



Measure T1 Bond Update

BERKELEY'S CIVIC CENTER AREA

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This goal of the Berkeley Civic Center project is to conduct an inclusive and transparent community process, engage meaningfully with all stakeholders, and provide a shared vision and implementable plan for the Civic Center area. The project will result in a plan for infrastructure and amenities that support current and future community needs while respecting and celebrating the area's rich past and historically significant structures. The project team will aim to build civic trust, establish shared and realistic expectations of the programmatic capacities of the two buildings and park and deliver preliminary design concepts for the space for review by City Council. Funding includes Historic Resources Report of both Old City Hall and Veteran's Building.

PROJECT UPDATE

December 2019

The Office of Economic Development along with its partners in Parks, Public Works and Planning have secured a consultant team (led by [Gehl Studio](#) and supported by [Siegel & Strain, and others](#)) who kicked off the project with a series of meetings and a site tour on September 9, 2019. In October, the *Public Space Public*



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PROJECT UPDATE

Continued

Life Study (PSPL) was conducted along with small focus group interviews and other research and field work. In November, the initial existing conditions and results of the PSPL study were shared with the Technical Advisory Committee (11/14/19) and the Super-subcommittee of the Civic Arts, Public Works, Parks & Waterfront, and Landmarks Preservation Commissions (11/21/19). In December, research, focus groups, and public workshops continue, including a large public meeting set for December 12, 2019.

NEXT STEPS

The research and field work is scheduled to take place throughout the fall of 2019, and the team is tentatively set to present vision and initial design concepts for the building(s) reuse in 2020.

- [December 12, 2019: Public Meeting](#)
- January 2020: Vision Refinement and City Council Worksession (January 14, 2020)
- February/March 2020: Public and Commission Engagement, Public Workshop(s), Site Tour
- April/May 2020: Initial Design Concept Presentation

FUNDING SOURCES

- **Measure T1:** \$376,430

DOCUMENTS

- [Seismic Evaluation: Old City Hall](#)
- [Seismic Evaluation: Veteran's Memorial Building](#)
- [April 4, 2019 Report to Council: Civic Center Vision and Implementation Plan](#)
- [September 9, 2019 Kickoff Meeting Agenda](#)
- [September 9, 2019 Kickoff Presentation to Parks, Public Works and Landmarks Subcommittees](#)
- [November 21, 2019 Subcommittee Meeting Agenda](#)
- [November 21, 2019 PSPL and Existing Condition Finding Presentation to the Subcommittees](#)



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PROJECT TEAM

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Prime Consultant: Gehl Studio

Sub-consultants: Siegel & Strain Architects; Strategic Economics, Inc.; Architecture + History, LLC



September 9, 2019— Meeting participants tour City Hall and Civic Center Park



November 21, 2019—The Civic Center team presents at a “super” subcommittee meeting of the Parks & Waterfront, Public Works, Civic Arts and Landmarks Commissions