

Chapter 9

Streetscape Guidelines

A. Introduction

Huntington Beach has weakly defined points of entry (entry nodes) from the surrounding communities and the San Diego Freeway. Paths and Image corridors which provide a means of vehicular and pedestrian movement in the community lack the characteristics that provide identity and clarity of location. Entry node and corridor design lacks consistent quality landscaping and street furniture.



Coordinated streetscape improvements can be utilized to improve the overall City image by defining its districts, entry points and corridors. Traffic and utility hardware such as backflow devices, traffic control cabinets, cable TV boxes and air vacuum and release enclosures shall be screened from view and colored to blend in with their immediate surroundings. To the extent feasible, the aforementioned appurtenances shall be placed away from intersections, within

easements on private property.



This chapter provides design guidelines and concepts for streetscape improvements within the right-of-way including, entry monument signage, roadway median design, public landscape plant palette, “superblock” corridor perimeter wall design treatments and street furniture.

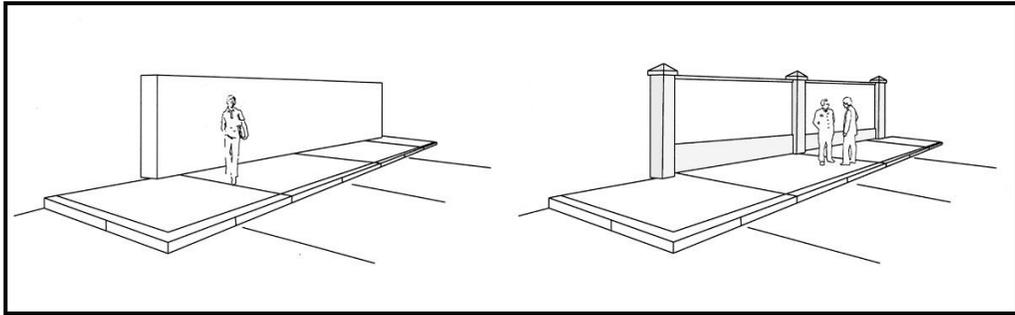
The guidelines encourage high quality design solutions and are intended to be utilized in conjunction with Public Works landscaping and street design standards.

B. General Design Objectives

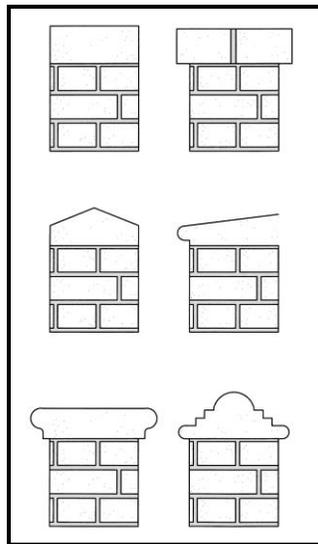
Huntington Beach entry nodes, corridors and districts streetscape design should:

- Provide a clear sense of arrival, through distinctive use of landscaping and special entry features
- Strengthen the City’s street hierarchy by use of a landscape theme palette
- Enhance the pedestrian environment by the inclusion of sidewalk furniture, pedestrian scale light fixtures, street furniture and decorative paving
- Mitigate adverse visual impacts of walls along the residential “superblock” corridors

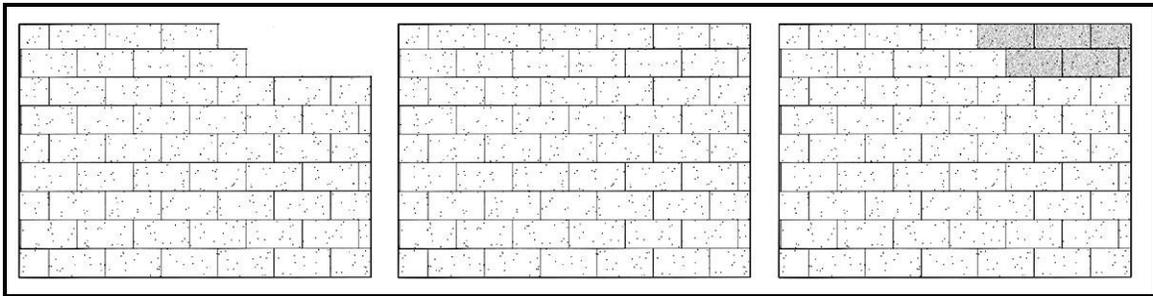
Final details and specifications pertaining to public improvements should be developed through a public process.



