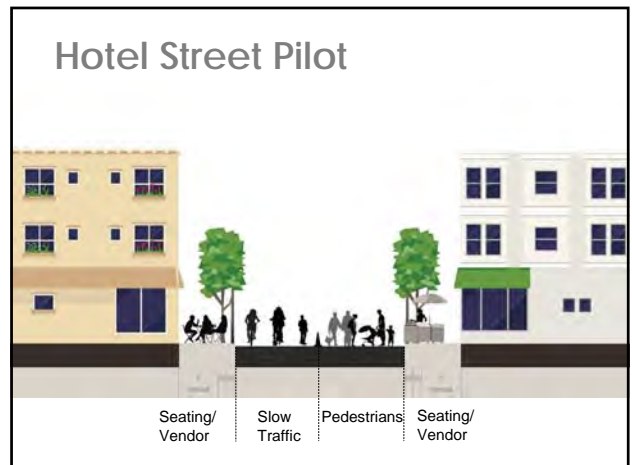
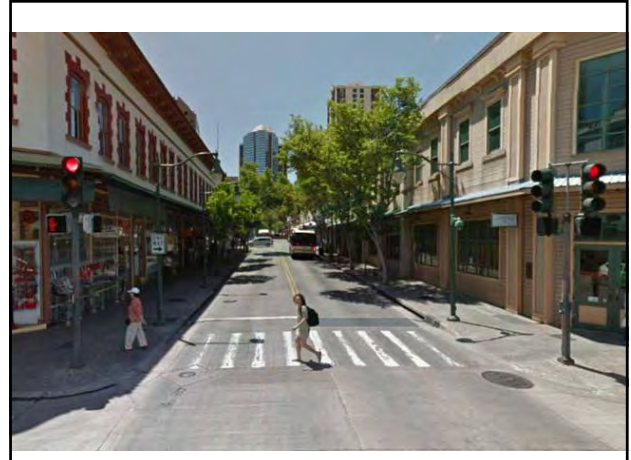


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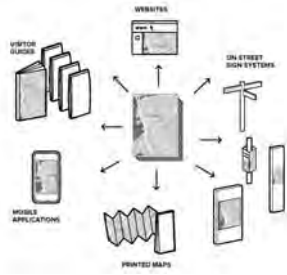
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1.7 Wayfinding

- Chinatown pilot project funded for pedestrian sign installation
- \$400 HDOT grant approved for wayfinding master plan: Chinatown to Waikiki



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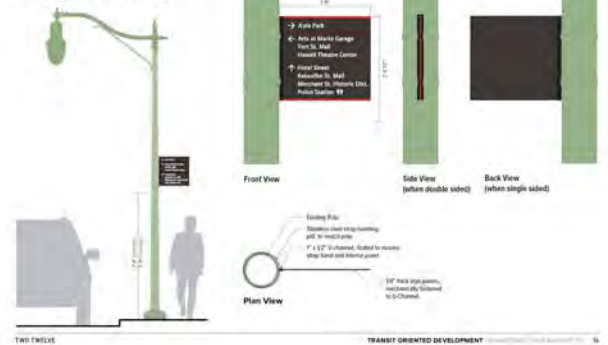
Wayfinding Project Objectives

1. Facilitate the development of Chinatown's identity while also enhancing the lives of residents and visitors by beautifying the streets in Chinatown
2. Improve walking and biking in Chinatown
3. Provide the general public travel information to successfully and confidently navigate between well-known landmarks in Chinatown

Scope of Work

1. Install pedestrian-scaled wayfinding signs at decision points in Chinatown
2. Install bulb-outs at five intersections in Chinatown

