The Balboa Great Streets Improvements Project extends on Balboa Street from 34th to 39th Avenue, located in San Francisco’s District One. It serves as a vital commercial corridor for the surrounding Outer-Richmond District residential neighborhood. Balboa Street supports diverse businesses including an art-house theater, hardware store and numerous multi-cultural restaurants.

COMMUNITY PLANNING & STEWARDSHIP

The Department of Public Works solicited community and user input to generate a conceptual improvement plan that meets the needs of Balboa Street neighbors and users. Two community meetings were held in December 2006 and March 2007. Traffic calming was among the highest priorities for the community. Based on the feedback, a master plan was developed for the streetscape.

BALBOA STREETSCAPE GOALS

Currently-funded streetscape improvements include:

- Sidewalk bulb outs with new curb ramps added at intersection corners
- Gateway element to be installed within sidewalk bulb out at 34th Avenue and 39th Avenue
- Traffic and parking layout to be revised on two blocks (34th to 35th Avenue and 38th to 39th Avenue)
- Existing light fixtures to be upgraded for energy efficiency and quality of light
- Raised sidewalk planters with cobblestone walls will be added in multiple locations and in accordance with SFPDSW sidewalk landscaping guidelines
- Sidewalk planters to be planted with low maintenance, salt spray and drought-tolerant native and adapted plants and trees. Mulched with gravel.

PROJECT TEAM

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