New walls, including reconstructed walls, should be designed to add visual interest and should not result in a monotonous blank place.



New wall, including wall extensions and reconstructed walls, should include architectural caps to enhance visual interest.



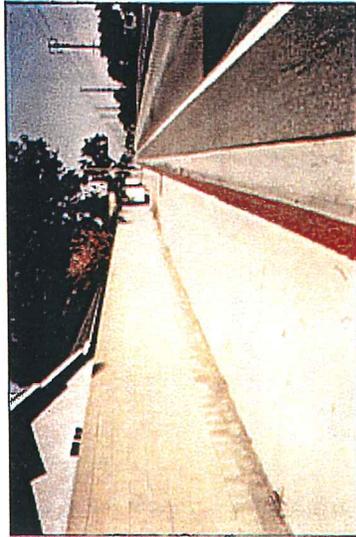
Damaged Wall

Appropriate Wall

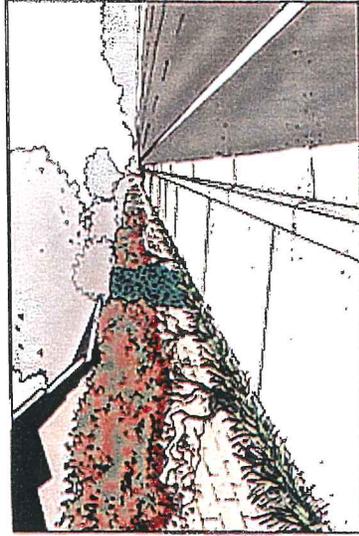
Inappropriate Wall

Damaged walls should be replaced using materials that closely match undamaged portions.