Design Option A

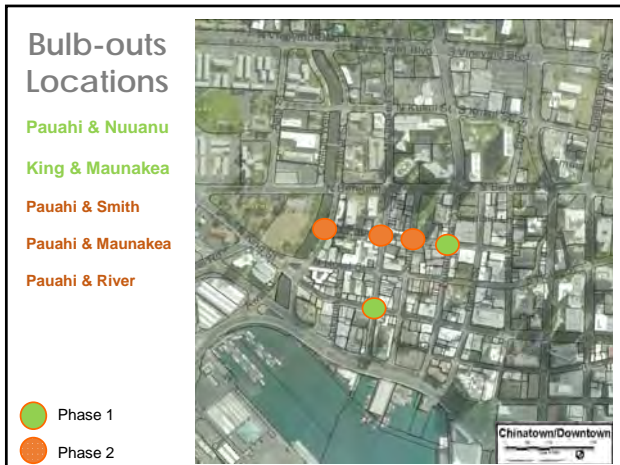
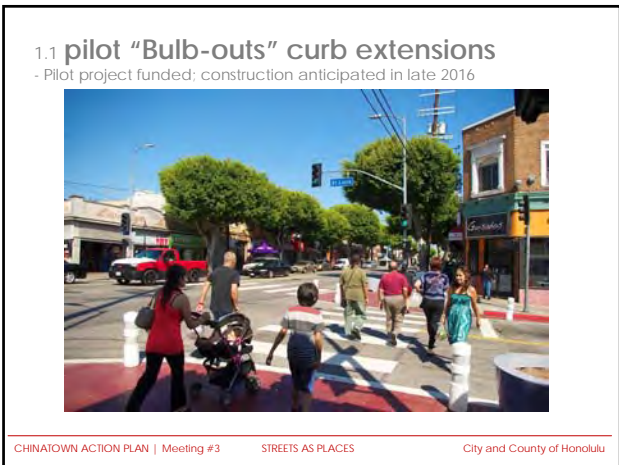


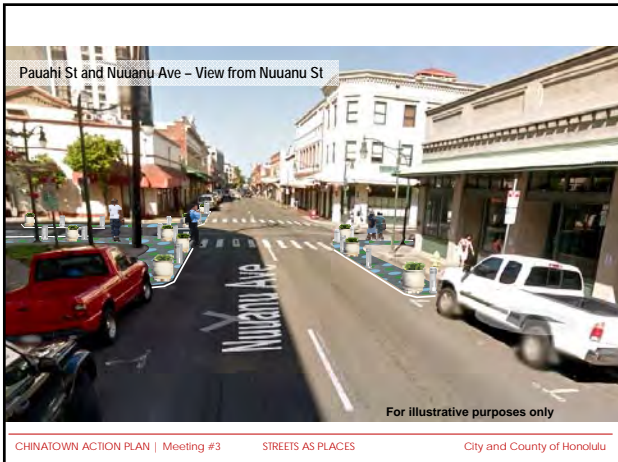
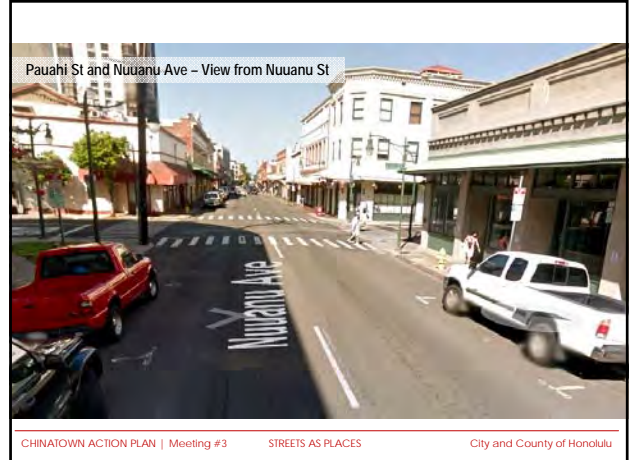
Destination Criteria

- CIVIC / COMMUNITY
- COMMERCIAL / RETAIL
- CULTURAL
- RECREATIONAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- SERVICES

Destinations

1. Foster Botanical Garden
2. 'A'ala Park
3. Chinatown Cultural Plaza
4. Hawaii Theatre Center
5. Fort Street Mall
6. Hotel Street
7. Chinatown Police Station (restroom symbol)
8. Maunakea Marketplace
9. Kekaulike Mall
10. Pauahi Hale (restroom symbol)
11. Aloha Tower Marketplace





