

The Crossings Transit-Oriented Neighborhood

Mountain View, California



The Crossings Transit-Oriented Neighborhood is transforming an underutilized retail mall (inset) into a vibrant, walkable, and transit-supportive mixed-use community.

The Crossings Transit-Oriented neighborhood project transforms a 1960s auto-oriented strip mall into a vibrant pedestrian-oriented community. Located adjacent to a new CalTrain commuter station, The Crossings provides a range of housing and retail opportunities, with single-family homes, townhouses, rowhouses, and apartments all located within a short walk of shopping and transit. An interconnected network of tree-lined streets and pedestrian

paths knits this new mixed-use neighborhood together. The street network provides important connections to an existing Safeway grocery store, allowing residents to walk directly to the store without crossing arterial streets. Community parks and open spaces are distributed throughout the 18-acre site. Bandstands and tot lots provide areas for neighborhood gatherings within parks.

Calthorpe Associates planned and designed virtually every aspect of The Crossings neighborhood, including site layout, street improvements, landscape features, and architectural design. The Crossings is now fully constructed. The shopping mall which it replaced was demolished and recycled as foundations for the new homes and parks.



The Crossings neighborhood features a range of housing types, including small-lot single family units which are affordable to median-income families.

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| Client: | TPG Development Corp |
| Type: | Neighborhood/TOD |
| Scope: | Redevelopment of old mall site at Caltrain Station |
| Program: | 397 Units on 18 acres |
| Date: | 1995 - Plan completed 1999 - Construction completed |



A mixed-use core of pedestrian-oriented retail and residential uses features a CalTrain commuter station that connects The Crossings to employment and retail centers throughout the region.



The Crossing's first phase includes small-lot single family bungalows centered on a park. Calthorpe Associates designed these units, which provide ownership housing at transit-supportive densities.