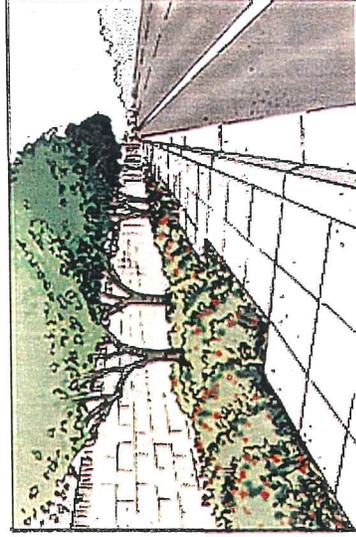
Wall Treatments



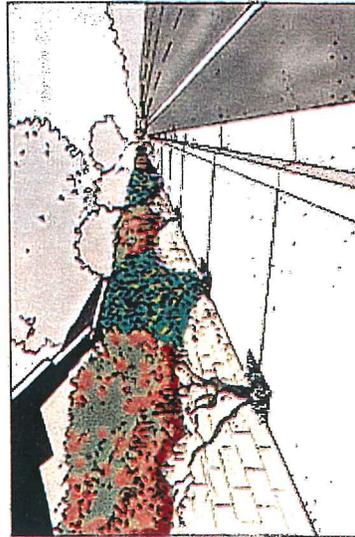
EXISTING SITUATION: BLANK WALL



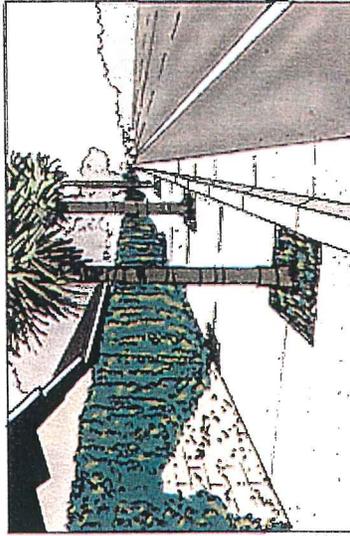
CONTINUOUS WALL-ADJACENT CUT OUT PLANTED WITH SMALL SHRUBS & VINES



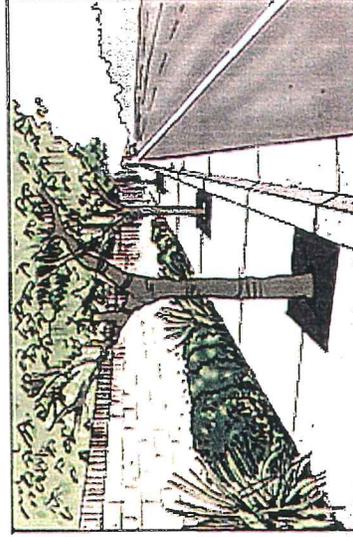
CONTINUOUS WALL-ADJACENT CUT OUT WITH SHRUB HEDGE AND LARGER CUT OUT PLANTERS FOR SHRUBS AND TREES



SMALL, WALL-ADJACENT CUT OUTS FOR VINES



SMALL, WALL-ADJACENT CUT OUTS FOR VINES, WITH ALTERNATING SPACING OF CURB-ADJACENT TREE WELLS FOR PALM TREES



CONTINUOUS WALL-ADJACENT CUT OUT FOR SHRUB PLANTING AND CURB-ADJACENT TREES IN TREE GRATES, SPACED 40'-60' O.C.



Shrubs, Vines and Groundcovers



Agapanthus spp.
Lily of the Nile
small shrub 18"-24"
evergreen
moderate watering required
drought tolerant once established
dramatic flowers



Ficus pumila (repens)
Creeping Fig
vine
evergreen
fast growing
drought tolerant
not recommended for
city maintained walls



Hibiscus spp.
Hibiscus
shrub 3'-7'
evergreen
moderate growth rate
moderate watering



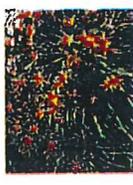
Phormium tenax
New Zealand Flax
shrub (exotic) 3'-5' high
evergreen
fast growing
moderate to heavy watering
small varieties available



Bougainvillea spp.
Bougainvillea
vine/groundcover 10'-15'
semievergreen
fast growing
drought tolerant
for large areas only



Gazania spp.
Gazania
flowering groundcover
evergreen
fast growing
drought tolerant once established
brilliant flowers



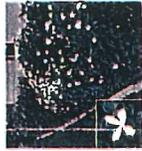
Hemerocallis spp.
Daylily
small shrub
evergreen perennial
moderate growth rate
moderate watering
dramatic flowers



Photinia fraserii
Fraser's Photinia
large shrub 5'-10'
evergreen
moderate to fast growth rate
moderate watering



Strelitzia spp.
Bird of Paradise
shrub (exotic) 4'-6' high
evergreen perennial
slow to moderate growth rate
moderate to heavy watering



Carissa spp.
Natal Plum
small shrub 18"-36"
evergreen
fast growing
drought tolerant
excellent near ocean



Hederia spp.
Ivy
groundcover
evergreen
very fast growth rate
water needs vary



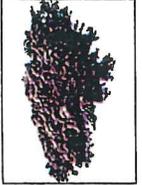
Lantana spp.
Tailing Lantana
flowering groundcover
12"-24" high
very fast growth rate
infrequent deep watering



Pittosporum tobira
Tobira (and 'Wheeler's Dwarf')
large and small shrubs 2'-5'
dense evergreen
moderate growth rate
moderate watering



Tecoma capensis
Cape Honeysuckle
vine, shrub, groundcover to 15'
versatile plant, height varies
fast growth rate
drought tolerant once established



