



600 Block Public Plaza Study Session

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Agenda



- Purpose
- Background
- Current status
- Community feedback
- Options for consideration



Recommendation

Staff recommend that the City Council provide feedback on the 600 Block Plaza and a determination to keep the current plaza configuration, create a reduced-size community space, or no plaza. Options would also consider re-opening the eastbound vehicle travel lane on Santa Cruz Avenue between Curtis Street and Doyle Street.



Background

- Resolution No. 6860
 - August 2023
 - Created street closure
- June 2025
 - Consideration of repealing
- July 2025
 - Review of initial design concept
- November 2025
 - Community outreach review
 - Refined design concept

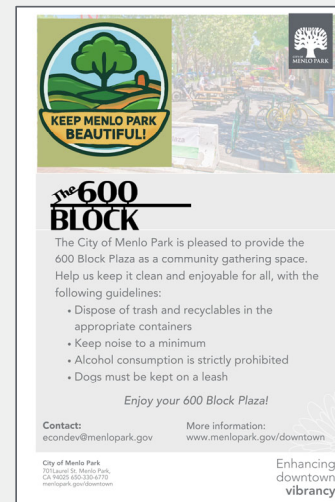


Current status

- Picnic and bistro tables installed
- Monthly events by local nonprofit
- Consultant for plaza design plans selected
- Maintenance worker hired
 - Adding signage to help address litter



600 Block
Plaza soft
opening,
May 2026



Fourth
Fridays
event,
hosted by
Menlo Fund,
July 2026

Community feedback

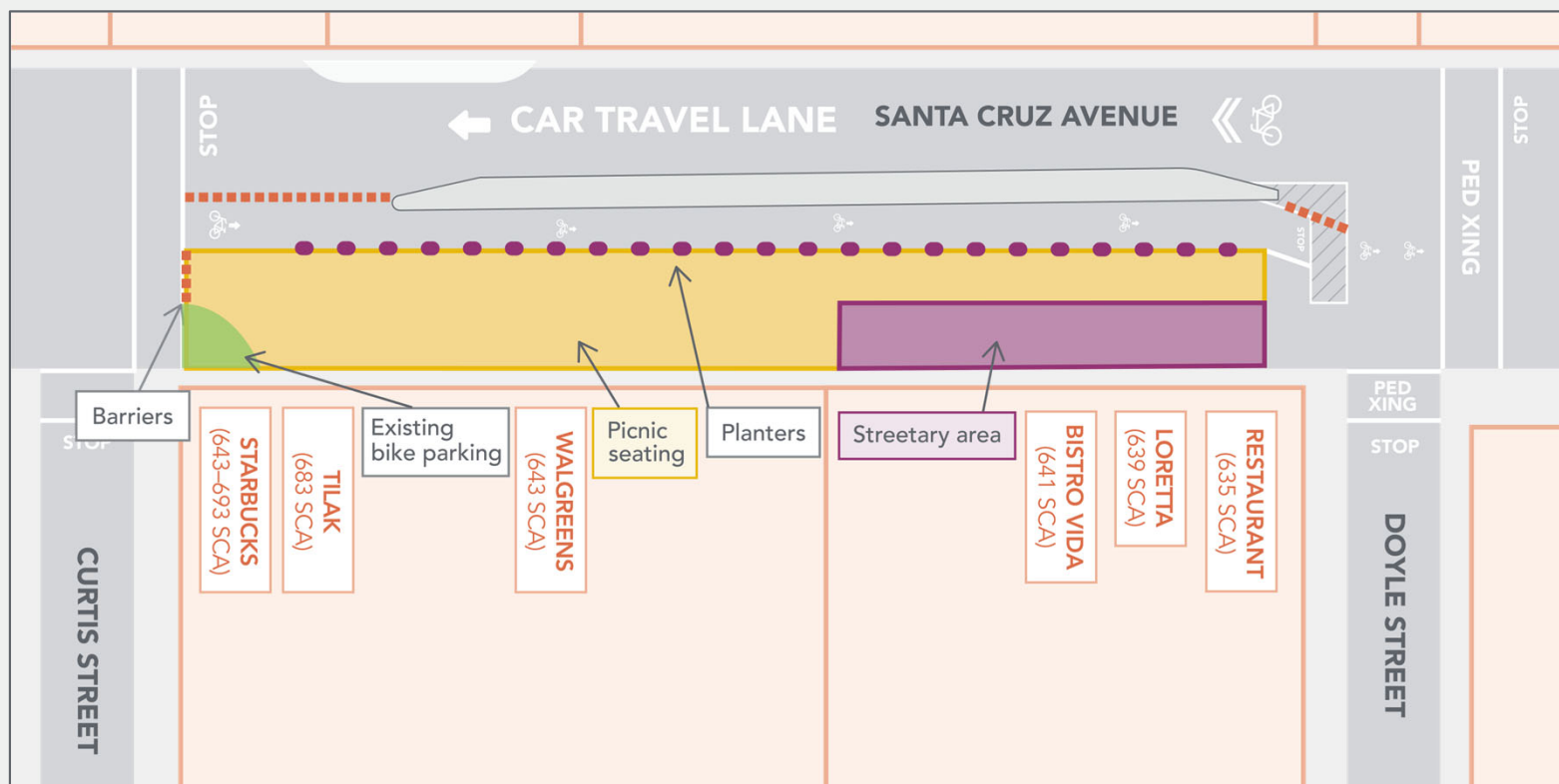
- Community outreach Sept. to Oct. 2025
 - Two tabling events
 - Two pop-up events at the plaza site
 - Online feedback form
 - Over 260 participants provided feedback
- Currently, desire expressed to re-open Santa Cruz Avenue, eastbound lane
 - With recent feedback, consulting with City Council before proceeding with finalizing design and construction

