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Leland Avenue is the civic and commercial heart of the Visitacion Valley neighborhood. The Leland Avenue Streetscape Improvements Project includes: pedestrian lighting, new street trees and other plantings, corner bulb-outs at intersections, sidewalk paving, crosswalk improvements, street furniture, stormwater management facilities and public art. These improvements have improved the district's identity and appearance, increased economic vitality, and enhanced pedestrian safety.

### A COORDINATED EFFORT

Working with the Visitacion Valley community, the San Francisco Planning Department, Department of Public Works, and SFMTA have completed a process to design and construct pedestrian, streetscape, and traffic calming improvements to Leland Avenue. Leland Avenue is the neighborhood 'Main Street' of Visitacion Valley, a neighborhood in southeastern San Francisco. The streetscape design was arrived at as a result of a collaborative community process that took place from Fall 2005 to Winter 2006.

### COMMUNITY PLANNING & STEWARDSHIP

Working with multiple City departments, and through the office of Supervisor Maxwell and Mayor Newsom, the Community worked together on plans to improve the Visitacion Valley neighborhood as a whole. A long-term effort is envisioning the reuse of the 20-acre Schlage Lock site that has been vacant since 1999, and reintroducing it as part of the Visitacion Valley Community. The redesign of Leland Avenue, the commercial center of the Visitacion Valley neighborhood, is an important link in the overall neighborhood revitalization.

### PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Improved traffic flow via corner bulb-outs and improved sidewalks
- Installed nine bioretention planters totaling to 1,400 square feet
- Installed nine landscape planters totaling to 1,300 square feet
- Planted 63 new street trees
- Introduced new public art and lighting into the neighborhood to improve aesthetic and safety of neighborhood
- Installed 30 new ADA compliant curb ramps

Estimate Project Cost:

\$4.1 Million

Project Team:

Project Manager:

Kris Opbroek

Landscape Architects:

Martha Ketterer, John Dennis, Irma Jarvenpaa

Schedule:

Construction Began: August 2009

Construction Completed: September 2010



*Bioretention planter and landscape*



*Improved crosswalks adding to pedestrian safety*



*New planters combined with public art features*