

San Jose Redevelopment Agency downtown project **fact sheet**



Construction began:
Summer 2008

Completion:
Fall 2008

Project: Fountain Alley Pedestrian Walkway

Description: Fountain Alley, named in 1856, once served as a bustling downtown pedestrian through-way. The Alley's name is derived from its original function as a temporary drainage ditch for an overflowing artesian well located at the corner of Santa Clara and First Streets. The rehabilitated project includes new brick pavement and lighting that matches the historic character of the adjacent Fountain Alley Buildings and the historic district.

The Fountain Alley Pedestrian Walkway meets one of the goals of the Downtown San Jose Streetscape Master Plan by providing historic-type features, such as the brick paving and the light fixtures, and improving the walk ability of Fountain Alley walkway.

Location: Fountain Alley (runs between First and Second Streets, south of Santa Clara Street), Century Center Redevelopment Project Area

Benefit: The rehabilitation enlivens an exciting and attractive downtown public space, and helps make Downtown more pedestrian-friendly for visitors and residents.

Features:

- Historic light fixtures
- Decorative brick pavement
- Storm water treatment system

Total Costs: \$585,000 from the San Jose Redevelopment Agency

Project Team: Council District: 3
Developer: San Jose Redevelopment Agency
Engineer: JMH Weiss
Contractor: Joseph J. Albanese, Inc.
Owner: City of San Jose