

Alameda Corridor Business Improvement District
Executive Director's Report
Tom Quinn, Executive Director
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ACBID PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

- Belmar Crossing Pocket Park- **Construction Planned for Summer, 2022.** We submitted a revised application for a revocable license agreement to the city and expect a response soon. It should be noted permit delays remain a problem due to retirements in the Lakewood Public Works Department.
- Sidewalk History Icons- **Installation Completed!** All five of the new history icons have been sandblasted and painted. Please see our website for more information on all of the icons, <https://alamedaconnects.org/discover-alameda-history/>
The next set of 4-6 icons for the trail are currently in design with installation expected late this summer.
- Discover Alameda- **Installation Completed!** Installation of all traffic box wraps, QR code decals, and laminate pole signs is complete. The Discover Alameda app officially launched earlier this month and everyone is encouraged to download it and enjoy the Discover Alameda experience!
- Flow Sculpture Damage Repairs- **In Process.** The electrical system for the lighting is undergoing evaluation currently.
- Wadsworth Underpass Project- **Phase 1 (Mural) Completed for Tunnel Entrances and Retaining Walls.** Sarah helped the Weir Gulch Gardens Neighborhood Association with a Lakewood Neighborhood Participation Program (NPP) grant for Phase 2 that will include improved tunnel lighting and a mural for the interior of the underpass. We were notified last week that the NPP grant was approved in the amount of \$60,000.
- Alameda Landscape Maintenance- **Work in Progress.** LMI Landscaping took over work under the contract from Leo Landscaping. We monitor LMI's work on a weekly basis and so far, they are doing a good job. Dead plant replacements under the Intergovernmental Agreement with the LRA will take place in June.

Additionally, we have rolled out an education campaign for businesses and business property owners on the corridor and the public. Businesses are asked to help keep the corridor looking good by picking up trash on their properties weekly.

Sarah hand delivered a letter to corridor businesses informing them of ACBID's role in landscape maintenance and their responsibilities as property owners. Information on corridor landscape maintenance responsibilities and a complaint form are on our website at <https://alamedaconnects.org/alameda-corridor-landscape-maintenance/>

- WPA Plaque Relocation and Restoration- **Completed!** The Works Progress Administration monument plaque dating to 1937 at Alameda and Sheridan was fully restored and moved to a new location on a red rock slab by the Welcome to Lakewood sign at Benton and Alameda.

CRIME PREVENETION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (CPTED) SECURITY GRANTS PROGRAM

Upon completion of the CPTED training in February, Sarah conducted 3 CPTED Site Assessments along the corridor. Sarah is in the process of submitting the final assessment for Belmar Crossing and has completed assessments at Telluride Truffle and Eaton Senior Communities. We are still working out details on the grants program to assure it is effective. Funding for these grants is included in the 2022 ACBID budget.

BUSINESS ENERGY GRANTS PROGRAM

We continue to work with the City of Lakewood Sustainability Division to develop an energy-improvements grants program for Alameda Corridor businesses. Businesses must complete energy audits first to be eligible to apply for a grant. Sarah has been working with the Sustainability Division to recruit corridor businesses to complete energy audits with Excel Energy. Funding for the grants program is included in the 2022 budget.

2022 GROW GRANTS

Grant applications under this program closed on May 16. To avoid conflicts of interest the Joint Finance Committee will review the applications and decide on grant awards. We will report back to the board on grant recipients.

SHOPPING CART AND GRAFITTI ISSUES

Since the March meeting we have noticed a significant decline in both graffiti and shopping carts left on the corridor. We walk the corridor weekly and promptly report these problems through Request Lakewood. We also clean graffiti from our artwork, benches and shade structure immediately.

2022 Grant Announcements

In April, ACBID & Alameda Connects was awarded \$60,000 as part of the City of Lakewood Neighborhood Participation Grant to improve the Weir Gulch Pedestrian Tunnel. The funds will be used to enhance the lighting and beautification of the tunnel.

In May, ACBID & Alameda Connects was awarded \$12,000 as part of the AARP Community Challenge grant to install a new concrete pad, bench and ground mural at the West Metro Housing Solutions 5800 apartment complex, and ground murals at existing corridor seating areas at Easter Seals and the intersection of Pierce and Alameda.

Bravo Magazine Feature

ACBID's art program featured in the summer issue of Lakewood Heritage, Culture & the Arts magazine BRAVO. https://issuu.com/cityoflakewood/docs/bravo_magazine_may-august_2022/16

2023 OPERATING PLAN AND BUDGET

At the August 25 board meeting we will review the ACBID 2023 Operating Plan and Budget. This is an important meeting because these documents must be approved and submitted to the City of Lakewood by September 30. Please save the date now and plan to attend.