



## Council Agenda Report

From: Dante Pecchenino, Senior Development Review Engineer

Subject: Approval of a Resolution Adopting New Downtown and Railroad Street Streetscape Standards

CEQA Determination: The City finds that this action is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") under the Class 1 exemption, which applies to the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features where the project involves negligible or no expansion of existing or former use (State CEQA Guidelines, § 15301).

Date: February 18, 2025

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### Facts

1. In 2018, the City created a concept Railroad Street District Plan that was well received by the public and local business owners.
2. In 2021, the Planning Commission created an Ad-Hoc Committee to refine the 2018 Plan into a formal Streetscape Plan.
3. The City has developed formal engineering standards to implement the Ad Hoc Committee recommendations, by incorporation into the City's "Public Works Standard Details and Specifications" (City Standard Details).
4. The designs have streetscape palettes for the Downtown area, including Railroad Street as a separate special district.
5. A map showing the designated areas where each palette will be implemented is provided as a detail as part of this agenda item.
6. The streetscape palettes provide developers, owners, and contractors with the specific design elements that will be required when putting in new or replacing existing street frontage within the impacted area.
7. The palettes have specified concrete scoring, brick type, tree grate, and street furniture (*e.g.* waste bin, bench, railing, bike rack standards).
8. The Downtown streetscape has taken into consideration the commemorative brick squares that currently exist around downtown and have integrated this into the streetscape standards.
9. The City Standard Details provide written specifications and detailed drawings to establish standards of tolerance and quality for public works construction.
10. The current City Standard Details publication was amended by the City Council in October 2020.
11. Specific additions to the City Standards include the following:

- a. Section VIII – Standard Drawings Index:

<u>Drawing Description</u>	<u>Drawing No.</u>	<u>Addition</u>
Downtown District Sidewalk Section	C-3.1	New Detail

**Drawing Description**

Railroad District Sidewalk Section  
Downtown District Streetscape  
Railroad District Streetscape  
Special District Location Map

**Drawing No.**

C-3.2  
C-3.3  
C-3.4  
C-3.5

**Addition**

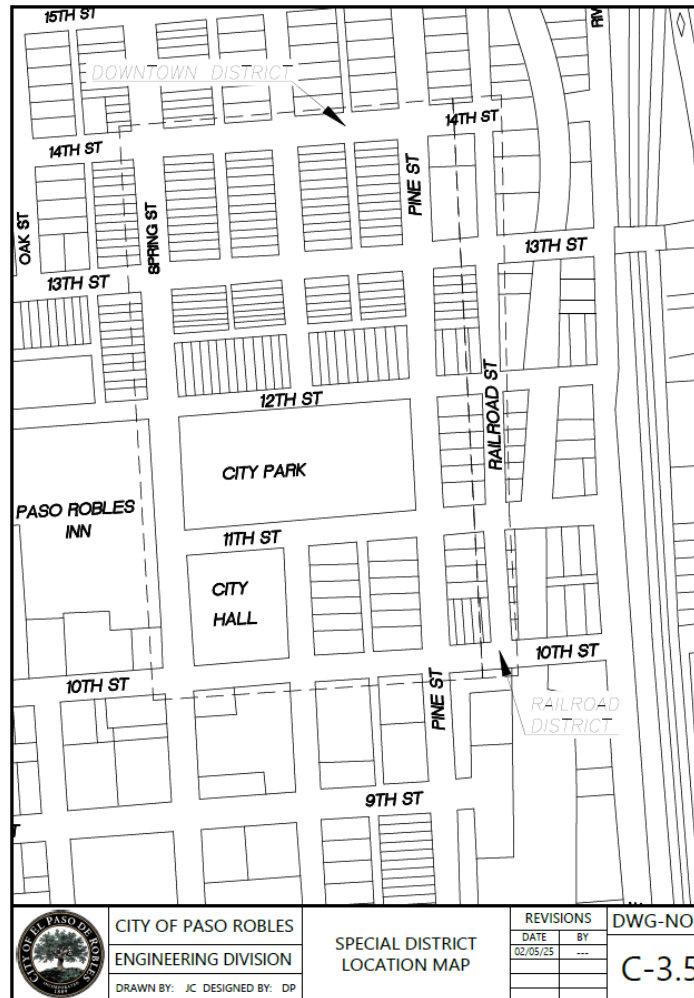
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**Options**

1. Take no action;
2. Approve Resolution 25-XXX for additions to the City Standard Details and Specifications; or
3. Refer back to staff for additional analysis; or
4. Provide alternative direction to staff.

