

4. Public Infrastructure and Services

Background

The MLK, Jr. Neighborhood is served by Route 9 of the area's public transit system, the Redding Area Bus Authority (RABA). RABA provides stops at three locations along the east side of Railroad Avenue for persons traveling north to the downtown intermodal transportation center and one stop on the west side of Railroad Avenue and continuing south to Anderson. Currently none of the stops are improved with either a bench or bus shelter. Only one of the stops has a small concrete waiting area. No pedestrian crosswalks or other traffic control features provide pedestrian safety for those crossing Railroad Avenue to reach a designated stop. There are currently no bus stops within the interior residential areas of the neighborhood. For the mobility-impaired, RABA provides a demand response door-to-door service through all portions of the community including this neighborhood.

Sewer, water, storm drainage, solid waste disposal, and electric utility services in the neighborhood are all provided through the City of Redding Municipal Utility Department. Street maintenance is the responsibility of the City's Public Works - Streets Division. Common urban residential amenities, such as curbs, gutters, and sidewalks, are not consistently present within the neighborhood. As continuous curb and gutter is necessary in order for street sweeping to occur, this service is not provided by the City within the neighborhood. Most streets do not have City-planted or maintained street tree features nor is streetside lighting consistently present on most neighborhood streets or intersections. The street surface condition is poor on many neighborhood streets.



West St. at Linden Avenue, looking north.

Objective PUB-1:

High Priority

Improve and maintain neighborhood curbs, gutters and sidewalks. (See TRA-2 also)

Action Steps

- Identify locations for additional curbs, gutters, and sidewalks within the neighborhood. (RRA, RHD, RES, OWN, MNA)
- Prioritize the improvement of these locations. (RES, OWN, MNA)
- Develop the needed improvements as funding is available. (RRA, RHD, CITY)

Objective PUB-2:

Medium Priority

Improve and maintain adequate street lighting in the neighborhood.

Action Steps

- Identify lighting deficiencies within the neighborhood. (RES, OWN, MNA)
- Ensure that developers provide adequate lighting within any new development per City

- requirements. (RRA, RHD, CITY)
- Develop the needed improvements as funding is available. (RRA, RHD, CITY)

Objective PUB-3**High Priority****Make transit services more convenient and safe for area riders.**

Action Steps

- Work with RABA to identify additional service needs in the neighborhood. (RRA, RHD, RABA, RES, OWN, MLKC, MNA)
- Educate the neighborhood about existing transit services, including routes, fares, and procedures. (RABA, MLKC, MNA)
- Work with RABA to identify the higher use stops and install improvements such as bus shelters/benches where possible. Target other pedestrian improvements, such as sidewalks and crosswalks, that will improve bus ridership. (RRA, RHD, RABA, RES, OWN, MNA)
- Work with RABA to establish, if feasible, a free/subsidized summer ride program for Center participants to recreational/educational venues, such as the Aquatic Center, the Turtle Bay Exploration Park, etc. (RABA, CITY, MLKC, MNA)



Existing unimproved RABA Stop-Railroad Ave.