

Castro Street Reconfiguration and Design

Mountain View, CA



As the centerpiece of a revitalized town center, FTB's redesign of Castro Street has been a catalyst for redevelopment in downtown Mountain View. The main street was reconfigured from a 4-lane arterial to a 3-lane pedestrian-oriented street with special "flexible zones." These zones, which can be used either as patio space for an outdoor café or as curbside parking, give a distinct identity to the district.

BEFORE

- 2/3-mile long, 4 lane street with parallel parking within 80' and 90' right-of-ways
- Low rents and numerous business vacancies
- Area was desolate after dark



Castro Street was wide and auto-oriented prior to reconstruction

OUTCOMES

Construction completed 1989

- Redesign has allowed the creation of over a half-dozen outdoor cafés where none were previously possible.
- The project was recognized in a 1993 San Francisco Chapter AIA Honor Award for Downtown Mountain View's revitalization.
- Profiled in Great Streets by Allan B. Jacobs



Bus Shelters designed as "civic umbrellas" accommodating shelter, seats, and lean rails while contributing to the identity of the street.

CLIENT: City of Mountain View

IN COLLABORATION WITH: Mark Thomas & Co., Inc., DKS Engineering, The Engineering Enterprise

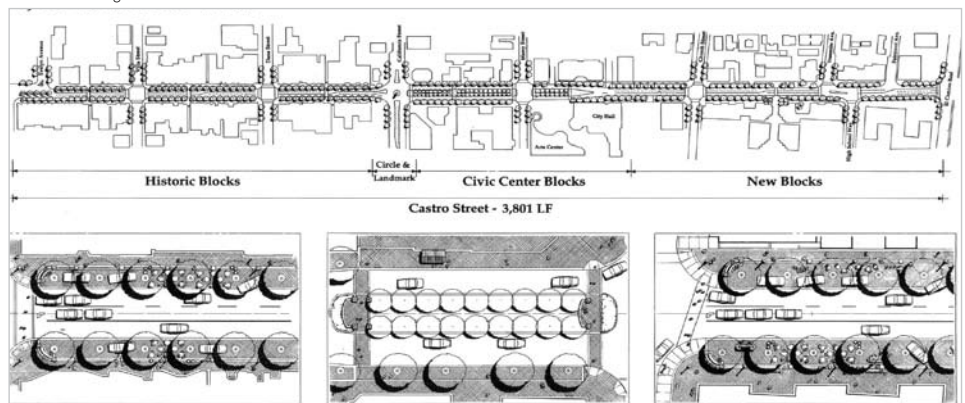
FTB: When this project was completed the firm name was Freedman Tung & Bottomley (FTB).



Castro Street features new "Flexible Zones" that can be used for either curbside parking or outdoor dining.



Outdoor dining in the Flexible Zone.



Project Extent and Sub-Areas Diagram depicting the segmentation of the street for spatial sequence and interest