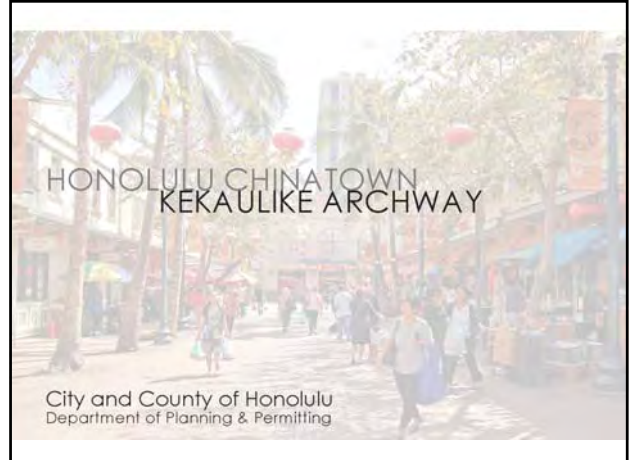
- Bulb-outs & Wayfinding Next Steps**
- Call for volunteers for watering plants and Malama-o-Ka’aina Program
 - Refine final design
 - Design completion: December 2016
 - Construction starts January 2017 and finishes May 2017
 - Phase 1 construction: Pauahi and Nuuanu, King and Maunakea
 - Phase 2 construction: Pauahi and Smith, Pauahi and Maunakea, and Pauahi and River

1.2 Improvements for Kekaulike Street

- Consultant selected and planning underway



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KEKAULIKE MALL



ORIGIN OF PAIFUNG [牌坊]



Torana of Sanchi Stupa, 3rd Century BC



Early "wufoumen" in Tang Dynasty (618-907)



Tangyue Memorial Archway, constructed in the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644)