Options for consideration

- Option 1
 - Current scenario with plaza build-out
- Option 2
 - Smaller, community space with open vehicle lane
- Option 3
 - Re-open Santa Cruz Avenue eastbound vehicle travel lane and restore parking spaces

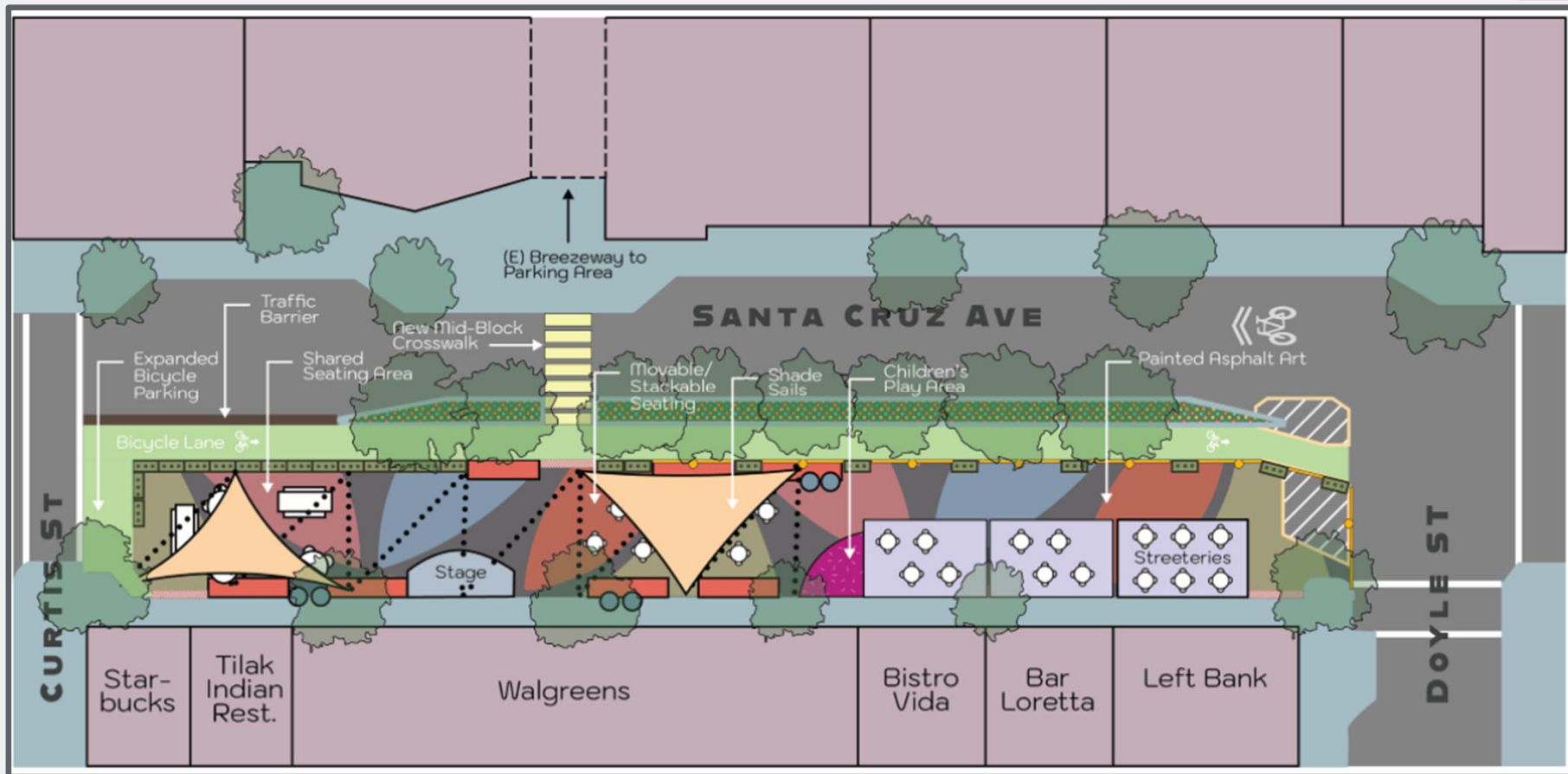


