

# Transforming Suburbs into Sustainable Communities

Case Study: Suisun City, California

## SUISUN CITY

- Located between Sacramento and the Bay Area on Highway 12, near I-80
- Population of 28,000
- Suisun-Fairfield Amtrak Capital Corridor station - currently the only one in Solano County
  - functions as multi-modal transit center
- RDA project area established in 1982
- Downtown Waterfront Specific Plan adopted 1999
- Currently updating General Plan and Zoning Ordinance New Partners for Smart Grov





### Suisun City – Waterfront Renaissance



### Suisun City, California Prior to Redevelopment



### Train Station – Amtrak Capital Corridor



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### Suisun City, California – Rethinking Housing



### Out with the bad



#### Former Crescent Neighorhood

#### Substandard housing



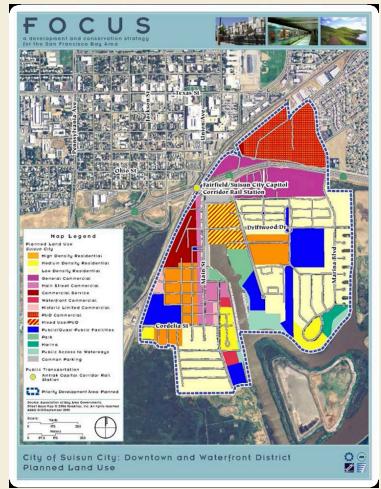


#### High crime



### Transforming Suburbs: Tools and Techniques

- Specific Plan provides guidance
- PDA creates opportunity
- Funding sources for planning and implementation
  - o FOCUS
  - o TLC
  - CDBG PTA General Allocation and Economic Development
- Update of General Plan and Zoning Ordinance provides policy and program direction



### Suisun City PDA: Related Efforts

#### Private development:

- Delta Cove (mixed-use residential and commercial)
- Harbor Square (mixed use commercial and office)
- Hampton Inn and Suites



#### **Current and Planned Projects:**

- Safe Routes to School and Transit
- Railroad Avenue Extension
- Infrastructure to support development (Water/Sewer)



#### Railroad Avenue Extension (Marina Blvd. to Main Street)

- Construct four-lane arterial parkway between Marina Boulevard and Main Street
  - Includes 1,500 linear feet of street
  - New bridge over Union Avenue Creek
  - Traffic signal at the intersection of Railroad Avenue, Main Street and the Highway 12 freeway ramp.
- Provides a direct connection of Railroad Avenue (a cross-town arterial roadway) to the westbound Highway 12 on- and off- ramps as well as to the City's Marina Blvd. area.
- Provides alternative access to Highway 12, Suisun City Waterfront and the Train Station for commuters, pedestrians and bicyclists
- Estimated cost: \$322,000 (Plan document); \$3,045,000 (Full implementation)



#### Railroad Avenue Extension (Marina Blvd. to Main Street)



-Train Station



### Safe Routes to Transit

- Improves pedestrian and bicycle access to and from the Suisun Train Station in the Historic Waterfront District
  - Removes obstacles
  - Upgrades pedestrian facilities to current ADA standards
  - Provides additional bicycle facilities
  - Provides better lighting, adding signage, and pavement markings
  - Includes fencing to discourage/prevent jaywalking across Main Street
  - Includes countdown pedestrian heads at traffic signals and other improvements to enhance comfort and safety of pedestrians and bicyclists.
  - Includes pavement rehabilitation on Main Street from Driftwood Drive and the Highway 12 West off-ramp to Downtown/Main Street.
- Estimated cost: \$40,000 (Plan document); \$550,000 (Full implementation) New Partners for Smart Growth Conference



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### Lotz Way Bike and Pedestrian Improvements

- Construction of a safe transit environment for pedestrians and bicyclists along Lotz Way.
  - Construction of a Class I bikeway
  - Provides optimum access to the Train Station for pedestrians and bicyclists
  - Completes the gap in the bikeway system between the downtown area and the Grizzly Island Trail.
  - Potential SR2S and SR2T candidate.
- Estimated cost: \$250,000 (Plan document); \$1,000,000 (Full implementation)



### Lotz Way Bike and Pedestrian Improvements





### **THANK YOU FOR JOINING US**

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