



# ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD



# HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD



# PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## BOARDS & COMMISSION WORK PLANS

Planning & Development Services

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# ARB 23-24 Accomplishments

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- **Reviewed approximately 20 projects** including:
  - 2 Major Public Projects (Fire Station at 3600 Middlefield Rd, Advanced Water Purification System at 2501 Embarcadero);
  - Multi-Family Residential Projects (~450 units) with inclusionary BMR units (~223 affordable units); and
  - Commercial Projects. (~37,744 Square Feet of Net Commercial Office Area)
- **Provided feedback to assist Council** on:
  - (1) SB 9 standards, and objective standards for townhouse style designs;
  - (2) Preapproved parklet designs;
  - (3) Dark skies and bird friendly design ordinances; and
  - (4) North Ventura Coordinated Area Plan (NVCAP).



**3200 Park Boulevard - Initial Proposal**



**3200 Park Boulevard - Final Design**



**3001 El Camino Real – Initial Proposal**



**3001 El Camino Real - Final Design**





**123 Sherman Avenue - Initial Proposal**



**123 Sherman Avenue – Final Design**



**2501 Embarcadero Road - Initial Proposal**



**2501 Embarcadero Road – Final Design**

# ARB 24-25 Work Plan (ARB Approved April 4)

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1. **Review Planning applications** for conformance with ARB Findings and Objective Standards.
2. **Assist the City with any modifications to the Objective Standards in Chapter 18.24**  
Suggest ways to better address different housing typology.
3. **Discuss specific Coordinated Area Plans (CAPs)** The ARB would recommend exploring/implement; Provide comments on CAPs if Council directs staff to prepare CAPs.
4. **Provide feedback to staff and Council** on the creation of new guidelines, ordinances, and/or streetscapes. (Roof Terraces, Bird Safe Glazing, Dark Sky Lighting, Parklets, etc.)
5. **Improve Coordination between the ARB** and other boards, commissions, and Council.





# **HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD**



# HRB 23-24 Accomplishments

- **Met objectives Goals 1, 2 and 4**
- **Completed Goal 3** (providing recommendations on nominations – 2023 Historic Reconnaissance Survey).
- **Discussed the Council’s direction** to explore alternatives to label “potentially eligible.”
- **Prepared a letter to Council** regarding a Tailored Mills Act Pilot Program.

## 2023 Reconnaissance Survey



### Historic Resources Application Review Procedures

	HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE (PAMC 16.49) REVIEW PROCEDURES	CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) REVIEW PROCEDURES
<b>"GROUP A" HISTORIC RESOURCES</b>	Route any permit applications for exterior changes, including ministerial, to the Historic Preservation Planner. ➤ The Planner reviews the application for consistency with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation' "Standards" and the Historic Preservation Ordinance. ➤ If the project is inconsistent with the Standards, or it exceeds the scope of a "minor exterior alteration" according to the Historic Preservation Ordinance, the Planner refers the application to the HRB.	Route discretionary development applications* for exterior changes to the Historic Preservation Planner. ➤ The Planner reviews the application for consistency with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation' and potential impacts to a historic resource per CEQA. ➤ If CEQA analysis indicates that there may be a potential impact to an historic resource, the Planner refers the application to the HRB.
<b>"GROUP B" HISTORIC RESOURCES</b>	Not subject to the review procedures in the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance. Only "Group A" properties are subject to review under the Historic Preservation Ordinance, see PAMC 16.49.050. Pursuant to Comprehensive Plan Policy L-7.2, a Historic Resource Evaluation (HRE) may be required to demolish a potentially eligible historic resource. If an HRE determines that a property is eligible for the California Register (CR), it is classified and reviewed as a "Group B" resource. If the evaluation determines that a property is not CR-eligible, it is considered a non-resource and reviewed accordingly.	Route discretionary development applications* for exterior changes to the Historic Preservation Planner or the City's historic preservation consultant. ➤ The Planner reviews the application for consistency with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation' and potential impacts to a historic resource per CEQA. ➤ If CEQA analysis indicates that there may be a potential impact to an historic resource, the Planner refers the application to the HRB.
<b>PROPERTIES THAT REQUIRE EVALUATION AS HISTORIC RESOURCES</b>	Not subject to the review procedures in the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance. Only "Group A" properties are subject to review under the Historic Preservation Ordinance, see PAMC 16.49.050.	Route discretionary development applications* for demolition, new construction, addition, or substantial exterior alterations to the Historic Preservation Planner or City's historic preservation consultant. ➤ The staff determines if a Historic Resource Evaluation (HRE) report is required to conduct and complete CEQA review. If a property is found to be eligible for the California Register of Historical Places, it is reviewed as a "Group B" historic resource.

\*The Standards are found on the National Park Service's website: <https://www.nps.gov/tps/standards/rehabilitation.htm>.  
\* Minor exterior alterations are those alterations the Director of Planning and Development Services or his/her designee determines will not adversely affect the exterior architectural characteristics nor the historical or aesthetic value of the historic structure, its site, or surroundings.  
\* Discretionary development applications include: Architectural Review; Design Enhancement Exception; Home Improvement Exception; Neighborhood Preservation Exception; Single Family Individual Review; Site and Design Review; Variance



# HRB 24-25 Work Plan (HRB Approved April 11, Revised August 8)

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1. **Limited modification to PAMC 16.49** providing clarifications on the HRB's role.
2. **Education and Creating New User-Friendly Resources/Communication** Regarding Historic Preservation.
3. **Conduct a survey of the local inventory resources listed prior to the 2023** Historic Reconnaissance Survey. (Update inventory and remove demolished structures, and if Council directs review properties that have lost integrity)
4. **Additional preservation incentives** (Discuss and recommend additional zoning code incentives)
5. **Historical Preservation Awards** (added 8/8/24).