Ceanothus spp.
California Lilac
shrubs and groundcovers
evergreen natives
moderate growth rate
drought resistant
prefer little water once established



Heteromeles arbutifolia
Toyon
shrub 4'-8' tall
evergreen native
slow growth rate
drought tolerant



Limonium perezii
Sea Lavender
groundcover
common beach perennial 12" high
moderate growth rate
drought tolerant once established



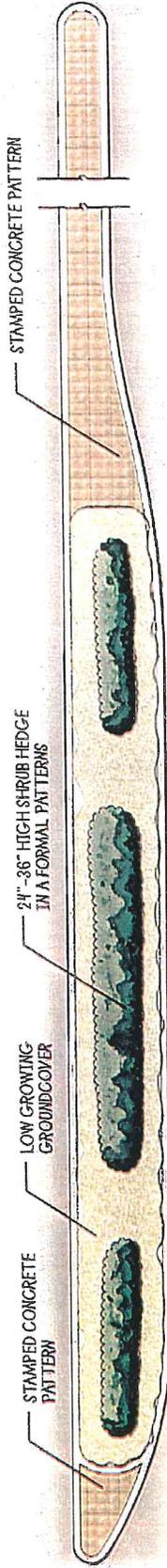
Rhamphiolepis indica
India Hawthorne (varieties)
shrubs vary in size 2'-5'
dense evergreen
fast growth rate
moderate to drought tolerant



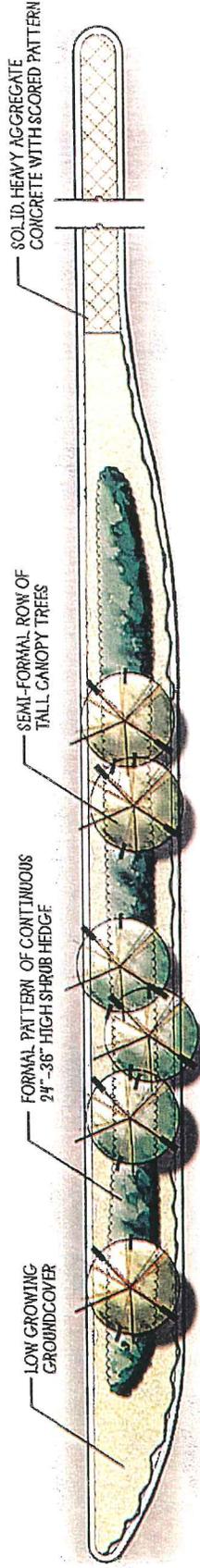
Trachelospermum jasminoides
Star Jasmine
vine, shrub, groundcover
evergreen shrub or vine
fast growth rate
moderate watering
fragrant flowers

Median Concepts

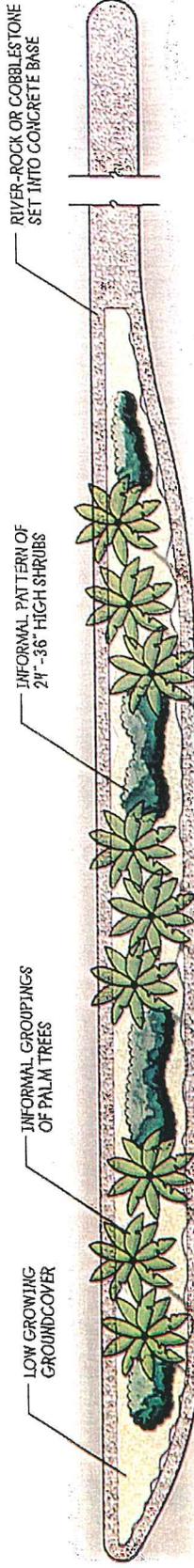
ALT. 1 FORMAL SHRUB HEDGE WITH "VIEW WINDOWS"