STYLES: 3 MOVEMENTS



CHINATOWN ARCHWAYS



PEDESTRIAN-SCALE



Yokohama, JP

Melbourne, AU

London, UK

KEKAULIKE ARCHWAY



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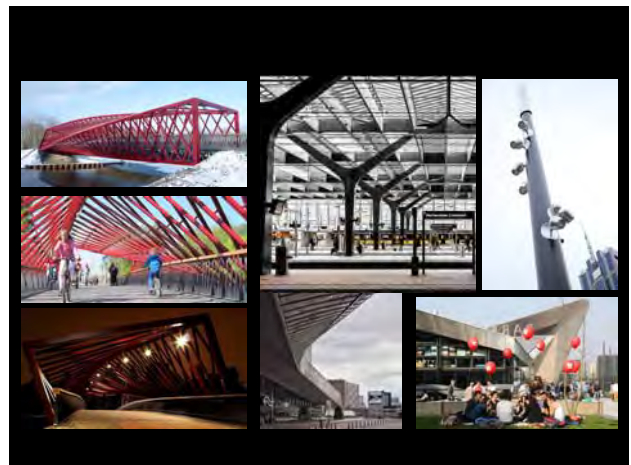
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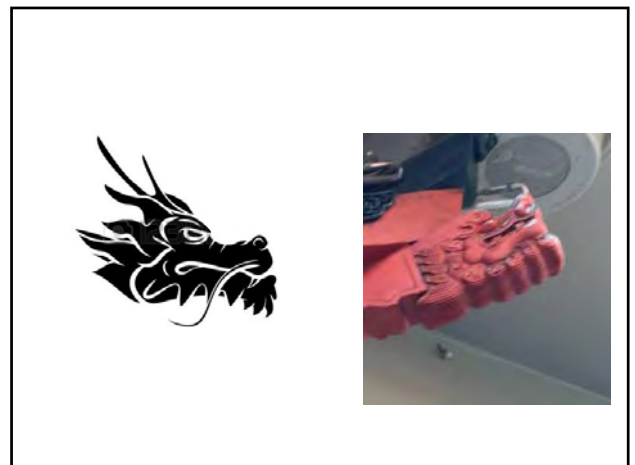
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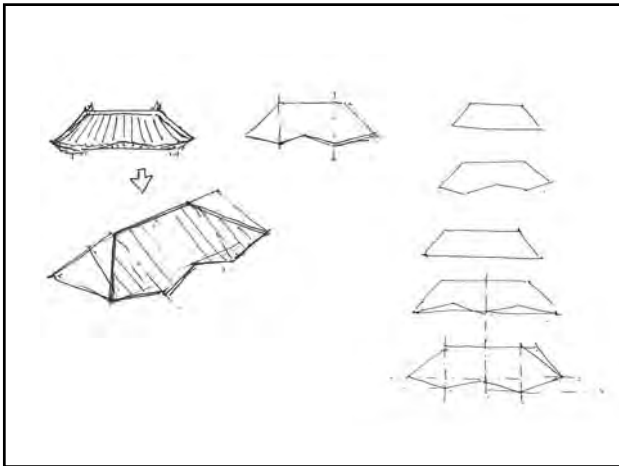
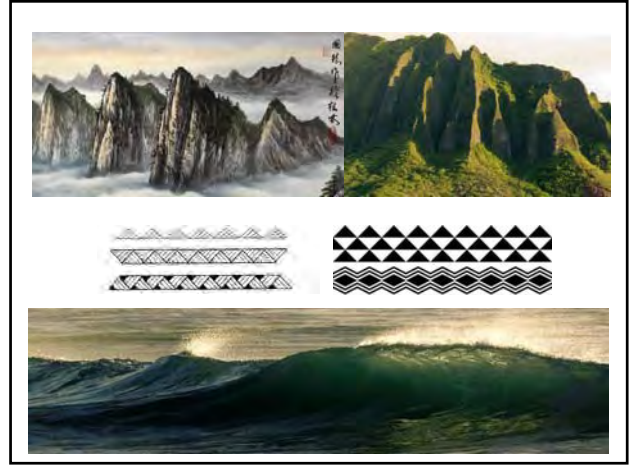
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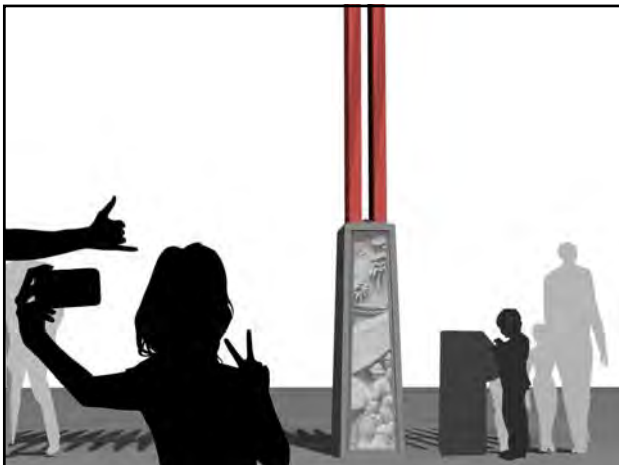
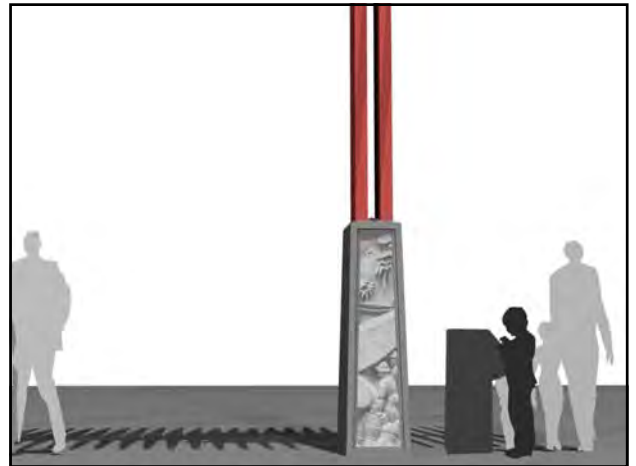
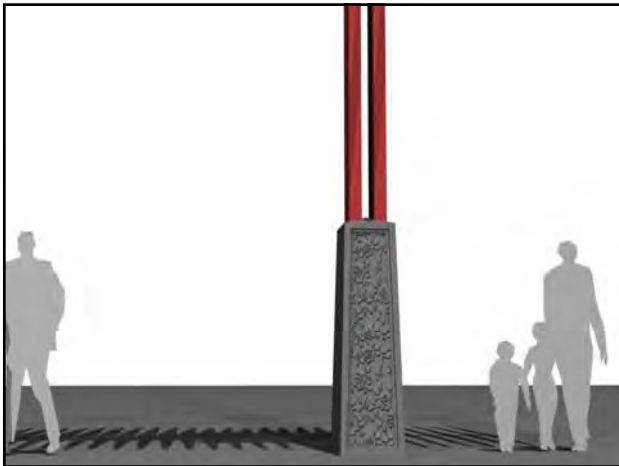


