

# COMMUNITY MEETING COMMENTS & PROPOSED DESIGN ACTIONS

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The comments in the left column are derived from the first two community workshops. The right column summarizes Kaiser Permanent's design proposal to address the community concern.

<b>STREET ACTIVATION, URBAN DESIGN &amp; LANDSCAPING</b>	
<b>COMMUNITY COMMENT</b>	<b>PROPOSED DESIGN ACTION</b>
a. Create a safe, aesthetic, and active pedestrian-oriented environment along Piedmont.	Wide, landscaped sidewalks with benches and lighting. Clearly marked vehicular entrances with crosswalks and traffic calming devices for cars on Piedmont.
b. Ground floor uses should be retail spaces similar to upper Piedmont.	Pedestrian-scaled ground floor façade with frequent openings, transparency, and amenities. Place the public components of the hospital program at grade level to activate street.
c. Mobile Tech Unit should not be located at Piedmont/MacArthur.	Mobile Tech Unit to be relocated below-grade at loading dock.
d. Consider a different location for the access to the loading dock. Ideally, trucks should be on Broadway, not Piedmont.	Access to the loading / service dock will be relocated off of Broadway.
e. Consider moving the CUP to Broadway.	CUP is located based on 2005 approved Master Plan.
f. Consider a different location for the oxygen tank. Currently fronts Piedmont Ave. which is being treated as a utilitarian back alley.	Oxygen Tank to be moved to south side of CUP, providing open public space along Piedmont.
g. Consider transforming MacArthur into a more pedestrian-friendly route, possibly with retail uses.	A main pedestrian entrance to the hospital will be along MacArthur and public hospital program will help activate the street.
h. The existing informal landscaping along Howe should be emulated elsewhere.	Landscape and urban design of streetscapes will be designed to reinforce a comfortable urban street character; emphasizing campus wayfinding and safety.

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<p>i. Emergency vehicles and trucks will increase noise and congestion along Piedmont. Can the ED be on MacArthur or Broadway?</p>	<p>The loading dock access drive has been relocated off Broadway and the garage reconfigured [loss of needed parking spaces] to accommodate this. Traffic studies indicate that ED traffic would not significantly add “local volume” to Piedmont, beyond the ED trips themselves.</p>
<p>j. Consider three alternatives for locating the entrance and ED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Entrance &amp; ED on Broadway.</li> <li>&gt; Entrance on MacArthur with vehicle drop-off.</li> <li>&gt; Pedestrian entrance on MacArthur with an attractive plaza.</li> </ul>	<p>To avoid major pedestrian/vehicular conflicts [life-safety issues] the Main Entry and ED drop-off traffic must be separated.</p> <p>Significantly compromises hospital function and conflicts with urban design goals of creating an active and safe pedestrian environment.</p> <p>A pedestrian-scaled entry to the Hospital will be located along MacArthur and will assist in creating an active streetscape.</p>
<p><b>OTHER COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD RELATED ISSUES</b></p>	
<p>k. Kaiser should donate funds for ongoing maintenance and/or capital improvement projects for Mosswood Park.</p>	<p>KP has committed to make a financial contribution to the City of Oakland for improvements at Mosswood Park.</p>
<p>l. Improve lighting for bikes and pedestrians on Broadway and Piedmont.</p>	<p>Further lighting design and alternatives will be explored and reviewed by the design team and City of Oakland at the beginning of Schematic Design to ensure these goals are met.</p>