







**Highlights from City of Oakland Downtown Specific Plan
Facilities Planning Committee meeting
October 7, 2019**

Below are excerpts from the City of Oakland Downtown Specific Plan, their recent master planning effort which was just distributed fall 2019. Laney College is mentioned in several key areas as is the Kaiser Convention Center. It would seem that Oakland has read our FTMP and has included hints of our plans. One particular area of focus is the area along the channel and a region known as Victoria Court is part of their Green Loop pedestrian and bicycle access that surrounds downtown. The city is interested in redevelopment of this area. Also included is the concept of student and faculty housing. The city is currently receptive to potential rezoning efforts that will align with their master plan and the area along the channel and the regions that are currently the student parking lot are all part of the considerations in the city’s proposed plan. See the full plan for more in-depth discussion.

here with mixed-use buildings and active ground floors facing the sidewalk.

10. Laney College

Future Vision: In addition to the improvements completed as part of the Laney College Facilities & Technology Master Plan, new mixed-use development on the Laney College surface parking lot adjacent to I-880 and the Peralta Community College Site between 5th Avenue and the Lake Merritt Channel provides new student and teacher housing, flexible ground floor spaces that activate the street and support Laney’s educational mission, and new institutional and educational facilities.

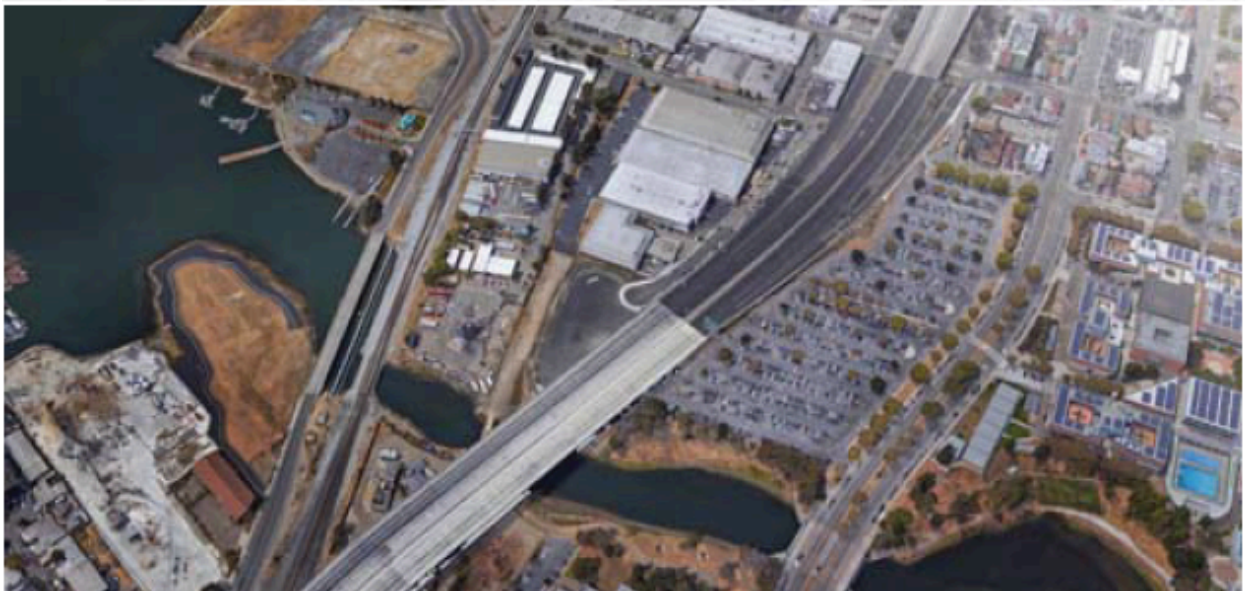
Strategy: Partner with large downtown businesses and industries to enhance employment opportunities and training for Oakland residents.	
E-3.2 N	Develop incentives for contractors/builders to hire local workers and businesses, with a focus on increasing equitable representation of underrepresented groups, including justice-involved individuals.
E-3.3* R	Continue and expand local-hire initiatives, training, apprenticeships, and partnerships with employers and Laney College to develop a job pipeline in the technology sector, “clean and green” sector, and other major industry sectors in downtown. Ensure all programs support the hiring of women and Black residents. Efforts should include expansion of training, mentoring, summer job, internship, apprenticeship and placement models, and diversity/bias training for major employers in order to develop a more inclusive downtown workforce that better reflects Oakland’s demographic composition.
	   EQT-4 EQT-5 LU-1.3    EQT-4 EQT-5 EQT-6

Rezone opportunity areas to allow dense residential development and encourage infill on smaller lots, resulting in an anticipated 29,100 new housing units.