**Analysis and Conclusions**

Historically, the City has implemented these street standards across the downtown but has not formalized them in the City Standard Details. To formally recognize a street frontage standard through the downtown core, the referenced details have been developed and are now ready for integration into the City Standard Details.



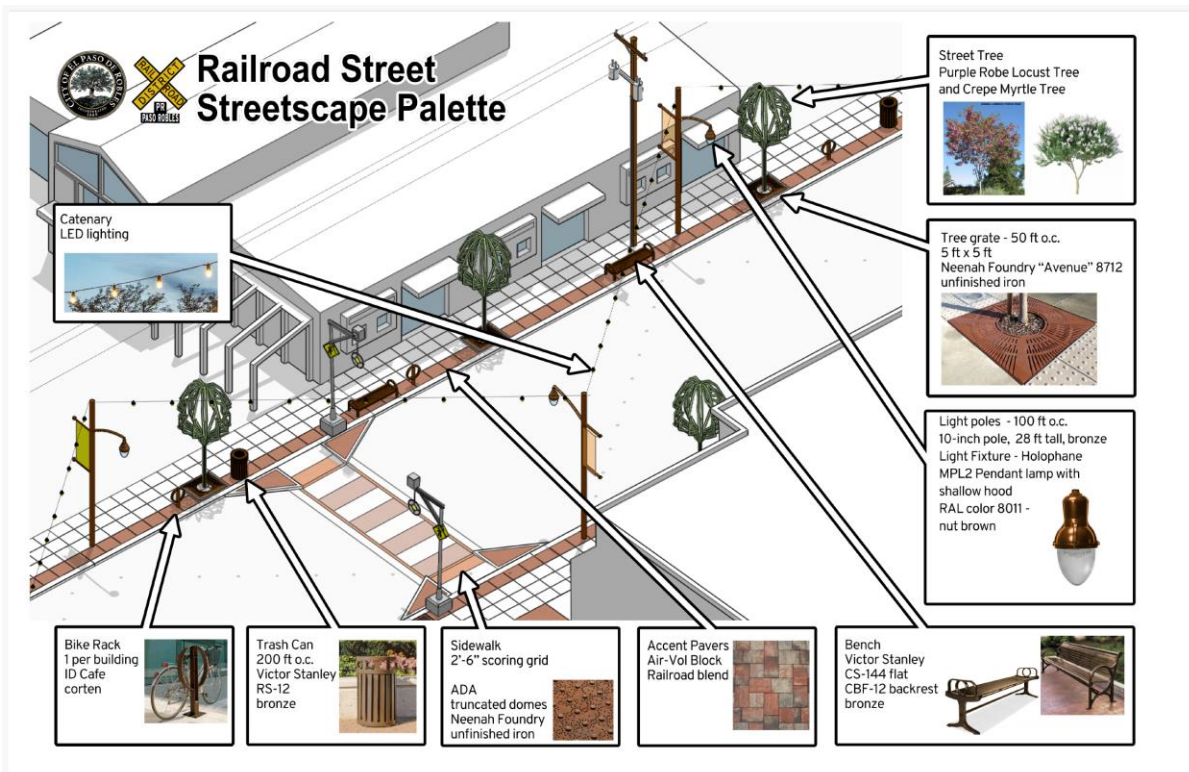
**Streetscape Standards Map for Downtown and Railroad St.**



