

# District 3–Kroy Pathway Conceptual Improvement Outreach

## Project Summary

Caltrans District 3 partnered with the City of Sacramento to involve area residents and businesses in an open process to improve the safety and functionality of the Kroy Pathway. This short off-street pathway joins Kroy Way to 65th Street and is a key link between the Tahoe Park neighborhood and the 65th Street corridor and light rail station. The project was highly controversial and unpopular with neighbors due to the poor condition of the pathway. Through community input and participation, MIG helped Caltrans develop a collaborative approach to addressing neighborhood concerns and revising the project. The process involved MIG's facilitation of the staff working group and two community workshops that featured visualizations and conceptual drawings of phased pathway improvements.



### Project Success

The Sacramento City Council approved the conceptual pathway design that resulted from this public involvement process. Land was relinquished to the City, resulting in savings in costs and resources for Caltrans Maintenance. The project was fully funded for engineering and construction by the 65th Street Redevelopment Agency. The new Kroy Pathway ribbon-cutting was held in early 2010. A ground-breaking event for the newly improved trail less than one year after this process is proof of success!



### Outreach Methods

- Workshop announcements: postcards
- Mailers to key stakeholders, including public agencies, California State University, Sacramento, and interest groups
- Hand distribution of postcard mailers to light rail station users and the Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association
- Stakeholder interviews: phone



### Public Involvement Tools

#### Open House/Workshop

MIG staff facilitated two workshops, each of which combined large group presentations followed by an open house. During the open

house portion of the workshop, participants were invited to visit "stations" of wall posters illustrating proposed improvements to the pathway, along with plans, lists of individual improvements, and preliminary costs. At each station, a working group member was available to answer questions and discuss the information. Post-it notes were available for people to write their ideas and comments and apply them to the posters and plans.

#### Large Group Discussion

At the second workshop, in June 2008, MIG facilitated a discussion following the informational presentation to answer questions about the proposed improvements, the process for paying for them, and the schedule for construction.

#### Agenda Packets and Comment Cards

Staff provided agenda packets that provided information for meeting attendees but also served as stand-alone documents for those unable to attend. The agenda packets included comment cards for attendees to use in addition to the opportunity to put post-it notes on the wall posters.

#### Illustrative Drawings

Plan and elevation view illustrations at the workshops allowed all participants to visualize proposed pathway improvements. The plan view drawings were also placed on an aerial view photograph of the current

pathway alignment so everyone could see how the pathway would be altered from its current alignment.

#### Environmental Justice Community Involvement

Meeting invitations were sent to all area residents and businesses.



### Lessons Learned

Community input and participation are instrumental in developing a collaborative approach to addressing neighborhood concerns and revising a controversial and unpopular project so that it is well-received by the public and stakeholders.



### Deliverables

Community Meeting Summaries  
Final Report