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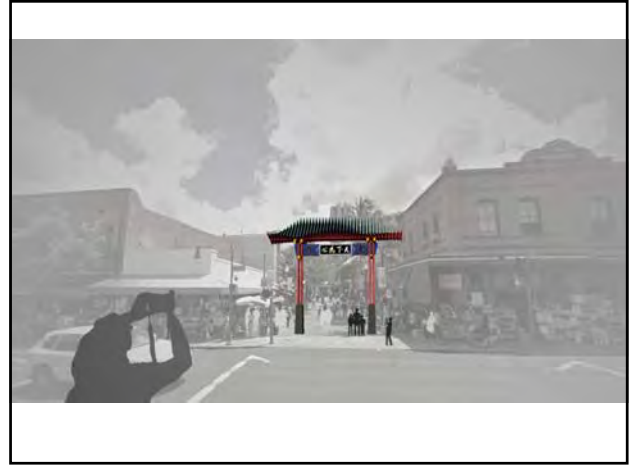




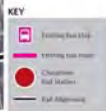




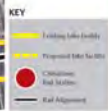
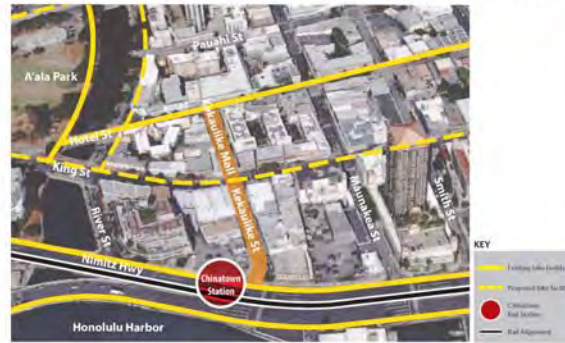




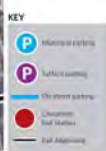
EXISTING BUS STOPS AND ROUTES



EXISTING AND PROPOSED BIKE NETWORK



EXISTING PARKING



ACCESSIBILITY - PEDESTRIAN



FIELD RESEARCH

ACCESSIBILITY - PEDESTRIAN



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FIELD RESEARCH **ACCESSIBILITY - PEDESTRIAN**

Merchant, delivery, and pedestrian compete on narrow sidewalk

FIELD RESEARCH **ACCESSIBILITY - PARKING AND DELIVERY**

Majority of deliveries are made between 4:30 am to 10 am

FIELD RESEARCH **ACCESSIBILITY - PARKING AND DELIVERY**

No parking allowed at the Mall. Kekaulike Street utilized as a major parking and unloading area