Option 1 – Current plaza

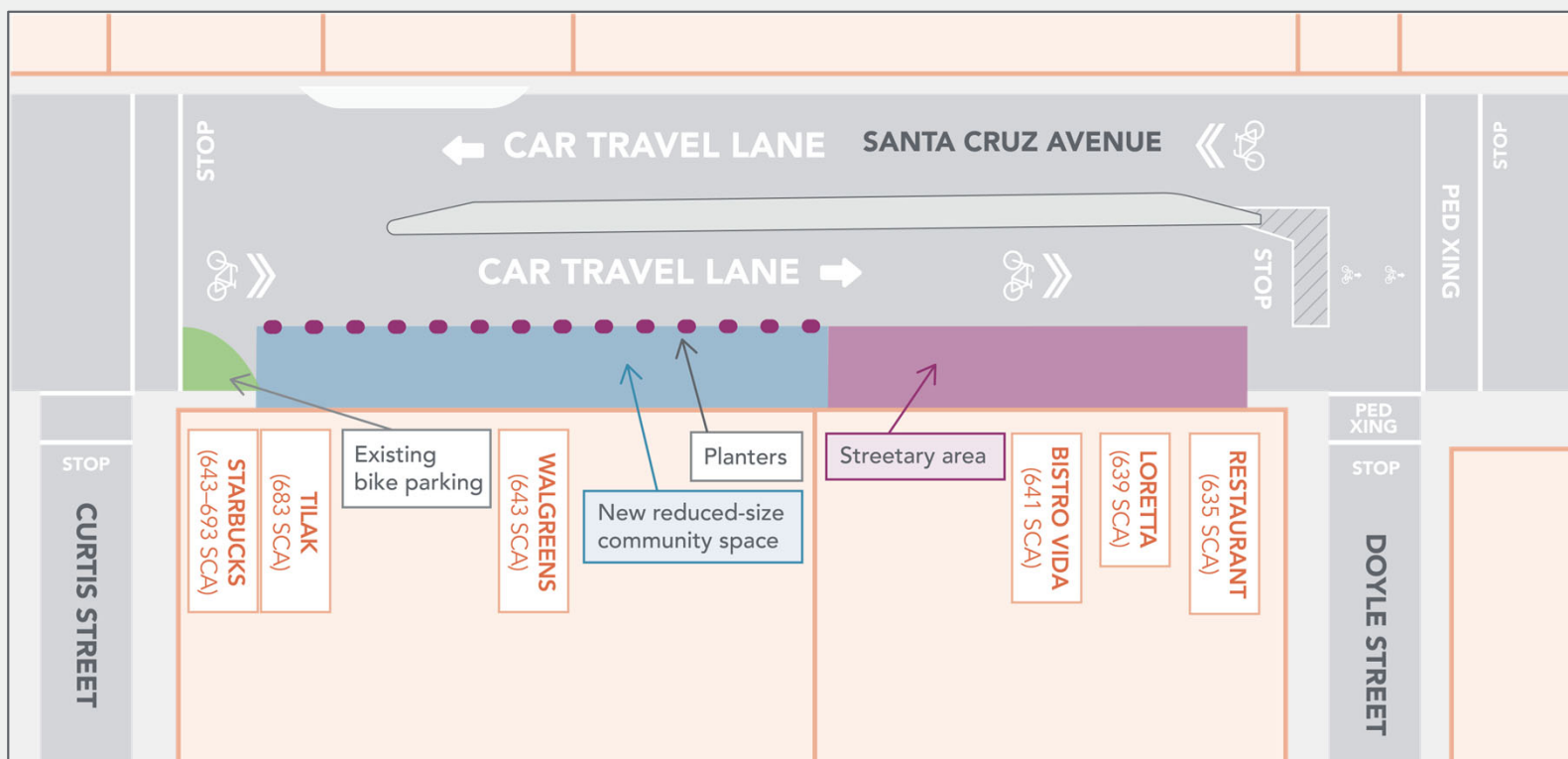


- Eastbound vehicle travel lane remains closed
- Dedicated bike lane
- Full plaza with existing tables and chairs
- Proceed with design build-out contract and programming