To accommodate Oakland's growing population, downtown has an opportunity to absorb a significant portion of the projected total need for housing citywide, both subsidized affordable and market rate. As part of a development incentive program, clearly identified community benefits can be provided in exchange for increases in building intensity in identified opportunity areas. The City can locate and adjust zoning for opportunity areas with high potential for development to allow homes in high-intensity, mixed-use neighborhoods, such as Jack London's Victory Court area and portions of Laney College, which may be appropriate for student or staff housing, (see Figure H-1). The increased intensity allowed can be in the form of increased height, Floor Area Ratio (FAR), and/or density (to encourage micro-units and other affordable-by-design residential unit types). See Land Use & Urban Form Strategies, and Policy LU-1.3.

Victory Court & Laney College

With proximity to Brooklyn Basin and the Lake Merritt BART station, the Victory Court/Laney College area is an opportunity for new mixed-income housing, mixed-use development, and high quality open space including improved trails along the Estuary waterfront and Lake Merritt Channel. Redeveloped Laney College parking lot property could be used for educational purposes, including housing serving students and teachers.



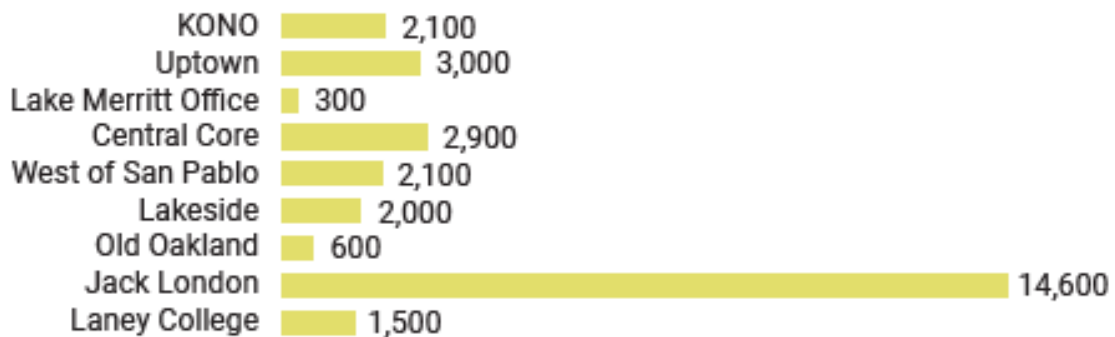
CONNECTING DOWNTOWN'S ASSETS

Figure CH-5 shows the Green Loop idea, a series of streetscape, public space and mobility improvements that fill in current gaps in downtown's public infrastructure to create an inner and outer loop and green gateways, connecting people in downtown and surrounding neighborhoods to the waterfront and cultural and entertainment areas. The images on this page show proposed public improvements that would occur along the loop, including:

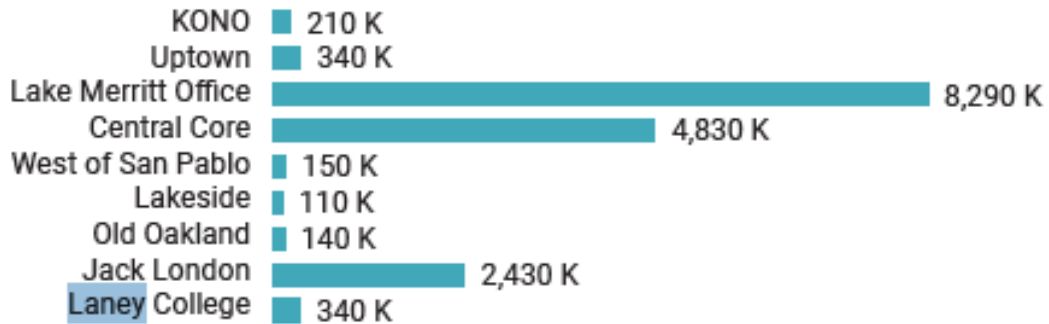
1. 14th Street separated bicycle track and urban design elements branded to celebrate the BAMBD
2. Development at Victory Court and Laney College, Estuary Park improvements, and Lake Merritt Bay to Trail Bridge
3. Webster Green linear park
4. I-880 Underpass Plaza at Martin Luther King Jr Blvd with improved bicycle lanes (part of the Core Bicycle Network)
5. New park and plaza at 14th and Castro St made possible by the conversion of I-980 into a multi-way boulevard
6. Streetscape improvements at Frank Ogawa Plaza and separated bicycle track along 14th Street

