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Art/Preservation

Keep our future connected to our agricultural past
Build new station using old building cargo
Bring history museum downtown-across De Long to Simmons house
Big historic photos inside an activated depot
Put an old railroad at the depot
Keep historical architecture of building
Walk-through steam train or historic train/museum permanent installation
Retain historic rail depot feel
Keep the train station, put railroad or city artifacts in the depot
Move rail artifacts next to station
Respect legacy
Restore historical character of old train
Preserve it the way it is
Keep it quaint-people like to visit beautiful eye candy places
Keep historic depot architecture
Reference Downtown Historic District (signage)
Keep the depot
Integrate existing buildings into any project
Community use room and keep history of depot
Restore existing train station as mini-museum for history of Railroad and Novato, convert existing historic houses to form historic area and expand "old town"
Incorporate historic aspects to any new architecture and business->form displays
Have a display of railroad influence on Novato in the depot
Preserve the history of the depot and revamp original building
Arts oriented community space
Make depot the Novato Museum
Modern space with nod to history
Maintain historic feel of downtown
Art benches downtown
More art in Novato
Build the depot building that burned down as originally built
Incorporate Novato History with multiple tile boards on the platform
Let the downtown keep pace with city's changing population
Echo design from old depot throughout the new design
Art Center
Keep historic character of building
Local arts/crafts
Permanent/seasonal art of the past work, local wall for art as can provide a platform for young artists to showcase their talents while inspiring future local art
turn historic depot into museum
Architecture that blends with history
Local artist rendering
Use an oak tree as a common motif
Novato themed color and design
Mural celebrating the Chicano, native, Anglo, unity through time to create this livable space we call

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home
Historic
Western heritage
Put history museum in the old depot
Downtown Art center
Restore downtown theater as performing arts center
Showcase local artists, include sculpture in landscape design, art displays in Depot building
And have the historical guild put up a history of rail in Novato-Rebuild old freight depot and use open freight doc area as stage for events, dining outside or bring in old passenger car for eating.
Historical influence will really be accomplished with restoration of old, historic depot. The Petaluma restoration of their depot was great, but there is nothing else nearby. This is a great opportunity for Novato.
Passenger station should be a period piece compatible with historic downtown and compatible with existing and intact historic station

Food/Beverage

Pizza
Put a coffee shop in depot buildings
rebuild the old freight depot and put a restaurant on the freight platform with some open air dining
Beer
Local, wine, beer, and food
Baked goods/coffee local bakeries
Open food truck access
local food, farms, farm to table
Food and drink center use
Farmers Market
Move Farmers Market
European open dining and gathering areas
Food and place to meet and talk
Food purveyors
Ice Cream Shop
Beer garden and live music
Snack/Coffee bar for depot riders
Food trucks
Food, wine, outdoor dining
Farmers Market
Better modern restaurants
More unique restaurants
Place for food trucks
Be open to new businesses and rest
Promenade with outdoor seating behind and eating
Spanish food
Local wine, beer, food
Outdoor dining
Food court
Local dining bars

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Beer gardens
Bring Fairfax microbrewer downtown
Dining and Drinking
Local food/produce
Farmers market next to train
Indian Valley Brewing
Café shop near parks
Train stop with food, drinks meeting place
Vietnamese Restaurant
More good food options
Railcar restaurant
Railcar destination, turn depot into a bar restaurant
Ice Cream Store
Rotating food suppliers with picnic table seating and lights fenced in
Food trucks or kitchens, local breweries, artisan food makers, microbusinesses
Outdoor dining/entertainment HUB
Craft beer on tap (local brewers), food trucks
Restaurants/cafes
Rebuild the old freight building that burnt down-bring in a coffee shop/ice cream, etc.
Bring in old Rail cars for a restaurant. As people are dining or at the bar then can push a button to see the countryside passing them as they sit and dine/drink in the rail car booth. The digital age allows us to go anywhere while dining in Novato.
European style café/coffee, brandy, wine and beer
Farmers Market
Food trucks
Food/drinks/coffee
Coffee shop or restaurant
Rotating food trucks, never perceived favoritism on the handful of food trucks that can fit in the space. Hopefully attract better lunch crowd.
Farmers market
Food truck with many different options and businesses that attract people downtown
Microbrewery with live music
Food trucks/coffee/drinks/eats/place to meet up with friends. Look forward to come in from Hamilton similar to Ferry Building SF. What type of businesses attract people to come downtown

Landscape

Railroad theme
Bring people to our dairies and open space
Child Gathering and play area
Restore the architecture, but make it progressive to bring people to Novato to experience our town
Maintain/Restore depot as downtown gateway
Playground
Mini SF ferry/building adjustment park space
Retain small town character and historic structures
Make Novato a destination
Rebuild the other depot buildings that burned down

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Encourage walking and train

Open area beauty and fountain and open space/gathering all, including families

Make the train depot an annex to the history museum

Parking

Multi-story parking next to station

More outdoor dining and gathering areas

Redo the fountain

Roundabout on Redwood and Grant

Fire pits

Outdoor Lighting

Need pocket parking near Grant

More chess tables

Plant shade trees

Solar shade structures

Flexible space

More gathering places downtown

Trees, Plants, Sculptures, Benches

Keep open space around the depot

Harmonious design with Spanish tile roof, arched windows/doorways, color-light tan

Parking

Keep small town character

Parking

Unify building facades

Infill affordable housing near transit hubs

Fire pits

Trees

Make it a park or gathering place

A fun gathering space

Solar shade gathering

Benches for people to meet and talk

Beautiful shade trees in parking areas

A wonderful, vibrant entrance to our lovely historic town

Multi-cultural fountain on Redwood

More flowers/murals

Downtown garden, like they have at the fair, but more permanent, made by Master gardeners or high school gardening club could design/maintain