ALT. 2 FORMAL ROW OF CANOPY TREES AND CONTINUOUS SHRUB HEDGE

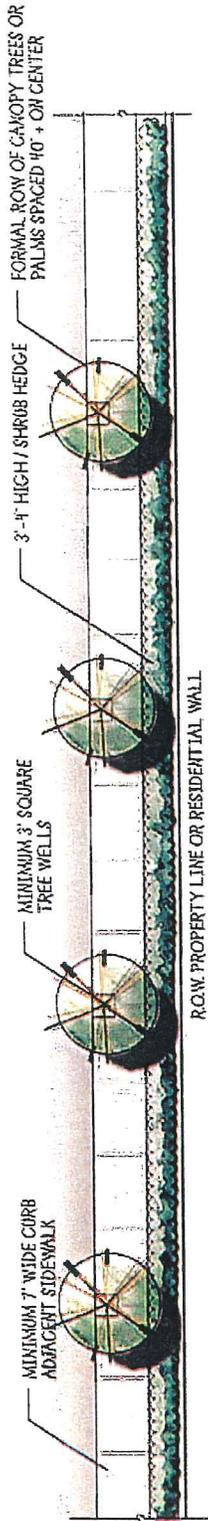


ALT. 3 INFORMAL GROUPINGS OF PALM TREES AND INFORMAL SHRUB PLANTINGS

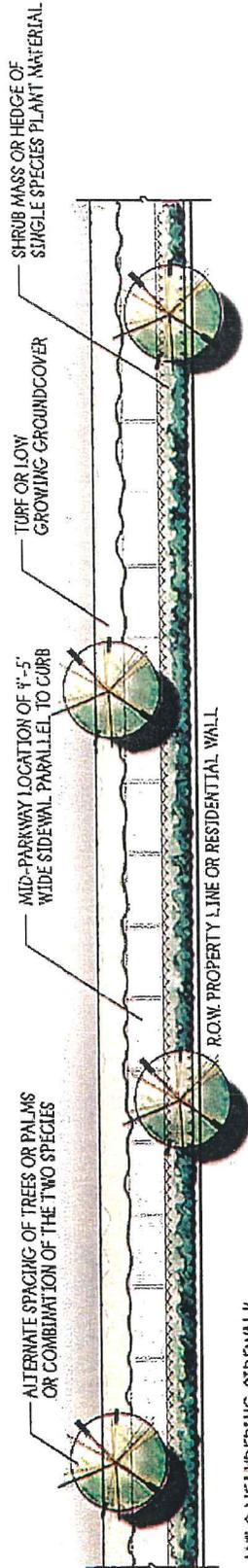


Parkway Concepts

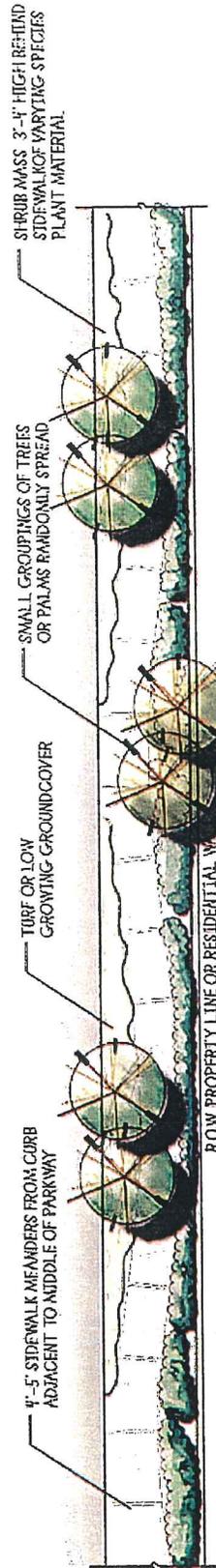
ALT. 1 WIDE CURB-ADJACENT SIDEWALK WITH TREE WELLS



