Project Goals

- Provide a long term vision for Mission Plaza and the Broad Street dog-leg
- Respect the Plaza’s relationship to the Mission, the Creek, & Downtown
- Preserve the Plaza’s unique sense of place
- Improve functionality and flexibility for variety of uses
- Address ongoing maintenance and operational issues
- Enhance ADA accessibility
History & Background

Mission Plaza has a history of change

- Monterey Street pre 1970’s
- Concept Plans in 1955, 1963 and 1964

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- Approved Monterey closure in 1966
- Opened to the public in 1971

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Existing Conditions
Existing Conditions – Ongoing Maintenance
What have we done so far?

- Community event in Mission Plaza
- Meetings with a variety of stakeholders
- Reviewed previous studies and designs
- Conducted initial technical studies
- Researched other cities with similar public spaces
- Translated community input into two concept plans
- …and spent lots of time in the plaza!
What we’ve heard

Balancing:
- Keeping the existing charm while providing a long term vision
- Park-like setting vs. an active plaza
- Quiet serene space vs. flexible space for events and activities
- Space that attracts a variety of ages and is accessible to all
What we’ve heard

- Need to activate spaces to improve safety
What we’ve heard

- Improve connections to and within Mission Plaza

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What we’ve heard

- Create more flexible and functional spaces
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- Improve Amphitheater
Preserved Features

- Murray Adobe
- Warden Bridge & Pedestrian Bridge
- Most Trees
- Bear Fountain

- Amphitheater
- Fire/Emergency Access

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Design Alternatives

- Two different design alternatives
- Both designs include, at a minimum:
  - New restroom
  - New lighting
  - New signage
  - Consistent furnishings
  - Durable, low-maintenance paving
  - Public art
  - Historic educational information
  - Improved storm water management
  - Improved accessibility
  - New proposed Museum of Art footprint
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- Improved intersection on Chorro St.
- Expanded, level plaza
- Curved trellis
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- Audience Viewing Area
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Concept A
Concept A

- Santa's House
- Carousel
- Christmas Tree

MAP:
- Monterey
- Broad
- Chorro
Concept B
FEATURES INCLUDE:

- Prominent pedestrian gateway
- Sunken creek-side patio
- In-grade splash pad
- New restrooms
- Flowing circulation pattern
FEATURES INCLUDE:

- New plaza/gathering area
- Widened, curvilinear circulation route
- Enhanced amphitheater
- Repurposed historic adobe
FEATURES INCLUDE:

- Sculpture garden & natural play features
- Accessible pathways to bridge and creek
- Coordinated with Museum of Art expansion plans
The DOG-LEG:

- Convert to one-way with angled parking
- Passenger loading area
- Remove curbs adjacent to plaza
- More generous sidewalk widths
Event Layout

- Street Closure
- 10’x 10’ Shade Canopy
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Concept B
Design Alternatives

Primary Differences
- Overall design style
- Broad Street dog-leg
- Restroom location
- Café
- Expanded or Enhanced Main Plaza