

October 24th Visioning Meeting Notes

A public visioning meeting for the Re-Imagine Watt/I-80 project was held on Tuesday, October 24th from 6 - 7:30 pm at the Arcade Library. Over 30 people attended, including riders, business community representatives, transit advocates, American River College students, environmental and community service nonprofit organizations, Sacramento County staff, SacRT staff, and others. The meeting served to publicly kick off the Re-Imagine Watt/I-80 project as part of an exploratory process to understand existing challenges at and around the station and brainstorm conceptual ideas for improvements.

The meeting was held in an open-house style format with visual information about existing conditions, possible solutions, and comment and issue-voting boards. A presentation was provided to introduce the project and provide more background on existing conditions and feedback gathered through online and intercept surveys. The presentation can be found online [here](#).

Throughout the meeting, participants helped identify five primary issue areas (accessibility, amenities, cleanliness, personal safety, and rider information) as priorities for this project to address.

Ideas from participants to improve the Transit Center included better pedestrian facilities (widen sidewalks and bus platforms), better connections between upper and lower levels (including ramps for ADA accessibility), improved station amenities and facilities (restrooms, shade, shelter, seating, signage), more frequent cleaning and maintenance, more frequent bus service, restricting access to the light rail transfer area, removing hiding places for illicit activities, reducing the prevalence of hard scape, and potentially re-routing bus service to the Roseville Road station for same-level transfers.





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Ideas to Improve the Watt/I-80 Transit Center

Better pedestrian access to the station on Watt Avenue, including crosswalks and pedestrian flyovers

Provide shuttles on both sides of Watt and better information about when and where shuttles will arrive

Better wayfinding and signage, including announcements on e-boards and schedules

More frequent cleaning and maintenance of elevators

Build ramps for better accessibility between upper and lower levels

Better connections to businesses along Watt and to ARC

Move the station further north or south along Watt, allowing for future expansion to Roseville or ARC

Restrict access to the lower level by swiping a Connect Card or light rail ticket (like BART)

Rebuild the station from the ground up

Add restrooms, shade, shelter, and seating

Better lighting at the station and along Watt Avenue

More frequent bus service, especially on weekends and holidays

Remove options for illicit activity and put restrictions on nearby hotels

Widen bus platforms to prevent overcrowding and add fencing to protect pedestrians from traffic on Watt

Reroute some buses to Roseville Road for same-level transfers



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What are the Key Issues?

<p><u>ACCESSIBILITY</u> <i>Bike/ped access, ADA access, ease of transfers, etc.</i></p> <p>8 votes</p>	<p><u>AMENITIES</u> <i>Restrooms, comfort, etc.</i></p> <p>12 votes</p> <p>No shelter from rain or sun while waiting for the bus</p>	<p><u>CLEANLINESS</u></p> <p>18 votes</p>
<p><u>PERSONAL SAFETY</u></p> <p>10 votes</p> <p>Has a dangerous, predatory feeling</p>	<p><u>RIDER INFORMATION</u></p> <p>6 votes</p> <p>Confusing for new riders</p>	<p><u>OTHER</u></p> <p>Should be an asset but is a detriment to the North Highlands community</p> <p>Architecturally less than splendid</p>



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Translate materials into Russian

Conduct intercept surveys on buses during afternoon commute times and weekends to capture different types of riders

Involve Caltrans

Engage schools, including San Juan and Twin Rivers school districts, ARC, and Sierra College

Provide announcements about upcoming meetings at the Transit Center and on trains and buses

Engage North Highlands and Arden-Arcade communities