



Sunnyvale

## Board and Commission Study Issue Form

The Study Issues process is designed to assist City Council with setting priorities for the coming calendar year. Board and commission members have two roles in this process:

1. To advise Council regarding the identification of policy issues to study, within their relevant area of authority;
2. To advise Council on those issues Council has decided to study.

The study issues process should focus on considering a new or revised ordinance, new or expanded service delivery program, changes to existing Council Policy, or amendments to the General Plan. The Study Issues Form is designed to focus board and commissioner members' ideas on potential policy study issues, and provide the opportunity for staff feedback and guidance in a transparent process. *Board members or commissioners may only fill out a form for study issue ideas within their purview.*

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**Date Submitted to Staff Liaison:**

**Board/ Commission:** Parks and Recreation Commission

**Submitted by:** David Kesting

### Study Issue Working Title:

Making the city owned property at West Evelyn & Matilda Place open and accessible to the public with a retrofit of the existing bus terminal sign abandoned at that location.

1. What are the key elements of the issue? What precipitated this study?

The median at the corner of Matilda Place and Evelyn adjacent to the Matilda overpass is overgrown with redwood trees, pine needles and a dilapidated bus terminal sign that was abandoned a long time ago. The sign used to welcome visitors to downtown Sunnyvale and is part of the city's history. See attached image.

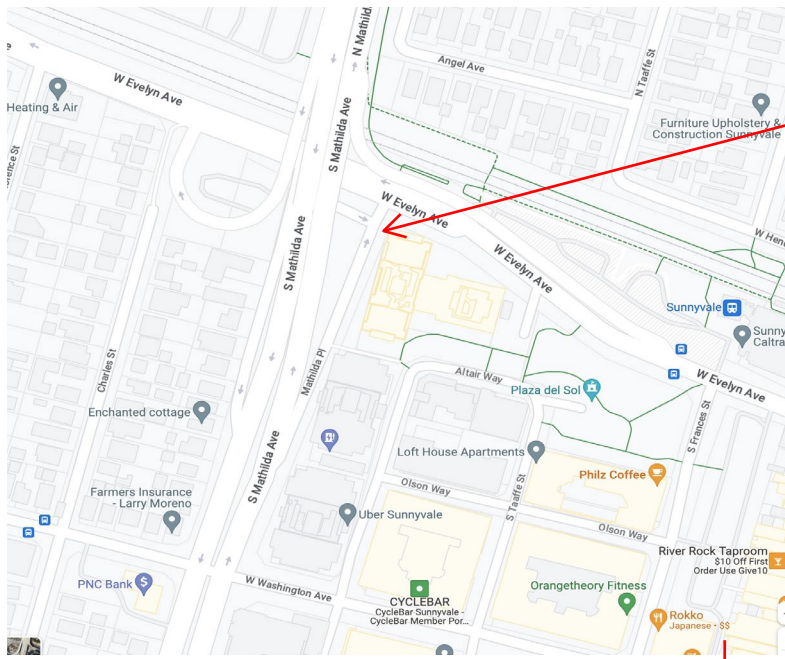
This study issue will explore ways to make use of this underused area of downtown adjacent, city owned property. The right of way lot which houses the abandoned bus terminal sign could be re-purposed as a welcome to downtown Sunnyvale sign, and this could be done by working with traffic and sign engineering.

The unused right of way parcel and unused parking lots by the former bus terminal sign could be re-purposed for additional uses, such as but are not limited to: a park, a dog run, a Frisbee golf course, a remote controlled car raceway, a food truck court. There are a variety of other uses which could be explored in this study issue.

The abandoned bus terminal sign upon re-purposing, and reuse could create a welcoming environment for this underused and now re-purposed city owned property.

## 2. Staff Summary of Scope and/or Comments: [Staff Use Only]

This study would look at small, City owned parcels of land in the vicinity of the Caltrain Station near Plaza Del Sol. The purpose would be to explore the possibility of developing these small parcels, including the parking lots under the Mathilda overpass, into usable space for the community. Such uses could include amenities such as mini parks, fenced dog parks, Frisbee golf course and food truck court. In addition, the Study would consider the possible replacement or refurbishment of an old Greyhound Bus sign located in the public ROW across from 100 Mathilda Place. The study would analyze City owned parcels of land near the Caltrain station for viability of use for recreational purposes. The Study will include cost estimates for proposed construction improvements and on-going maintenance. The Study would also consider the parcel with the abandoned sign, across from 100 Mathilda Place, and ways to re-purpose the sign as a welcoming wayfinding measure and provide estimates for construction and maintenance of any improvements.



LOCATION OF EXISTING BUS SIGN



PRIOR BUS SIGN USE



CURRENT VIEW OF THE SIGN