A photograph of a suburban street during autumn. The scene features a concrete sidewalk in the foreground, lined with trees whose leaves are turning yellow, orange, and red. To the left of the sidewalk is a low white fence and green shrubs. To the right, several cars are parked along the street, including a white sedan and a blue car. In the background, a red octagonal stop sign is visible near a house with a gabled roof. The sky is overcast. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is centered over the image, containing the text "PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION" in bold black capital letters.

# **PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**



# PTC 23-24 Accomplishments

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- **Provided feedback** in study sessions and recommended policy direction (such as electrification/noise, and parklets), and reviewed entitlement projects.
- **Completed Transportation goals G1, G8, and G9** (BPTP vision sessions, Safe Streets for All, El Camino Real bike lanes, traffic safety report reviews, Crescent Park traffic calming, on demand transit – Palo Alto Link).
- **Completed Planning goals G2, G4, G5, G6, and G11** (Retail recovery report recommendation, NVCAP and related, Housing Element revisions and ordinances, State legislation implementation, Rental Registry Protection ordinance).
- **Reviewed annual reports.**
- **Additional items of note:** Train Quiet Zone at Palo Alto Ave, Congregation-Based Safe Parking, Tree Protection Ordinance Review, Advanced Water Purification System





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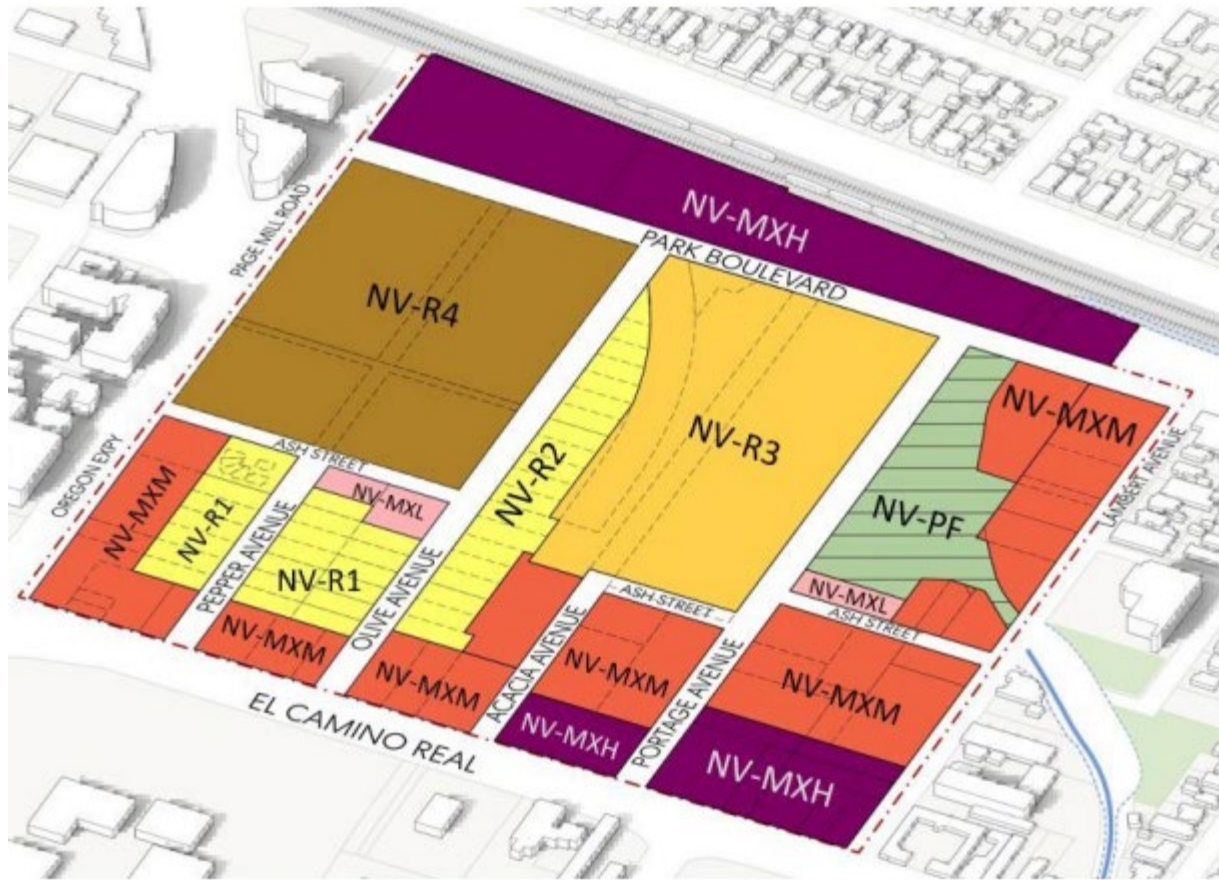
**Palo Alto Link on Hamilton Ave**



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**Teens downtown stopped at signal**





North Ventura Coordinated Area Plan (NVCAP)



Retail Revitalization Study



# PTC 24-25 Work Plan (PTC Approved April 24, 2024)

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1. **Road Safety** Reduce injuries resulting from collisions.
2. **Retail Support** Continue Council-directed work to support Economic Development & Transition priority.
3. **Area Planning** Continue 23-24 Work Plan Goal #3 on neighborhood planning approaches & effectiveness.
4. **Housing Element Program Implementation**
5. **State Law implementation** Laws with prior effective dates & 2024-25 laws.
6. **Parking Programs** Improving the City's parking programs, Downtown in particular.
7. **Bike and Ped Transportation Plan Update** Identify opportunities to enhance & connect the network.
8. **Comprehensive Plan Policy Implementation** leading to Title 18 revisions



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