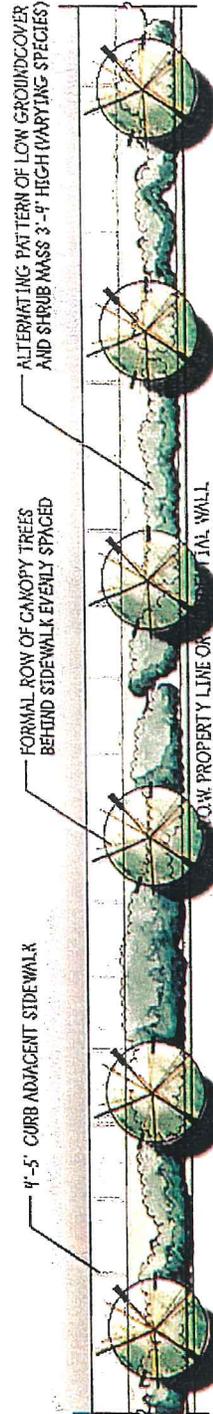
ALT. 2 SPLIT PARKING WITH ALTERNATING TREES



ALT. 3 MEANDERING SIDEWALK



ALT. 4 CURB ADJACENT SIDEWALK



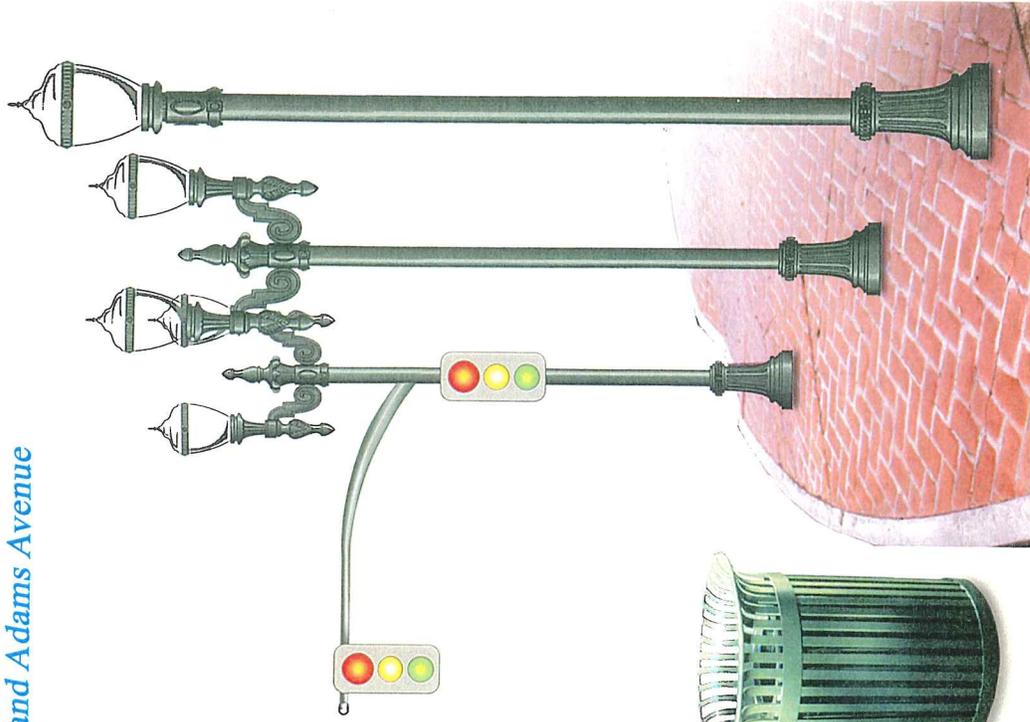
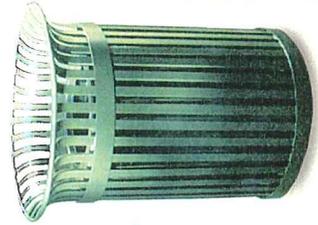
* NOTE ALL PARKWAY SIDEWALK AND PLANTER AREA WIDTHS VARY

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Furniture Palette



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Bolsa Chica and Pacific Coast Highway

