

# Mandela Station - Community Meeting

"Working Together to Advance Affordable Housing, Environmental Stewardship, Accessibility, and Community Opportunity"

*Wednesday – June 10, 2026 6:00 PM – 8:PM*  
**AGENDA**

## **Tonight's Meeting Objectives**

- Provide a project update on Mandela Station
- Discuss tree preservation, replacement, and urban canopy improvements
- Review accessibility and streetscape improvements surrounding West Oakland BART
- Gather community input and feedback
- Outline next steps and future engagement opportunities

## **6:30 PM – Welcome & Introductions**

Community Meeting Chair

- Welcome
- Purpose of tonight's meeting
- Community discussion guidelines
- Overview of agenda

## **6:35 PM – Mandela Station Project General Update**

### **6:50 PM – Breakout Session Overview**

Project Team

Introduction to discussion stations:

Station #1 – Trees & Urban Canopy

Station #2 – Accessibility & Streetscape Design

Station #3 – Other Project Topics & Community Questions

(See Breakout Session Guide for detailed descriptions.)

## **7:00 PM – Breakout Discussions**

Community members are invited to participate at any discussion station.

Topics include:

- Trees and landscaping
- Accessibility and mobility improvements
- Streetscape design
- Affordable housing implementation
- Construction and infrastructure improvements
- Future development phases

## **8:00 PM – Report Back & Community Feedback**

- Summary from facilitators
- Key questions and recommendations
- Community comments

## **8:20 PM – Next Steps**

- Follow-up actions
- Future community engagement opportunities
- West Oakland BART Station Community Advisory Council (WOBSCAC) participation opportunities
- Next community meeting anticipated in approximately four weeks (unless Interim meeting is needed)



## **Community Participation**

Community members are encouraged to visit any station of interest and share their perspectives, concerns, ideas, and recommendations.

Post-it notes and comment cards will be available at each discussion station for community members who would like to provide written comments, questions, concerns, or suggestions.

All written feedback will be collected by the development team, reviewed carefully, and considered as part of the ongoing planning and refinement process.

A summary of community input, questions received, and responses will be posted on the Mandela Station project website following the meeting to help ensure transparency, accountability, and continued community dialogue.

Our goal is not simply to present information, but to listen, learn, and work collaboratively with the community as Mandela Station moves forward.

## **Station #1 – Trees & Urban Canopy**

### **Purpose**

To discuss tree preservation, replacement, long-term canopy goals, and opportunities for community input regarding the future urban forest surrounding Mandela Station.

### **Discussion Topics**

- Project tree removal and preservation plan
- Existing 7th Street trees
  - Current conditions
  - Arborist findings
  - Tree-by-tree evaluation matrix
  - Photographs and location maps
- Proposed replacement tree program
  - New tree locations
  - Soil improvement and planting methods
  - Long-term canopy objectives
  - Comparison of existing and proposed conditions



- Tree species selection
  - City-approved street tree options
  - Benefits and tradeoffs of different species
  - Community preferences and recommendations

### **Key Questions**

- Which existing trees should be prioritized for preservation?
- What tradeoffs should be considered when balancing tree retention, accessibility, and public safety?
- What tree species and canopy goals best reflect community priorities?

### **Consultants:**

Mark Wessels, MIG  
Tod Lawsen, City Tree Services

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## **Station #2 – Accessibility & Streetscape Design**

### **Purpose**

To review the public improvements required around the West Oakland BART Station and discuss opportunities for community input regarding streetscape enhancements, mobility, accessibility, and public safety.

### **Discussion Topics**

- West Oakland BART Access Study
- City and BART Conditions of Approval
- Pedestrian improvements
- ADA accessibility enhancements
- Bicycle infrastructure
- Transit access and bus stop improvements
- Passenger loading and drop-off areas
- Streetscape improvements
  - Sidewalks
  - Lighting



- Landscaping
- Public realm improvements
- Comparison to the 7th Street Corridor improvements

### **Key Questions**

- How can the station area become safer and more accessible for everyone?
- What streetscape elements should be prioritized?
- Where is there flexibility for refinement based upon community input?

### **Presenters**

Jeff Hinton, BKF

BART Representatives

OakDOT Representatives

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## **Station #3 – Other Project Topics**

### **Purpose**

To provide an opportunity for discussion of project-related topics that may not fit within the Trees or Streetscape discussions.

### **Discussion Topics**

- Affordable housing project schedule
- Future development phases
- Healthcare and community-serving uses
- Construction activities and truck routes
- Sewer and utility infrastructure improvements
- Undergrounding of overhead utilities
- Environmental remediation activities
- Economic development opportunities
- Additional community questions and concerns

### **Key Questions**

- What additional information would community members like to see?
- What issues should be prioritized as the project moves forward?



- What opportunities exist to strengthen long-term community benefits?

### **Presenters**

Project Development Team  
Technical Consultants  
Agency Representatives

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## **Community Feedback Welcome**

Each station will include opportunities to:

- ✓ Ask questions
- ✓ Provide comments
- ✓ Share concerns
- ✓ Suggest alternatives
- ✓ Recommend priorities
- ✓ Sign up for future project updates and engagement opportunities

Your input will help inform future discussions and project refinements as Mandela Station moves forward.