FIELD RESEARCH **ACCESSIBILITY - PARKING AND DELIVERY**

Hand-trucking from Kekaulike Street to the Mall

FIELD RESEARCH **ACCESSIBILITY - PARKING AND DELIVERY**

Double parking when parking spaces are full

FIELD RESEARCH **ACCESSIBILITY - PARKING AND DELIVERY**

Goods unloaded on narrow sidewalk

FIELD RESEARCH **AESTHETICS - VISIBILITY**

Signages and activities are hidden or obstructed by store awnings

FIELD RESEARCH **AESTHETICS - CULTURE**

Outdoor market could be an unique experience

FIELD RESEARCH **AESTHETICS - CULTURE**

But could also present safety and accessibility challenges

FIELD RESEARCH **AESTHETICS - CULTURE**

Some culture references, but not significant

FIELD RESEARCH **SECURITY AND SAFETY**

Inactive storefront attracts homelessness and graffiti

FIELD RESEARCH **SECURITY AND SAFETY**

Unactivated building invites unwanted activities and present safety concerns to general public

URBAN DESIGN CONCEPTS **STREET PAVING AND SHADING**

Arab Street, Singapore
Photo by Michael Zeman (2014)

Darling Quarter, Australia
Photo by UrbanDesign.com.au (2014)

Boston Children Museum
Photo by Norman Lipson (2014)

Chinatown, Singapore
Photo by Dennis Tan (2014)

Madrid, Spain
Photo by J. J. Garcia (2014)

Stockholm
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URBAN DESIGN CONCEPTS **SITE FURNISHINGS AND AMENITIES**

Seattle, WA

Sergelgatan, Stockholm
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New York City
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Bryant Park, NYC
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Times Square, NYC
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URBAN DESIGN CONCEPTS **BIKE FACILITIES/BIKESHARE**

Millennium Park, Chicago, IL
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Dublin, Ireland
Photo by Urban Design (2014)

Long Beach, CA
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Freiburg Bike Mobility Centre, Germany
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Washington D.C.
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Hangzhou, China
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URBAN DESIGN CONCEPTS **ART AND CULTURE**

Chinatown, Vancouver, B.C.
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Chinatown, Seattle, WA

Chinatown, San Francisco, CA

URBAN DESIGN CONCEPTS **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Food Waste Recycler
Pike Place Market, Seattle, WA

Big Belly Solar Trash Bins
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Regular and Recyclable Trash Bins
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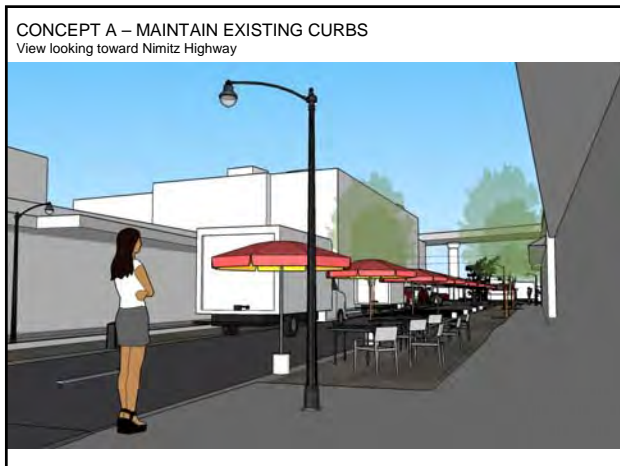
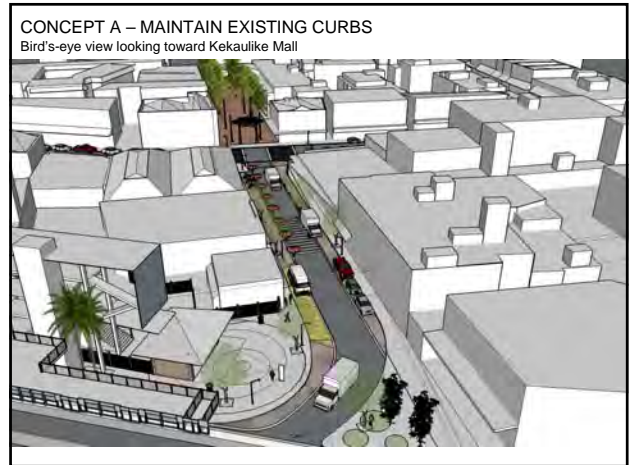
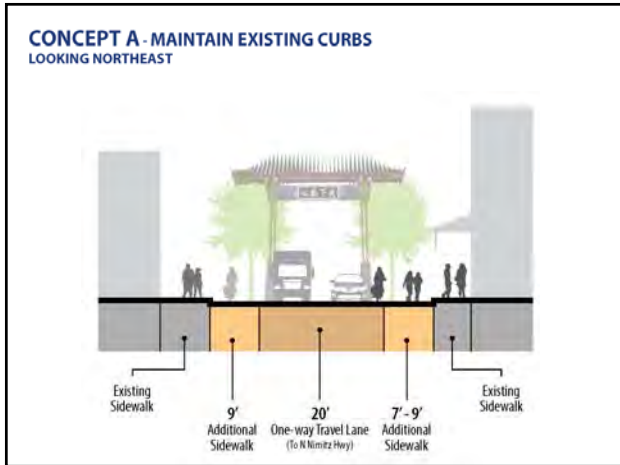
Cardboard and Paper Recycle Bin
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URBAN DESIGN CONCEPTS **KEKAULIKE ARCHWAY**

