

Ukiah

Mendocino County, CA

» Downtown Streetscape Improvement Project

As the former interstate highway, State Street not only imposed a barrier to pedestrian travel but also stifled economic growth at the heart of town. This \$10.4 million project improved and beautified the historic downtown Ukiah. The project featured widened sidewalks, bioretention, reduced lanes, traffic signals and replaced all utilities.



A total of 9 blocks along State Street, the primary arterial roadway in Ukiah, and several connecting side streets were improved. The project also implemented a “road diet” where State Streets’ existing four-lanes (two in each direction) were reduced to two-lanes (one in each direction) with center two-way left-turn lanes, parallel parking and wider sidewalks. Construction of the project started in the spring of 2020 and was completed during the COVID-19 pandemic.



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The project included “road diet” improvements to handle traffic volumes more efficiently with fewer lanes, enabling on-street parking, and safer pedestrian crossings with corner bulbouts. In addition to roadway reconstruction, the project also provided new ADA compliant sidewalks and pedestrian ramps, decorative brick highlights, modified traffic signals, street trees, decorative pedestrian streetlights, and a hybrid mid-block pedestrian crossing with a flashing beacon.

Landscaping and rain gardens were incorporated into corner bulbouts to act as both stormwater LID areas and “parklets” with bench seating. Several side street sidewalks were also made wide enough to provide for outdoor restaurant seating areas.