The Adeline Corridor Planning Process: An Overview

The Adeline corridor is an important community resource beloved by residents and visitors alike for its rich cultural history, diversity, and variety of shops and community resources. It is a well-travelled neighborhood with a BART station, multiple bus lines, bike lanes, wide roads, and sidewalks that offers local and regional connections to jobs, housing, schools, commerce, art, culture and other daily activities.

The Adeline Corridor Specific Plan

In 2015, The City of Berkeley began a community planning process to develop a long-range plan for the Adeline corridor. A long-range plan provides a blueprint for the future, an opportunity for the community to express its priorities, and serves as a vehicle for public and private investment in the area. The planning effort is funded in part by a grant from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to promote opportunities to plan for transit-oriented development around BART stations and other high-frequency transit and safe access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities.

What Will the Plan Address?

Through a series of community events, stakeholder meetings, and working sessions over the past two years, the community has identified five cross-cutting priorities for the future of the Adeline Corridor:

- Housing affordability
- Economic opportunity
- Transportation
- Public space
- Community character and land use

The planning process has also highlighted the critical importance of equity and inclusivity in both the planning process and the plan itself, particularly for disadvantaged or historically marginalized communities along the corridor and in surrounding neighborhoods. Ensuring that these community members are represented in the process will continue to be an important priority for the City as the planning process moves forward. Other topics that will be addressed in the plan include transportation, infrastructure, urban design, and regulations for any future development along the corridor.

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The plan's policies and standards will only apply within the **plan area boundary** (highlighted on the previous page), which includes the street itself, as well as parcels on either side of the street. Although the plan’s geographical scope is limited, it will also consider the relationship to the larger South Berkeley neighborhood. Many topics that the plan will address – such as housing affordability, equity, transportation, or jobs and economic development – are also influenced by a range of citywide, regional, and even national factors and trends. Because of this, it will be important to identify which potential planning strategies can be realistically implemented through the Adeline Corridor Specific Plan, and which will depend on a larger citywide or regional strategy.

**What’s Next in the Process?**

In March 2018 (3/10 – 3/23), the City of Berkeley is holding an extended, multi-day community open house exhibit to show a range of potential options for the plan’s direction that build on all the work and feedback to-date. The multi-day exhibit will include a variety of topic-specific discussions at scheduled times; the exact schedule will be finalized in February 2018. It will address land use and zoning, and will include updated concepts for design of the public right-of-way (ROW), incorporating feedback that was received in the last public exhibit in early 2017: Re-Imagine Adeline, and will address priority areas identified by the community: housing affordability, economic opportunity, transportation, public space, and community character and land use.

Between now and this exhibit, the planning team is taking the opportunity to continue to meet with community stakeholders to broaden and deepen awareness about this planning process and to learn how we can further improve community engagement. After the first community exhibit in March 2018, the planning team will incorporate community feedback while continuing to meet with stakeholders and participate in small-group community meetings. In mid-2018, there will be a second community exhibit to show a more refined direction for the Plan, followed by a public draft plan and environmental impact report in late 2018.

**Project Timeline**

![Project Timeline Diagram]

**Get Involved!**

**Sign Up.** Check out our website [www.cityofberkeley.info/adelinecorridor](http://www.cityofberkeley.info/adelinecorridor) and join our email list (link at top of the project webpage) to receive project updates and announcements of upcoming events.

**Participate in Community Open House Exhibits.** Attend and provide feedback at the upcoming community open house exhibits in March 2018 (3/9 – 3/23) and summer 2018 (dates TBD). You can also participate in a series of topic-specific roundtable discussions that will be held in association with the exhibit.

**Small-group Meetings.** If you are interested in hosting a small-group “living room” meeting for you, your neighbors, or other stakeholders to learn more about the Adeline planning process, please contact us (ashen@cityofberkeley.info).

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