



Freeway Cap Best Practices & SR 94 Cap Park Study
**Summary of Comments from Community
Kick-Off Meeting (June 17, 2015)**



Introduction

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The Community Kick-Off Meeting was held on June 17, 2015, at the Sherman Heights Community Center.

Community members provided a wealth of valuable comments and suggestions. This document provides a brief summary of the major themes, divided into 8 topic areas:

1. Goals
2. Location
3. Cap Uses
4. Park Design
5. Transportation
6. Environment
7. Funding
8. Possible Design Alternatives

1. Goals

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1. Connect communities split by SR 94
2. Encourage healthy/active behavior (for both recreation & transportation)
3. Health & air quality considerations should help guide the uses of the cap
4. Provide citywide/regional benefits –vs.– concerns over congestion/parking impacts from visitors
5. Save and enhance the historic districts located on both sides of the freeway
6. Create a place, regardless of use



2. Location

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1. Proposed location is ideal (22nd to 25th)
–vs.– shift farther east toward 26th St
2. 25th St could be a park corridor: Linking Golden Hill/Balboa Park, to Cap Park, to Chicano Park
3. Proposed location may need to compete against other proposed park caps (e.g. over Interstate 5 to downtown)



3. Cap Uses

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1. Active park uses (e.g. sports fields) –vs.– passive park uses (e.g. green space)
2. Commercial/residential uses on 25th St –vs.– no buildings
3. Arts/entertainment/history theme
4. Event space (or programmable “flex” space for a variety of uses)



4. Park Design

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1. Terraced park to take advantage of natural slope & views
2. Safety: Maintain high visibility throughout park
3. Other features: Art/display wall, restrooms, trees/shade, playground, skate park, solar panels



5. Transportation

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1. Safe and convenient bicycle and pedestrian connection should be provided to the cap from the surrounding community
2. Incorporate transit/BRT into the cap –vs.– not having transit/BRT impact the cap (BRT @ 28th St)
 - Possible site for Mobility Hub
3. Include bike racks/corrals
4. Decrease parking availability



6. Environment

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1. Health impacts on parks/housing/schools within 500 ft. of freeways
2. Parking/congestion impacts of park visitors, especially if coming from outside the local communities
3. Concerns with homeless/vagrancy, funding for security



7. Funding

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1. Analyze possibility for economic development or public-private partnerships
2. Understand best practices
3. Extend 25th St business area along east side of cap, with rents going toward maintenance of the park
 - May require extending cap to the east of 25th St to accommodate business uses



8. Possible Design Alternatives

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1. Park Cap 22nd–25th: active and passive, transit stop
2. Cap with commercial/residential uses, transit stop
3. Park (no cap) with new bike/ped connections, transit stop



Thank you Gracias

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