Potential day time view

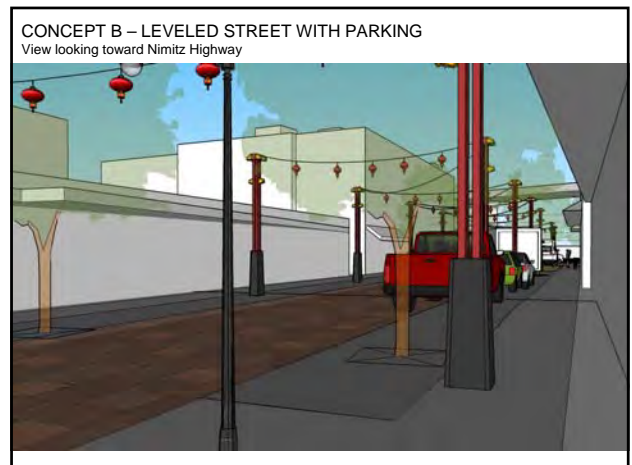
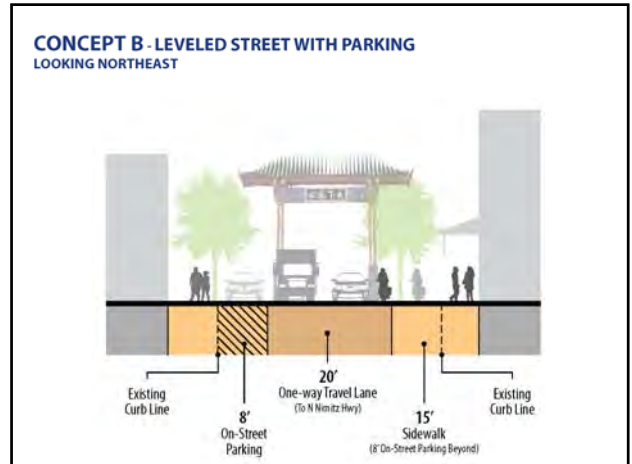
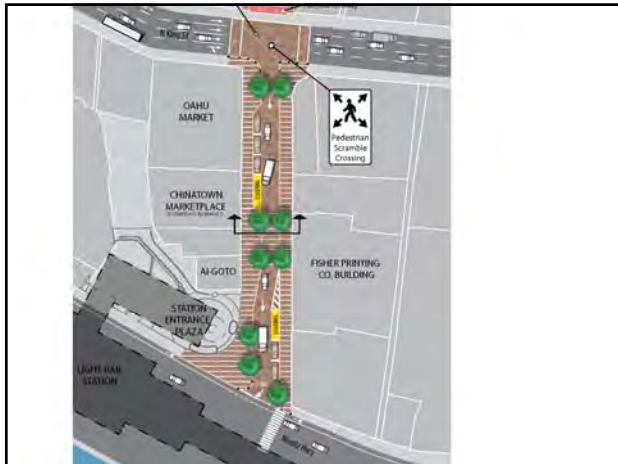
Potential night time view