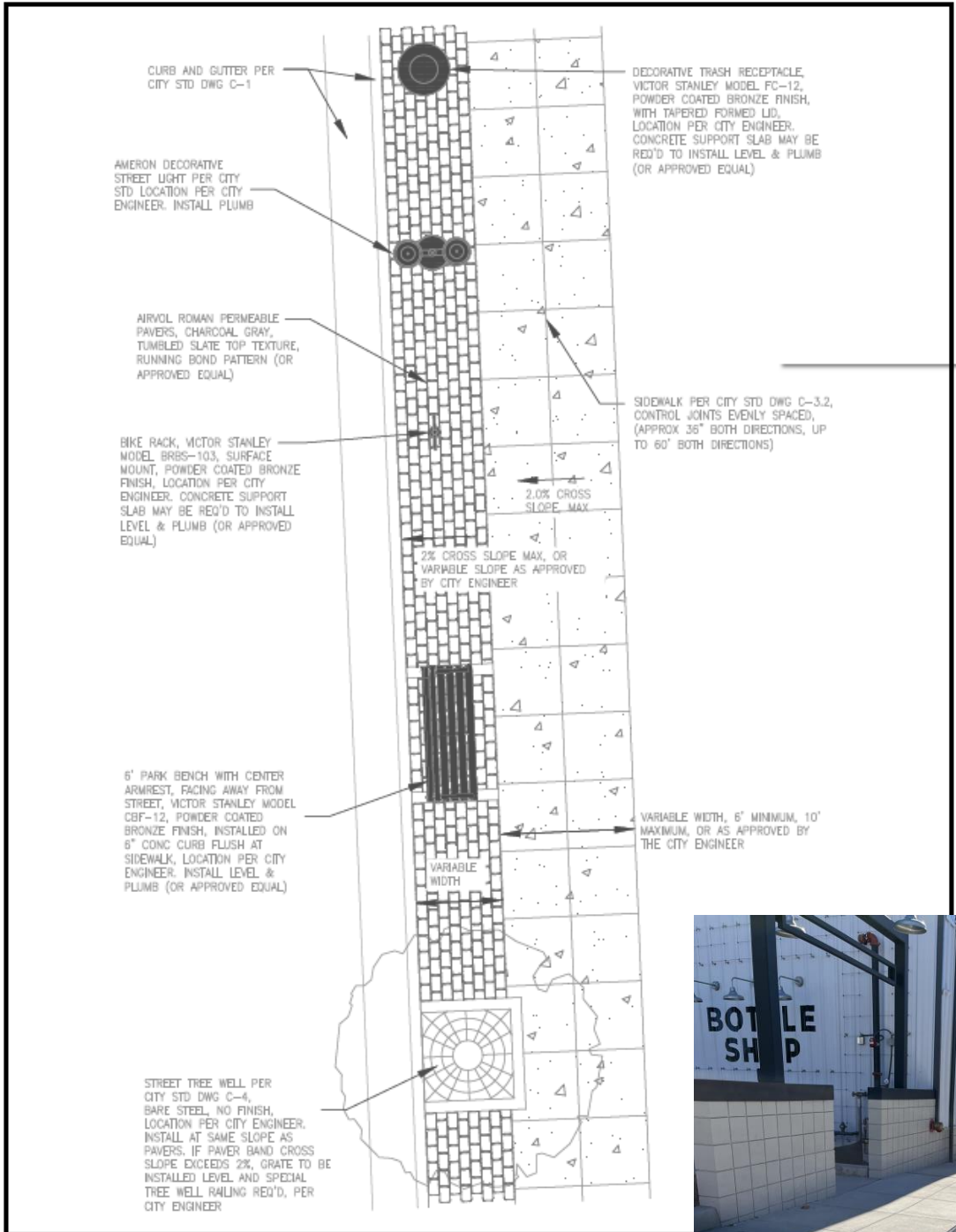
# Paso Robles Railroad District




## 2021 Planning Commission Railroad St. Ad Hoc Committee Vision



## 2021 Planning Commission Railroad St. Ad Hoc Streetscape Palette

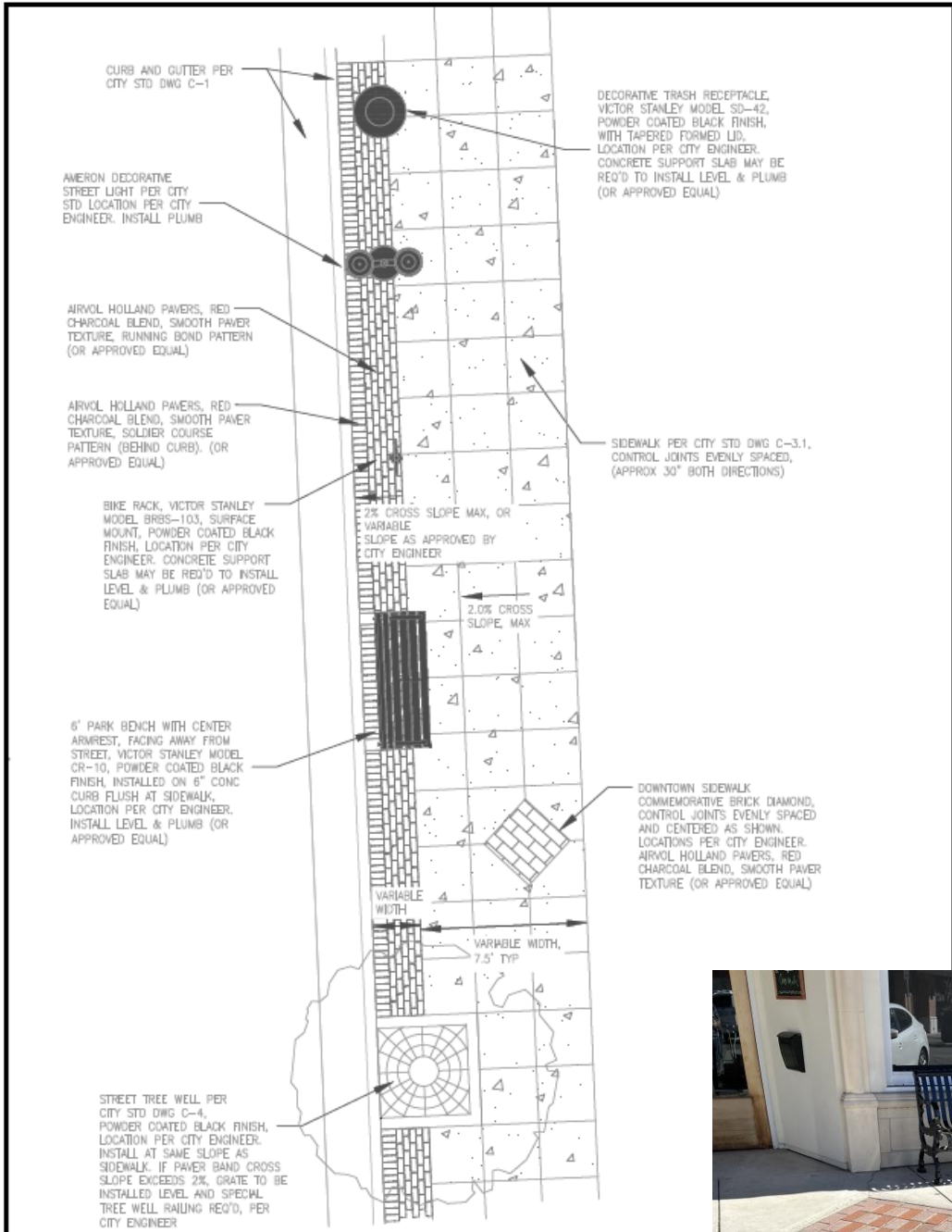



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	<b>ENGINEERING DIVISION</b>	
