

## **BALBOA PARK**

**PLANNING** The San Francisco Planning Department conducted a community planning process and prepared a draft concept plan as part of the City's "Balboa Park Better Neighborhoods Plan" in 2002. As a next step, BART is participating in an engineering and development feasibility analysis working with MTA, SFCTA, Caltrans and other affected agencies to formulate an implementation strategy for the combined BART and MTA properties at Balboa Park. This feasibility study is funded through Proposition K, transportation sales tax funds administered by the Transportation Authority, and is to be completed by the end of 2006.

BART has received full funding for a new walkway and entry on the west side of the station, adjacent to I-280, which will provide a direct, accessible pathway to Ocean Avenue and City College. Final design is now underway and construction is expected to begin in September 2006.

**CAPACITY IMPROVEMENTS** Phase One capacity improvements, including a new escalator, stairs, fare gates and emergency exit improvements are complete.

**ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS** BART will be working with Muni and the City of San Francisco to improve pedestrian access to Ocean Avenue. Funding has been secured and final design and construction are slated to begin shortly. The project will improve pedestrian connections to City College and the MTA light rail system.

**REINVESTMENT** This station is scheduled to have new energy-efficient lighting fixtures and lamps installed inside the station in 2005, as part of ongoing station renovation program activities. This station will have upgraded replacement ADA-compliant platform edge tiles installed, pending the receipt of grant funds.

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