

Focused Issue, Planning

Alameda Countywide Strategic Pedestrian Plan

(Eisen | Letunic and the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority)

The Alameda Countywide Strategic Pedestrian Plan and companion Toolkit for Improving Walkability in Alameda County represent one of the most comprehensive countywide pedestrian planning efforts undertaken to date, particularly in a county as large and diverse as Alameda. The Plan contains elements perhaps never before included in a pedestrian plan. The Existing Conditions and Vision & Goals sections summarize development patterns, roadway characteristics, pedestrian facilities and programs, public health, transit service, demographics and walking patterns throughout Alameda County. The Plan also identifies institutional obstacles, sets countywide priorities and determines cost estimates. Contact: victoria@eisenletunic.com. Photo: Niko Letunic, Victoria Eisen



Contribution to Women and Families Award

Early Child Care and Education for All Plan

(Design, Community and Environment, Alameda County Child Care Planning Council and Every Child Counts, First 5 Alameda)

The Early Child Care and Education for All Plan sought to create a countywide consensus on a vision, goals, and implementation actions for high-quality early child care and education for all Alameda County children. The planning process included a comprehensive needs assessment, a community visioning effort, and a work plan that integrates child care and preschool planning with land use, housing, transportation and economic development activities. The community now has a solid understanding of existing service gaps and a list of recommendations on public policy, increased public awareness, and professional development for providers and teachers. Contact: david@dceplanning.com. Photo: Darcy Kremin, Joanna Jansen



Comprehensive Planning Award, Small Jurisdiction

Cupertino General Plan

(City of Cupertino, Planning Resource Associates)

The 2005 Cupertino General Plan is a meaningful, highly readable, user-friendly policy document in a visually exciting format. The General Plan is the result of extensive public review involving a 72-member General Plan Task Force, and thorough review by the Planning Commission and City Council. Throughout the process, it was necessary to balance interests from many strongly-held points of view. The result is a useable and effective guiding document with extensive maps, charts, tables and photographs. Contact: stevep@cupertino.org. Photo: Darcy Kremin, Leon Pirofalo, Steve Piasecki, Ciddy Wordell, Al Morales, Bob Harrison



Planning Implementation Award, Small Jurisdiction

The Zoning Ordinance Technical Manual for Single-Family Residential Zones

(City of Palo Alto)

Palo Alto's new Technical Manual for the Single-Family Residential Zone uses illustrations addressing design issues, offers design suggestions and tree protection measures, and defines terms and other technical information to clarify the intent of its quantitative R1 regulations. These tools better communicate the city's desire to maintain the existing character of its eclectic R-1 districts. The new Technical Manual is carefully tailored to allow individual preferences while more effectively protecting the existing quality of Palo Alto's neighborhoods. Contact: julie.caporgno@cityofpaloalto.org. Photo: Darcy Kremin, Julie Caporgno, Gloria Humble



Planning Project Award

Park Avenue District Plan

(City of Emeryville)

In 2002, the City of Emeryville established an Advisory Committee to update the previously-adopted portions of the Park Avenue District Plan and to develop a vision for the district. The goals of the plan included attracting arts, local businesses and residents to a brick-and-concrete industrial area while retaining some light industrial uses and the district's funky character. The Plan identifies sites for an arts center, a park, and public parking. It calls for improved transit access and a Greenway/Bay Trail alignment through a new park adjacent to the railroad tracks.

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