

# Livermore First Street Streetscape

Livermore, CA



The First Street streetscape project was the keystone capital improvement project recommended as part of the Livermore Downtown Specific Plan. The design incorporates elements of Livermore's winery, working ranch, and garden character into an integrated downtown streetscape in order to transform a state highway into a special pedestrian street with outdoor eating, increased amenities, and a town green at its historic crossroads.



The wide, auto scale 4 lane arterial street was reduced to two lanes. The proportions of the street width were made even more pedestrian-friendly with the introduction of freestanding trellis structures and street trees within parking lanes. The wisteria-clad trellises were combined with extensive landscaping and existing bluestone paving to introduce a "winery patio" character into downtown.

## BEFORE

- 1/3-mile long, 4 lane segment of a downtown main street with parallel parking within a 93' state highway right-of-way.
- A truck route with heavy through-traffic.



Despite bluestone sidewalks and shade trees, the existing wide street section and heavy through-traffic discouraged pedestrian-oriented activity.

## ASSIGNMENTS

- Transform an overly wide state highway into an amenity-rich Downtown Main Street.
- Create a pedestrian-friendly streetscape environment to support a revitalized downtown economy.
- Set the stage for a revitalized downtown core that functions as an arts and entertainment district and creates an improved setting for outdoor dining and special community events.

## OUTCOMES

**Construction completed March 2006, on time and under budget.**

- Livermore's new Downtown Main Street is the setting for significant new investment in downtown housing, new shops and restaurants, a regional theater, and a high profile multi-screen movie theater.
- The project has been recognized with a 2007 Award of Excellence from the California Redevelopment Agency under the Public Space and Linkages Category.

**CLIENT:** City of Livermore

**IN COLLABORATION WITH:** Livermore Engineering, SFE Landscape Architects, Zeiger Engineers, Kahn Design Associates, Carlisle Macy

**FTB:** When this project was completed the firm name was Freedman Tung & Bottomley (FTB).



Amidst historic buildings at the downtown's crossroads of First Street and Livermore Avenue, the project created a new town green for public gatherings as well as everyday relaxation, anchored by a semicircular trellis version of those elsewhere along the street. The trellis contains a cascading fountain configured for children to run beneath and cool off during the warm months.



A right-turn "slip lane" was closed and the area it occupied turned into a central town green.