SANTA CRUZ

DOWNTOWN LIBRARY AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

☑ DOWNTOWN LIBRARY BRANCH
☑ AFFORDABLE HOUSING - 124 UNITS
☑ CHILDCARE CENTER
☑ BIKE AND CAR PARKING FOR VISITORS AND RESIDENTS

LOCATION
Downtown Santa Cruz at a city-owned surface parking lot (Lot 4), bounded by Cathcart, Cedar and Lincoln Streets.

KEY PROJECT ELEMENTS
- 124 units of very low income housing, including 3B, 2B, 1B and studios, through partnership with Eden Housing and For The Future Housing.
- 243 parking spaces that consolidate parking lots and result in a net-zero increase in parking spaces in Downtown Santa Cruz.
- EV charging stations and bike parking available to all downtown residents, visitors and workers.
- Modern library that will serve as the flagship branch of the Santa Cruz Public Libraries system.

LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS
- Sustainable Design and Operations
- Modernized 41,000+ sq ft Facility
- Large Community Room
- Outdoor Rooftop Deck
- Upgraded Children’s Programming Room, Teen Room, Local History Room

PROJECT FUNDING
Secured funding:
- $2M Federal Earmark
- $3.6M LHTF (Local Housing Trust Fund)
- $1.55M PLHA (Permanent Local Housing Allocation)
- $25.5M voter-approved Measure S

Anticipated future funding sources:
- State Grants
- Tax Credits
- Parking District Secured Financing
- Conventional Housing Financing
- Friends of the Santa Cruz Libraries Capital campaign

THE DOWNTOWN FARMERS’ MARKET
The weekly Wednesday Downtown Farmers’ Market that is currently located at the project site will move to a permanent home in Downtown Santa Cruz, featuring new amenities established in partnership with nonprofit operator Santa Cruz Community Farmers’ Markets. An agreement is in place with $1.775M budgeted to begin relocation efforts.

Learn more about the project:
cityofsantacruz.com/mixeduselibrary

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