

North San Pedro Street Pedestrian Mall

City Council Item

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Project Background

- 2020: SJ Al Fresco initiative allowed businesses throughout the City to conduct operations outdoors in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - July 2020: San Pedro Street, between Santa Clara and St. John streets, closed to non-emergency vehicular traffic.
- June 2022: City Council extended the street closure under Emergency Declaration until June 30, 2023, and directed staff to explore the potential of leaving San Pedro Street closed to vehicular traffic.
- May 2023: City Council directed staff to proceed with implementation of the Pedestrian Mall Law of 1960 to permanently remove vehicular traffic from the street.
- October 2023: City Council adopted a Resolution of Intention to form a Pedestrian Mall on San Pedro Street and set a Public Hearing for January 23, 2024.

Outreach

- 2022-2023: Meetings with business and property owners.
- October 24, 2023: Posted the Resolution of Intention in three locations on San Pedro Street and recorded the resolution of intent with the County Recorder, as required by the Pedestrian Mall Law.
- December 7, 2023: Mailed the Resolution of Intention to property owners abutting and intersecting the affected portion of San Pedro Street.
- January 18, 2024: E-mailed reminder of Public Hearing.



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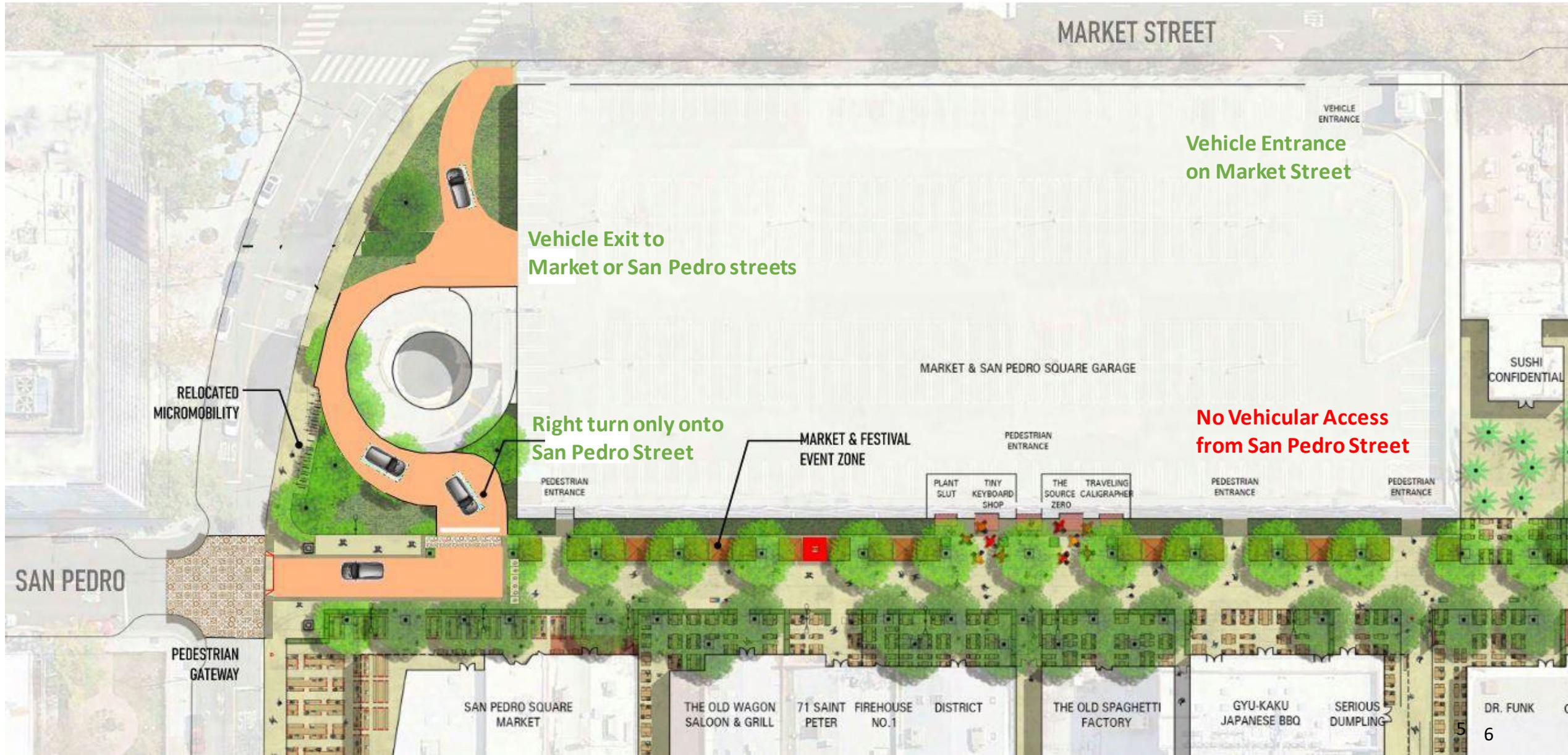
Pedestrian Mall Law of 1960

- City Council adoption of a Resolution of Intention to form the Pedestrian Mall.
- Public notice process which must be completed at least 90 days before a public hearing at City Council.
- Affected property owner(s) may file a written claim of damages with the City Clerk before the end of the scheduled Public Hearing held at City Council.
- After hearing any objections, City Council may adopt a resolution either abandoning the proceeding or establishing the Pedestrian Mall.
- City Council adopts an ordinance with rules and regulations governing the operation of the Pedestrian Mall.

Pedestrian Mall Street



Pedestrian Mall Street Layout- Garage Access



Recommendation

- Conduct a public hearing to establish a pedestrian mall on North San Pedro Street between West Santa Clara Street and West St. John Street pursuant to the Pedestrian Mall Law of 1960.
- Adopt a resolution determining that the pedestrian mall shall be established.
- Approve an ordinance establishing a pedestrian mall on North San Pedro Street between West Santa Clara Street and West St. John Street pursuant to the Pedestrian Mall Law of 1960.

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