600 Block Plaza

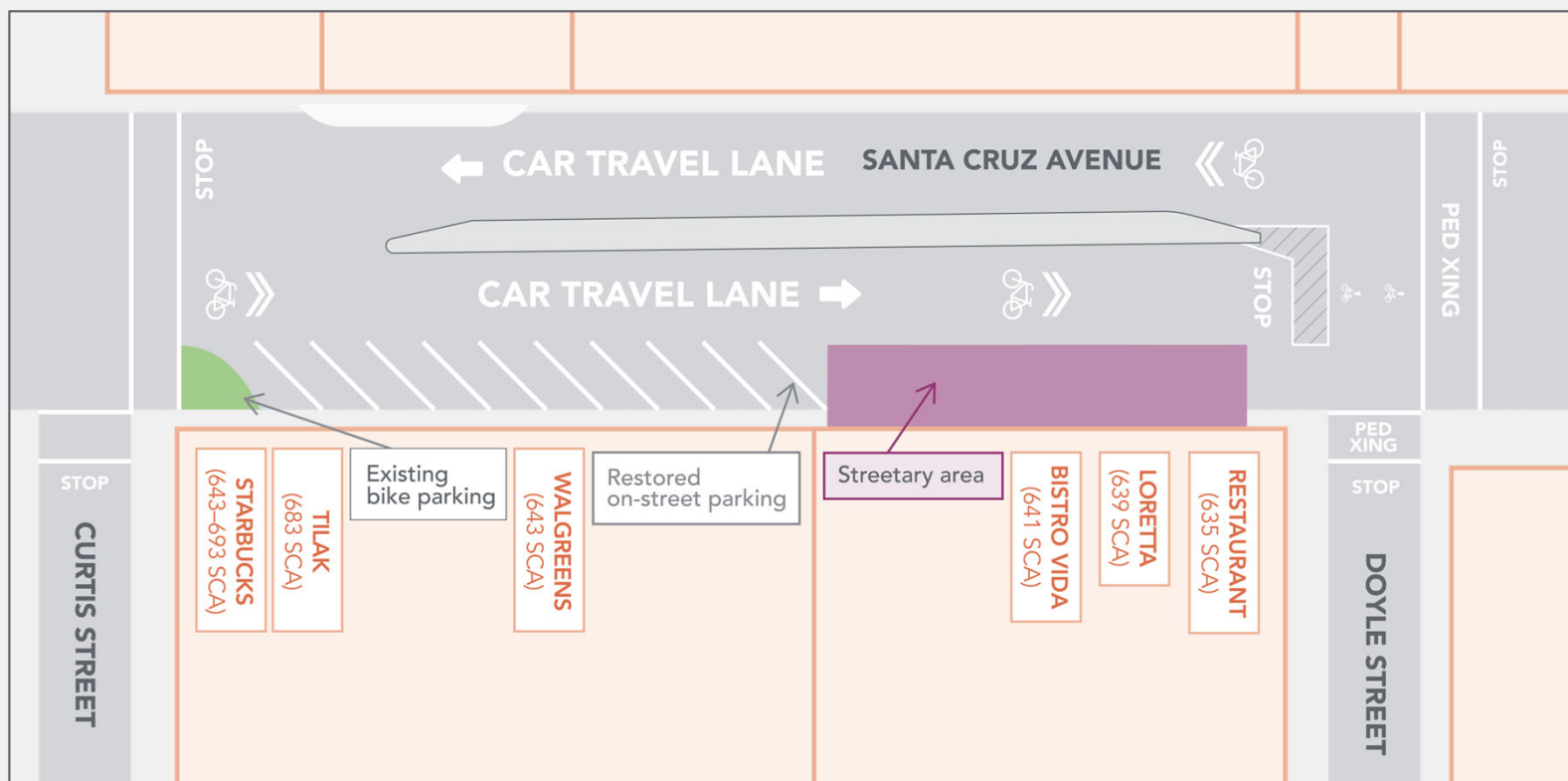


Option 2 – Smaller, community space



- Eastbound vehicle travel lane remains closed
- Shared bike lane
- Community space with bistro tables
- Redistribute picnic tables

Option 3 – Re-open Santa Cruz Avenue



- Pre-COVID
- Eastbound vehicle travel lane re-opens
- Shared bike lane
- No plaza
- Redistribute all furniture

Next steps

Option 1

- Proceed with design development with selected consultant, Callander Associates
 - Follow with construction
- Continue programming with local nonprofits, businesses, event companies, and LCS
- Add signage for community participation in upkeep

Option 2

- Revisit scope of work with designer for smaller, communal space.
 - Adjustment to Streetary depth
- Remove planters and vehicle lane barriers
- Remove dedicated bike lane with asphalt grinding
- Open eastbound vehicle lane with striping touch-ups

Option 3

- Repeal Resolution No. 6860
- Remove planters and vehicle lane barriers
- Remove dedicated bike lane with asphalt grinding
- Open eastbound vehicle lane and parking spaces with striping touch-ups

Recommendation

Seeking feedback on options for plaza:

- Option 1: Maintain current plaza configuration, with closed lane and maintaining dedicated bike lane
- Option 2: Smaller, Streetary-sized community space and re-open vehicle travel lane
- Option 3: No plaza, re-open vehicle lane





Thank you