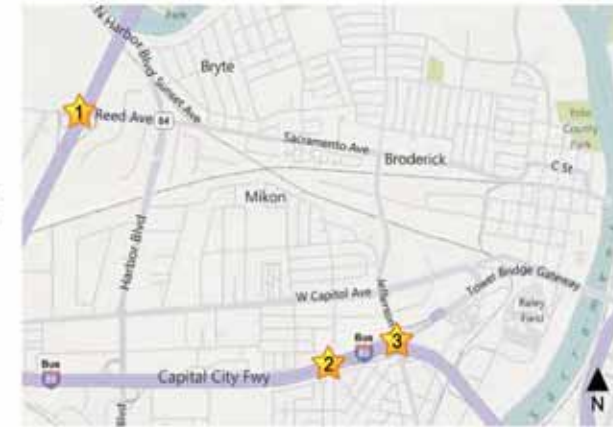


West Sacramento Underpass Beautification Strategy

An improvement to the I-80 Freeway Underpass system is an essential element in revamping the city of West Sacramento. The significance of this area is that in its existing condition, these spaces are dangerous for any travel, aside from vehicular. Most lack a bike path or sidewalk, prohibiting residents from accessing these roads by alternative transportation. They are not inviting because they have little to no aesthetics. Further, they lack an identity, and are in desperate need of streetscape. This topic greatly benefits the West Sacramento community by providing safer streets and a neighborhood identity through public art.

The project area includes the underpasses on Jefferson Boulevard, West Acre Road and Reed Avenue. The short term effect would be a beautification of these areas. Through public art and landscaping, local artists could be involved in adding an aesthetic appeal to these functional thoroughways. Residents of surrounding neighborhoods could submit design proposals to be considered in the project. Murals and mosaics decorating the concrete will bring vibrancy to the city and invite people to travel on these main streets.



Reed Avenue



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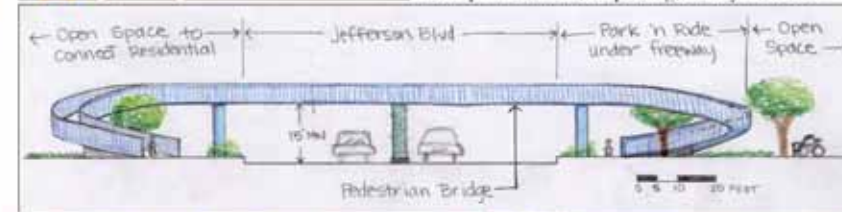
The design for this underpass creates a tangible entrance to the city as people exit the freeway towards the IKEA shopping center. This improvement helps define this area of town. The national truck route also uses this road, so the street width needs to remain unchanged.

Jefferson Boulevard



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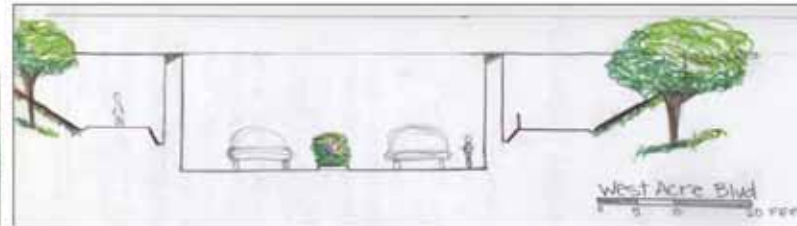
This roadway is a very wide intersection due to multiple freeways that divide overhead. It is used as part of the local truck route and lacks directional signage for nearby popular destinations such as Raley Field. A pedestrian bridge from one side to the other would help keep people safer. With the implementation of a new park 'n ride, commuters would have access to alternative transportation, allowing for the use of public transit, carpooling, or bicycle travel.



West Acre Road



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As the freeway passes over West Acre Road, it separates a neighborhood from a school and public parks. Currently, a chain link fence is the only barrier between the street and the narrow sidewalk. It is very dark along the underpass, but vibrant lighting and a raised pathway would allow pedestrians to travel more safely to and from the parks and school.