LONG BEACH, CA
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CONCEPT B – LEVELED STREET WITH PARKING
View looking toward King Street



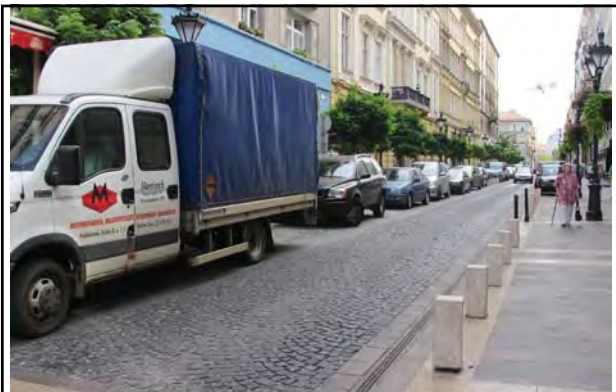
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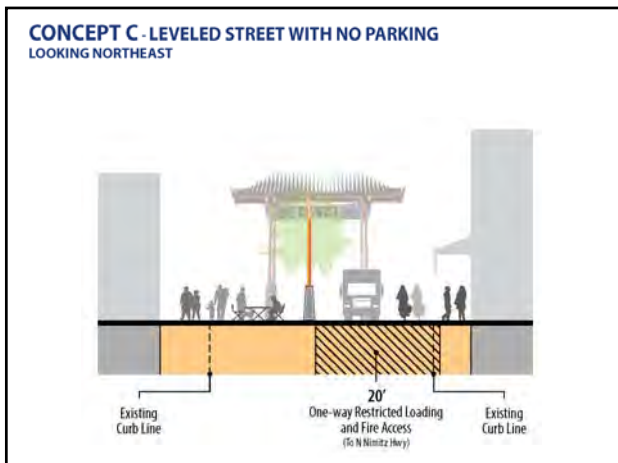
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CONCEPT C – LEVELED STREET WITH NO PARKING
View looking toward Nimitz Highway



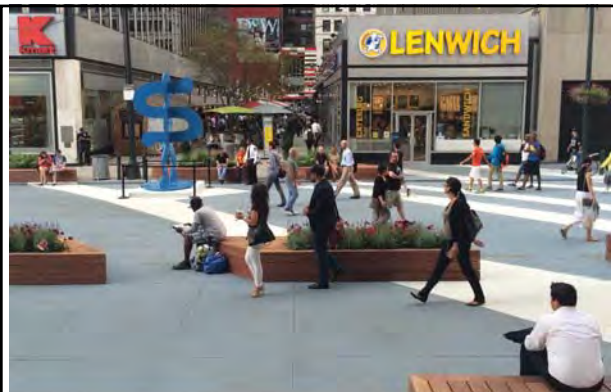
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Kekaulike Street Next Steps

- Refine design concepts base on your input
- Share new design alternatives with community
 - early 2017
- Select preferred alternative
- Engineering & design

YOUR TURN

HELP US REFINE THE PLANS

Kekaulike Street Concepts

Bulb-outs

Pedestrian Wayfinding

Hotel Street

Other projects

Comments and Questions

- Please walk around and talk with team “at the boards”
- Look at plans in more detail, ask staff more questions
- Give us your feedback:
 - Write comments on post-it notes & place on boards;
 - Get comments on the large white paper sheets;
 - Write your individual comments on the comment sheet handout.
 - Presentation will be online in a couple days and you can review again and email comments.

Kekaulike Street Improvements

- Existing Conditions Assessment – comment on three categories:
 - Accessibility
 - Culture/Aesthetics
 - Safety/Security
- Kekaulike Street Improvement Concepts –three options:
 - Concept A - Maintain Existing Curb
 - Concept B - Leveled Street With Parking
 - Concept C – Leveled Street Without Parking
- Other issues

MAHALO!

If you have any questions or comments,

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