

FTB's design for the new Depot Circle in Downtown Redwood City envisions an elevated train platform, pedestrian and vehicular connectivity, mixed-use development, and a central public place that together transform a no-man's land into an attractive and active transit zone that is a gateway to the city's revitalized downtown.

BEFORE

- Commuter rail station and bus terminal close to Downtown, but transit facilities not visible; various obstacles blocked connecting routes
- Platform crossing confusing and circuitous
- Missed opportunities to leverage transit assets to promote ridership and revitalization; large daytime population near transit, but disconnected by unpleasant walking experience
- Very little housing close to rail station



Looking toward downtown from Station Exit (existing)

ASSIGNMENT

- Integrate planning for Downtown Revitalization with existing transit facilities and with planned enhancements to commuter rail service
- Link the far side of the train tracks to the Downtown Core
- Identify housing opportunity sites close to the train and provide development standards to insure appropriate design for historic district
- Involve the community and elected officials thoroughly in the planning process

OUTCOMES

Plan in City Review Phase

- Created a master plan for a central public place at the new "depot station"
- Formulated strategy to promote high density mixed-use development at the station gateway in the short-term; high intensity housing within walking distance of the station in the mid-term; continuing redevelopment and improved street connectivity over the long term

Client: City of Redwood City

In Collaboration with: The Concord Group, Korve Engineering



FTB's plan for Depot Circle will transform Downtown Redwood City's transit zone



Phase I (tracks at grade): Depot Circle concept extends the fabric of the downtown core to the station, forming a central public space at the linkage point