

Proposed Broadway W/X Corridor Triage Center

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The City of Sacramento is working toward providing our most vulnerable residents a sense of safety, stability, and success. Addressing the problem means:

- 1) Finding suitable and safe places for those unhoused to be sheltered
- 2) Securing permanent housing
- 3) Addressing the root causes of homelessness

No single neighborhood or council district should have to shoulder a disproportionate share of the burden.

The Mayor has asked each Council member to locate at least 100 shelter beds in the portion of the city they represent. Efforts to identify one or more suitable sites in all eight City Council districts are underway, including two proposed in Council District 5, on Florin Road and Broadway/X Street.

Proposed Broadway W/X Corridor Site

The proposed site is owned by Caltrans and would use an area of approximately 50,000 square feet. The unpaved parcel is bordered by Broadway on the south, "X" Street on the north, and set between Interstate 80 on the east and west (**Exhibit A**). A conceptual site diagram is provided in **Exhibit B**.

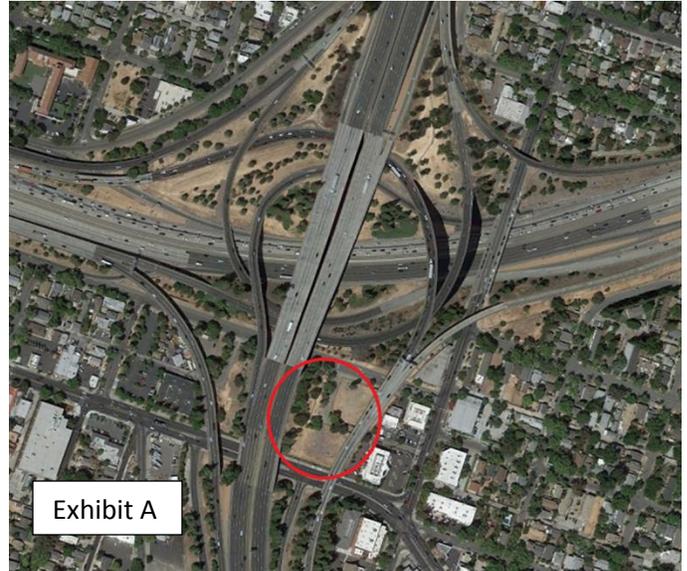
All structures to be located on site will be temporary; no permanent foundations will be constructed. Examples of the type of structures include mobile trailers, converted storage containers, and a 100' x 60' tent-like structure (aka "Sprung structure"). Water, sewer, gas, and electrical utilities will be brought to the site from existing off-site locations.

Timing. It will take 12 months before the site will be operational. The site will need to be paved.

Triage Center Logistics and Operations

The proposed Broadway W/X triage shelter differs from traditional emergency shelters in that these shelters:

- *Provide low-barrier to entry*, meaning no one will be turned away because they have a pet, partner, or possessions, because they have been dismissed from other programs, or due to behavioral health



or disabilities. In this way, the outreach teams can engage those least likely to use the traditional shelter system and build relationships.

- Offer *client-centered services and supports* (health care, housing search/location, case management, veterinarian, etc.) all focused on the goal of helping to move people into permanent housing.
- Support a “*housing first*” approach to quickly and successfully connect individuals and families experiencing homelessness to permanent housing.

How do Triage Guests receive a bed?

Admittance to the Triage Center is **by referral only**. There are no walk-up referrals to the site, waiting list for beds, or lining up for services.

The City will prioritize those individuals experiencing homelessness currently unsheltered in the immediate community, and shelter those in the Broadway corridor and surrounding neighborhoods.

Who provides referrals? The City’s Police Impact Team and Outreach partners through the City’s Pathways to Health and Home Program will identify people in need of shelter and arrange for intake and transportation.

Triage Center Operations

Who operates the Triage Center? The City will partner with an experienced shelter operator via a public bid process, approved by City Council. City staff will retain direct oversight of the triage center with the chosen partner, including facility maintenance and coordination of services. The Triage Center provider would be responsible for daily operation of the Triage Center site, and the City will be responsible for maintenance of the site and buildings.

What does day-to-day at the Triage Center look like?

The Triage Center provides a stable environment where our community’s most vulnerable can be offered safety, stability, and success. The Triage Center would operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with night-time curfews. There will be restrooms and showers on site. Guests will be provided three meals a day, as well as services and programming to encourage guests to stay on site and work toward housing, employment, or other individualized goals. Co-locating services on site reduces the foot traffic in and out of the shelter, in that guests do not need to travel to access food, case management, medical care, and other services.

There will be activity in and around the center; case managers, health care workers, and other social service support staff will come and go as with any business or service delivery organization.



Fresno Rescue Mission – Sprung Structures

Security In and Around the Site

The Triage Center does not limit the movement of guests – they are free to come and go as they need during operating hours. Concerns about increased presence outside the gates from those not staying at the shelter would be addressed by the proposed safety and security measures.

Onsite

- The site would be enclosed by a fence surrounding the entire Triage Center area.
- The site would include security cameras to be monitored by on-site staff that cover the entire perimeter and all on-site facilities.
- Access to the Center is restricted – with *24-hour on-site staffing* by the service provider.
- Limited access in and out of the site in the evening and provide on-site parking for employees and guests within the fenced site.

Surrounding Neighborhoods

- The City would increase police patrols and solid waste cleanup in the immediate vicinity.
- The City would engage the Downtown Streets Team to pick up trash and dumping in the area.

Please note that these efforts are a work in progress, to be refined as discussions with impacted residents, businesses, and communities occur.

Accountability to the Community

Community Advisory Committee. The City will create an Advisory Committee for continuing accountability with the neighborhoods. The Committee would include representatives of (but not limited to):

- Adjacent resident & business representatives
- Neighborhood Associations (Oak Park, Sierra/Curtis neighborhood, Newton Booth, Alhambra Triangle)
- Business Improvement Districts (Oak Park Business Association, Greater Broadway Partnership, Midtown Business Association)
- Sacramento Regional Transit
- Sacramento City Council District 5 Office (CM Schenirer)
- Sacramento City Council District 4 Office (CM Hansen)
- Sacramento City Manager's Office

The Advisory Committee will meet monthly during the building and initial operations of the Triage Center and then meet on an ongoing basis as need is determined by the Committee. The City would work with the Advisory Committee to develop and adopt an MOU or "Good Neighbor Policy" with surrounding areas.

Ongoing Community Meetings

Community Outreach & Input. CM Schenirer will hold public community forums prior to the Council consideration and approval of the shelter, as well as ongoing opportunities to provide input – via the Community Advisory Committee, local community and business meetings, and as needed throughout the development and operation of the shelter.

Decision Process. As of this date, the proposal will be brought before City Council at its April 23 meeting. All meetings are open to the public and allow public comment in person or electronically.