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**Proposed Railroad St. Streetscape Engineering Standard**

Photo of installed streetscape at 1102 Railroad St. (in front of Bottleshop)



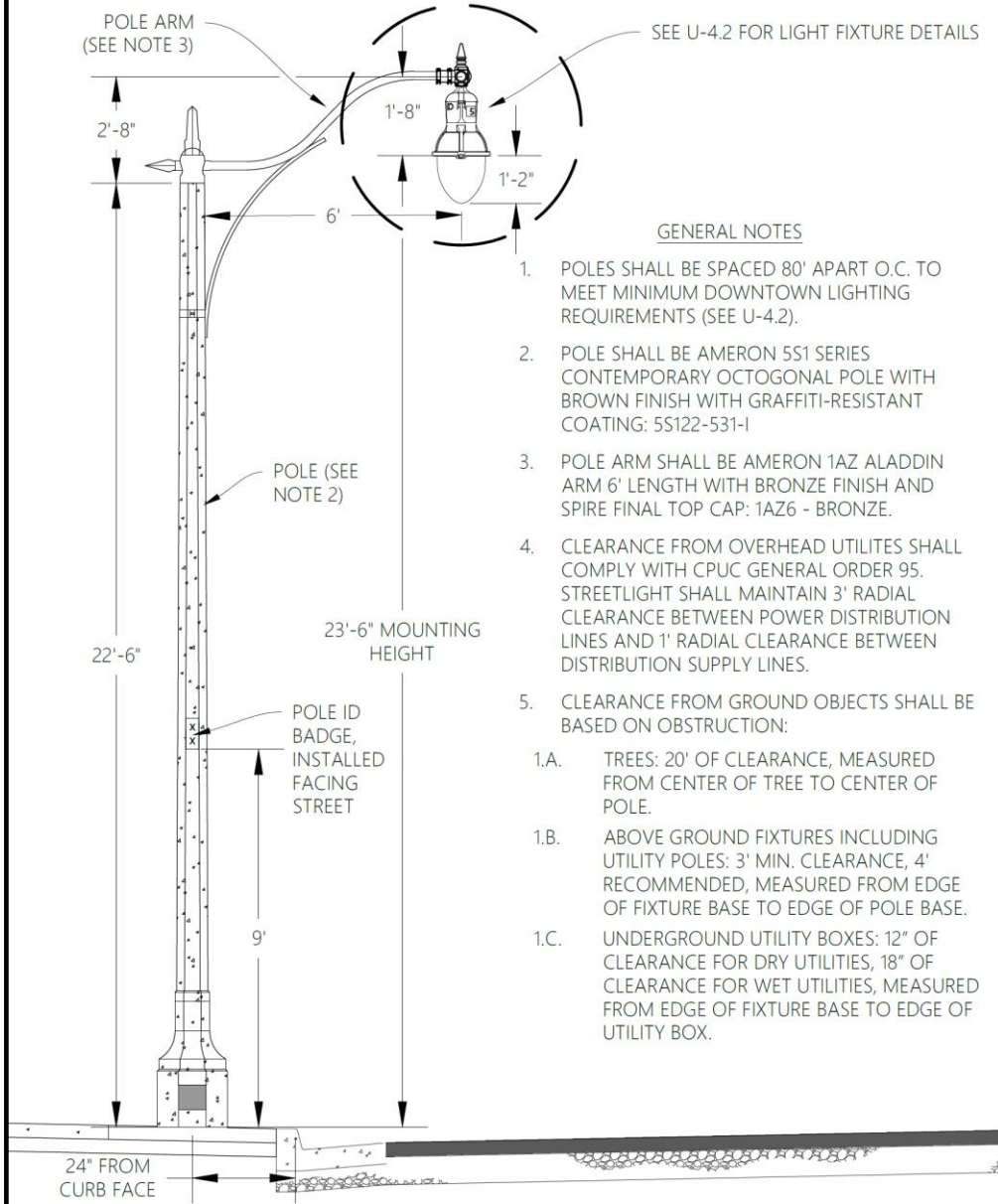
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	ENGINEERING DIVISION		02
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**Proposed Downtown Streetscape Engineering Standard**


