



South Park Walkability Project

The BID is implementing a streetscape and walkability improvement project around the Pico Metro station as part the My Figueroa project. The South Park Walkability Project will enhance safety and improve the pedestrian experience within South Park. Improvements to the area will include: pedestrian lighting, improved fencing along the pedestrian walkway, enhanced landscaping and covering K-rail with South Park inspired visuals. We expect project completion by the end of 2016.



Public Art

With the non-profit Do Art Foundation, the BID has connected local and internationally renowned artists to building owners. Creating a public art program for the neighborhood, the partnership curated 10 large-scale murals, a utility box art series, and a construction fence art project as of March 2016. With a new focus on art that engages a community, the BID also created and hosted a series of free public art classes in Venice Hope Park in addition to an art salon series featuring various local artists/collectives who have contributed artwork to DTLA.



Green alleys

Partnering with the LA Sustainability Collaborative, the BID facilitated the creation of a visioning plan for greening the alleys in South Park. The approach included a tiered system, such that an alley intervention could include minimal impacts of climbing vines and permeable pavers, or possible alley vacations and use by local businesses and restaurants. The BID is working with the city, developer Mack Urban, and other nearby building owners on a pilot project for the first green alley in South Park on the block bounded by 12th, Pico, Olive and Hill.



Hope St. Parklet

By utilizing sponsorships and donations from community stakeholders, the BID was able to complete the first parklet approved through LADOT's People St. program at 11th and Hope St. A parklet is a small public open space with seating that takes up 2-4 parking spaces on a raised platform, so it is flush with the sidewalk. The Hope St. Parklet opened in January 2016 as a way to increase seating space and the walkability of Hope St. and has already received positive reviews for its design and sustainability.



Sidewalk Repairs

South Park BID worked with Precision Concrete Cutting on a sidewalk survey, cost estimation, and cutting of 800 locations of trip hazards across South Park. The process, made possible through a special permit with Public Works, took six months in preparation. Cutting began January 5, 2015 and was completed in 14 working days.



Street Trees

The BID connected with non-profits, city entities, and private landscape architecture teams to create and implement a plan for street trees in the neighborhood. Two surveys of all trees and tree wells, and a South Park tree palette, have been completed, while new tree wells have been cut and 18 new street trees were planted.



Bike Share

Metro is partnering with the city of Los Angeles to launch the Downtown Los Angeles Metro Countywide Bike Share Pilot Program beginning on July 7, 2016. The pilot program will feature up to 1,000 bicycles and 65 stations in DTLA. The South Park BID worked with Metro and the city of Los Angeles to identify the best locations for 8 bike share stations in South Park. Stations were chosen to enhance existing transit connections, leverage streetscape improvements already underway, and to serve the existing and future community.