

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

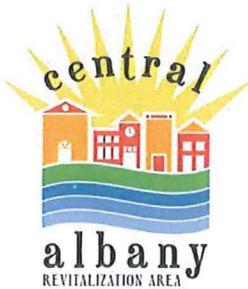
CENTRAL ALBANY REVITALIZATION AREA ADVISORY BOARD  
City Hall Council Chambers  
Thursday, September 18, 2014  
5:15 p.m.

### AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER (Chair Rich Catlin)
2. ROLL CALL
3. SCHEDULED BUSINESS
  - a. Business from the Public
  - b. Public Infrastructure Projects. [Page 2] (Porsche/Crandall)  
Action: \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Main Street Roundabout. [Pages 3-8] (Porsche/Crandall)  
Action: \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Staff updates and issues. [Verbal] (Porsche)  
Action: \_\_\_\_\_
4. BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD
5. NEXT MEETING DATE: *Wednesday, October 15, 2014*
7. ADJOURNMENT

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TO: CARA Advisory Board  
FROM: Kate Porsche, Economic Development & Urban Renewal Director  
DATE: September 12, 2014, for September 18, 2014, CARA Advisory Board Meeting  
SUBJECT: Public Infrastructure Projects

## Background

At Thursday night's meeting, we will be discussing CARA funding of public infrastructure projects. This meeting is the culmination of many months of work you have done including review of projects and the plan, discussion, and a public open house to receive feedback from our citizens as to which public infrastructure projects CARA should focus on next.

At the June open house, we received feedback from 65 participants. The top three projects receiving the highest number of first place votes included: downtowns streetscape (25), Water Avenue streetscape (13), and Dave Clark path improvements (11).

For Thursday night's meeting, I have asked George Crandall to attend and give a presentation that will help answer the following questions:

- Which public infrastructure projects should CARA be investing in next, and how would these tie in to the public's preferences?
- How do these projects compliment and help further the retail refinement plan of 2011?
- What are the estimated costs and timing of these projects?

We have reserved a majority of the meeting for the discussion and deliberation on this topic.

The consensus has been to use a new borrowing to fund this next phase of public infrastructure projects. As a reminder, our borrowing capacity as outlined by Carol Samuels of PiperJaffray is between \$7.7M and \$11M for new projects. Interest rates continue to be favorable, and staff believes this is an excellent time to consider strategic investment in public infrastructure projects.

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TO: CARA Advisory Board

FROM: Nolan Nelson, P.E., Civil Engineer III  
Kate Porsche, Economic Development and Urban Renewal Director

DATE: September 12, 2014, for September 18, 2014, CARA Advisory Board Meeting

SUBJECT: CARA Funding Request for ST-13-04, Main Street Rehabilitation & Roundabout

#### Action Requested

The City of Albany Public Works Department is requesting CARA consider participating in costs required to furnish design features in the center of the Main Street Roundabout.

#### Discussion

The Main Street Rehabilitation project includes construction of street and utility improvements on Main Street between First and Fourth Avenues. In addition to street and utility improvements, this project includes construction of a roundabout intersecting Main Street with Salem Avenue and Third Avenue to address capacity and alignment issues at this intersection.

The modern roundabout provides a space in the center where driving is prohibited, and in many communities an attractive treatment promoting the revitalization of the surrounding areas has been constructed in this space. Municipalities across the nation have started using the centers of roundabouts to display public art and make statements about the businesses and community that surrounds the roundabout.

The CARA Urban Renewal Plan & Report identifies improvements to the Main Street Area Streetscape as Project 22 – Provide traffic calming and pedestrian enhancements as the MS zone redevelops. Participating in improvements to the center of the Main Street roundabout provides an opportunity to fund improvements that will make a lasting impact on the surrounding community that is identified within the CARA district and has been a focus of CARA funding.

Construction of the Main Street Project is nearing completion, and the roundabout opened to traffic on Friday, August 27, 2014. Landscaping improvements will be constructed in streetside planters this fall. We have been looking at improvement options for the center of the roundabout and have come up with several options for consideration.

#### *Public Outreach/Commission Art to Display in Center of Roundabout*

The first option to consider requires public outreach; and staff suggests coordination with the City's Arts Commission to select a design and potentially commission art to be displayed in the center of the roundabout. See examples provided as Attachment 1. Public Works could manage the contract during construction, but we would ask CARA to provide the funding, public outreach, and design for this option.