Photo of proposed streetscape at 811 12<sup>th</sup> Street. (in front of Acorn Building)

## SIDE VIEW



### GENERAL NOTES

1. POLES SHALL BE SPACED 80' APART O.C. TO MEET MINIMUM DOWNTOWN LIGHTING REQUIREMENTS (SEE U-4.2).
2. POLE SHALL BE AMERON 5S1 SERIES CONTEMPORARY OCTOGONAL POLE WITH BROWN FINISH WITH GRAFFITI-RESISTANT COATING: 5S122-531-I
3. POLE ARM SHALL BE AMERON 1AZ ALADDIN ARM 6' LENGTH WITH BRONZE FINISH AND SPIRE FINAL TOP CAP: 1AZ6 - BRONZE.
4. CLEARANCE FROM OVERHEAD UTILITES SHALL COMPLY WITH CPUC GENERAL ORDER 95. STREETLIGHT SHALL MAINTAIN 3' RADIAL CLEARANCE BETWEEN POWER DISTRIBUTION LINES AND 1' RADIAL CLEARANCE BETWEEN DISTRIBUTION SUPPLY LINES.
5. CLEARANCE FROM GROUND OBJECTS SHALL BE BASED ON OBSTRUCTION:
  - 1.A. TREES: 20' OF CLEARANCE, MEASURED FROM CENTER OF TREE TO CENTER OF POLE.
  - 1.B. ABOVE GROUND FIXTURES INCLUDING UTILITY POLES: 3' MIN. CLEARANCE, 4' RECOMMENDED, MEASURED FROM EDGE OF FIXTURE BASE TO EDGE OF POLE BASE.
  - 1.C. UNDERGROUND UTILITY BOXES: 12" OF CLEARANCE FOR DRY UTILITIES, 18" OF CLEARANCE FOR WET UTILITIES, MEASURED FROM EDGE OF FIXTURE BASE TO EDGE OF UTILITY BOX.

	CITY OF PASO ROBLES	CITY-OWNED DECORATIVE STREET LIGHTING - POLE	REVISIONS		DWG-NO.  <b>U-4.1</b>
	ENGINEERING DIVISION		DATE	BY	
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**Potential City Owned Streetlight Standard  
(to be determined by City streetlight process currently in process)**

**Fiscal Impact**

There is no direct fiscal impact by approving additions to the City's Standard Details and Specifications. Over time as these standards are implemented, the City will need to replace and maintain these elements which could have additional fiscal impacts.

**CEQA**

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**Recommendation (Option 2)**

Approve Resolution 25-XXX, approving additions to the City Standard Details and Specifications as included as Exhibit A.

**Attachments**

1. Resolution 25-XXX – Engineering Standards Updates
  - a. Exhibit A - Additional City Standard Details and Specifications - Streetscape