These projections are interesting and I suppose are for us to consider in connection with our FTMP

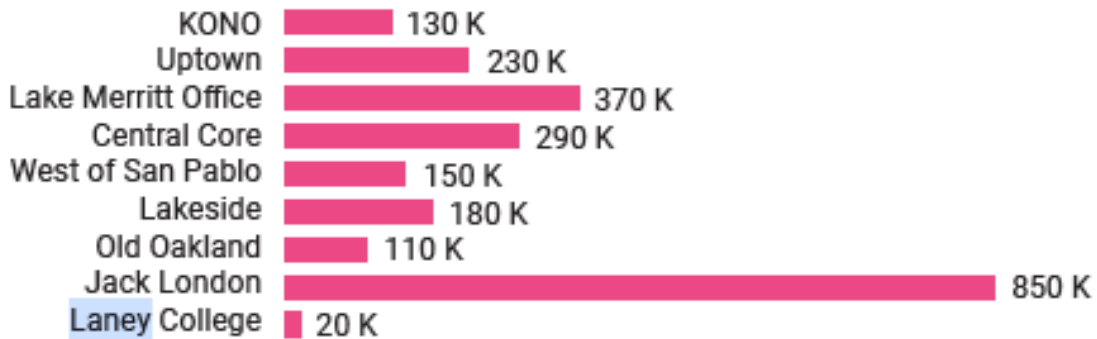
Potential Residential Units by Neighborhood/Area



Potential Office Space (SF) by Neighborhood/Area

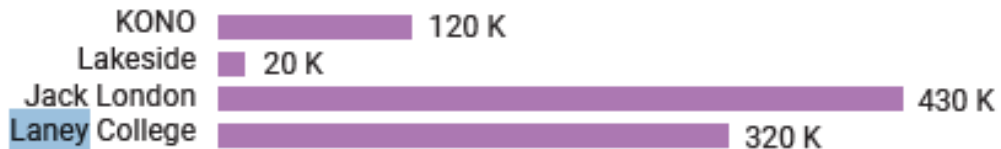


Potential Retail/N'hood Commercial (SF) by Neighborhood/Area



This graph is particular interesting as it relates to private/public partnerships

Potential Flex Commercial Space (SF) by Neighborhood/Area



And this one

Potential Institutional Space (SF) by Neighborhood/Area



This is interesting, since it seems to show project that might already be planned – like the perimeter of Laney college (sorry for the small type).

7th St	Jackson St	N/A	Intersection	Install bulbouts, directional curb ramps, and accessible flashing pedestrian signals
7th St	Fallon St	N/A	Intersection	Install bulbouts, directional curb ramps, accessible pedestrian signals, lane changes, or sidewalk widening
7th St	Laney College entrance	N/A	Intersection	Install bulbouts, directional curb ramps, and accessible pedestrian signals
8th St	Broadway	Fallon St	Corridor	Implement streetscape amenities, lighting, street crossing improvements, and other traffic calming measures. Extend Chinatown's character east along 8th and 9th Streets to Lake Merritt BART and Laney College. Establish an active, pedestrian-oriented, well-fit connection between Chinatown and the Lake Merritt BART Station/Laney College.
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10th St	Webster St	N/A	Intersection	Phase I: Install bulbouts, directional curb ramps, and accessible pedestrian signals; Phase II: Install a pedestrian scramble
10th St	Fallon St	N/A	Intersection	Install bulbouts, directional curb ramps, and accessible pedestrian signals
10th St	Kaiser Auditorium entrances (two)	N/A	Intersection	Install bulbouts, directional curb ramps, accessible pedestrian signals, and flashing pedestrian signals
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