*Gateway Sign*

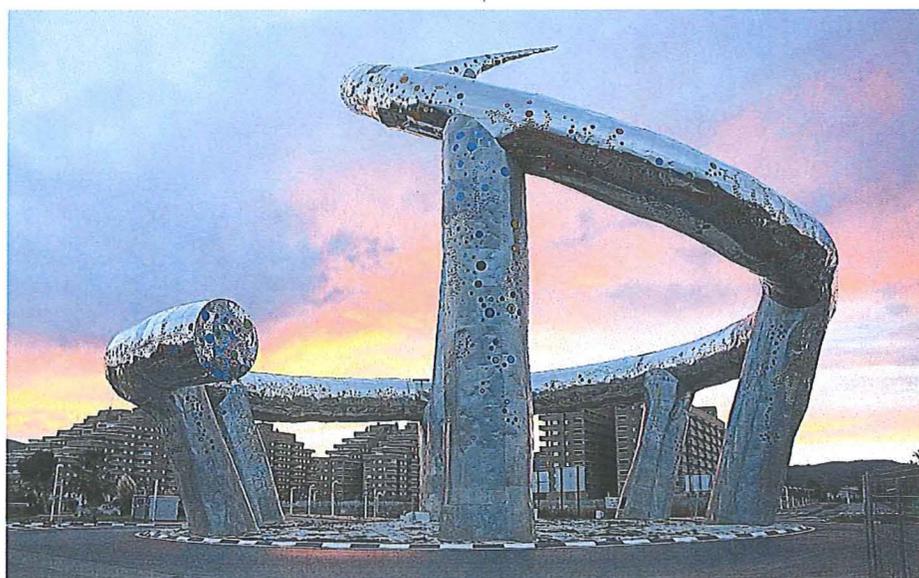
The second option could include construction of a lighted gateway sign. Construction of the lighted gateway sign would be possible if the CARA Advisory Board contributed funds for its construction. Public Works would design and provide funding for the complimentary landscaping. An example of the lighted gateway sign is provided as Attachment 2. The approximate total cost for four of the lighted gateway signs is \$50,000, the approximate cost of landscaping and design is \$20,000.

*Typical Landscape Improvements*

The third option would provide for landscape improvements similar to other roundabouts that have been constructed in Albany at Gibson Hill and North Albany Road intersection and the Knox Butte Road and Timber Ridge Street intersection. Public Works would design and provide full funding for this option. A picture of the landscaping constructed at the Knox Butte Road roundabout is included as Attachment 3.

Staff recommends the gateway sign option with landscaping on the interior of the traffic circle. We believe this could be implemented relatively quickly and would highlight that people have arrived in our community. We feel that the gateway sign should be directed at traffic heading west as they come in on Salem Avenue. Many people travel this route, and the sign could be a welcome to the neighborhood and our community.

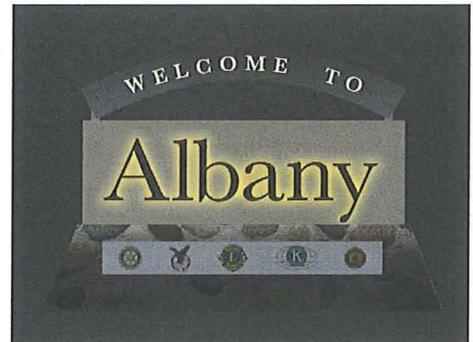
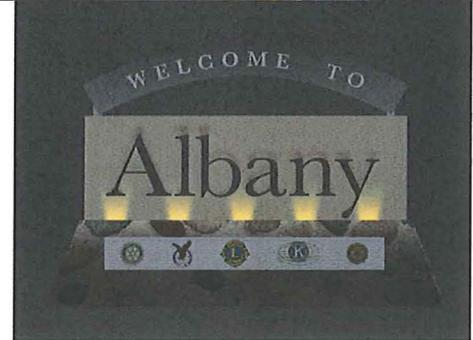
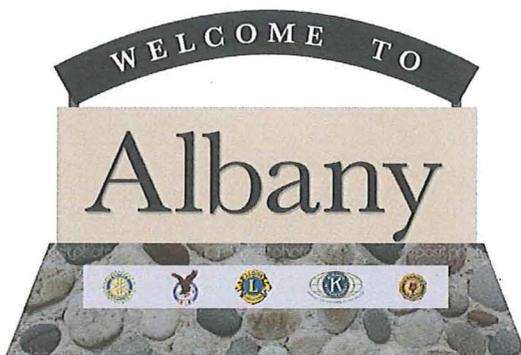
## Attachment 1: Examples of Public Art



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## Attachment 2: Examples of Enhanced Landscaping and Signs



### Attachment 3: Examples of Typical Landscaping



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