Horse and ranch themes

Bronze horses and a pond

Block street access from Grant walkway, playground, park setting

Beyond green building design

Angled parking on depot but keep trees

More trees

Pedestrian mall, street

Pedestrian mall, close Grant to cars from Machin to depot site

Historic railcar, civic pond with galloping horses and fountains

Pedestrian Mall

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Preserve view to Mt. Burdell
Cover parking lot with solar and on building
Park here to walk to diners and theaters
Parking
Spanish tile roofs
Lot of trees
Less parking
Localized water reuse
Solar panel cover
Outdoor setting
Maintain tree
Commuter parking lots
Picnic tables
Nice beautiful area
Parking on railroad at end by the freeway with a foot bridge over the train tracks. Avoid parking in front of businesses to attract more foot traffic and outdoor spaces along the street.
This space next to SMART train could be best used landscaped and parking structure preferably below and landscaping on top. I am happy that smart train is here. As people get off the train you want them to move towards Grant Ave to enjoy the street/shops/restaurant/treats
Fence (wood/privacy) *Length of path (follow path/property line)

Recreation

Make teen center into video game center
Video game center
Climbing wall
More teen activities (laser tag??)
Get entertainment
Kids water play feature on closed streets
Hay rides
Flea market gathering
Candlepin bowling
Stuff for families with children to do something
Water feature that kids of all ages can play with
Turn depot into a movie theater
Community playground
Fair with rides
Laser Tag
Video Game Center
Unique shows
Meeting place where kids can play
Take train up to wine county for a wine tour for the day
Water park
We need a park
Fair everyday at school
Biking, hiking, scenery

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Feedback about Downtown
Restore community house Encourage mixed use buildings downtown Convert 1 block to open air promenade Keep downtown 2 stories Stimulate Nightlife (lots of thumbs up for this one) Keep downtown 2 stories Indoor all year farmers market in feed mill at Redwood Finish theatre Theater is key to bring people to Novato Renovated theater Expand retail and downtown North along Redwood Blvd Sufficient parking to support activities San Marin Hamilton Evenings events in Downtown Novato Billboards for Novato to tell people to go to Novato's downtown Visitors Center Water feature for kids to play in! (Flat with water squirting up) A place to sit and relax Battlebots for kids Cheaper Lego sets
Multi-generational Considerations
Place where both kids and adults can hang out together Place for kids to play and mingle while the adults mingle-family and fun Keep the depot, make it a wonderful space, kid fun Family friendly Family entertainment Entertainment: Bowling, Pool/Billiards, Shopping, Theatre Multiuse activities for kids Kids and adults mingling in one place Multigenerational things to do, younger people don't have things to do here Families Kid friendly science workshop Multi-generational Things for teens Kid's playground Kids play area Something enjoyable for all ages
Multi-modal Transportation
Make bikes at depot or possible to rent and easily bike to and from depot Bike pedals-wide and safe Connected bikeways Electric bikes Bicycle access and bike parking

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Rental bikes with bicycle tour maps for visitors
Bike Rental lots with bike tour maps and bike sharing too
Shuttle buses
Less dependable on cars, transit-oriented and walkable
Rental bikes to be picked up at either Novato station
Bike racks and bikes
Provide transportation , buggies, trollies, cable cars, etc.
Shuttle to theater and shopping venues
Continue bike trail path connection from south end of Hamilton bay trail to San Rafael
Shuttle/trolley to bus depot downtown
No cars, pedestrian/bikes only
Commuter Parking

Safety

Lots of seating for seniors and disabled
Make it wheelchair accessible
Nice lighting as pass by on train
Police foot patrol/meet people
Safe place for kids
Wide sidewalks
Closed streets safe for kids
Blinking cross walks
make it safe, police patrols on foot
Safe place for children to play
Ped Crossing
Safety first. On the adjacent sidewalks and streets need better control

Retail

Put a book store in depot buildings
Small local businesses
Clothes for younger folk, house goods
Focus on local retailers
More grocery stores and farmers markets
Men's casual clothing shop
Maker spaces
Celebrate local markets and artists
Downtown pedestrian mall
Local retailers
Retail to attract folks downtown
Popup shop at station and buildings
Local entrepreneurs
Move Farmer's Market to depot site
Retail/Craft local
Advertise downtown business/Walking map
City's storyboards on fence-all great ideas-need significant stores. Include smart station so seniors can buy their cards/tickets

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Music
<p>Music garden Live Music Small areas for musicians Music with outdoor dining Use depot as a stage Places for kids to perform Theater is key to bring people to Novato Live music Cultural Center for music/speakers and plays Night life with live music Community concerts Live music Space for bands to play Music Venue Live music Live music light fare, live music Music until 10 pm Stage for live music Millworks residents want music, just not past 10 o'clock. Young folks/millennials to come enjoy music that is family friendly</p>
Other
<p>Focus on creating a fresh welcoming space, don't be constrained by nostalgia Let go of the past and move forward Make it a wonderful space, kid fun Make people think, "When I come to Novato, what can I do?" Enjoy and hang out together "Modern" nod to history, but mostly a place to hang out in Refillable water station Cell reception Good Wi-Fi and cell reception Beautification of building Small open use space for musicians The Novato Zip line A way to keep people in Novato A beautiful place for people to be proud of Places for kids to perform Free internet access Garbage cans Maker spaces Parades Wi-Fi More marching bands in 4th of July parade</p>

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Capsule hotel might work

A place to meet your neighbors and friends

Depot that is environmentally sustainable and with outdoor open space

Restore the community as a meeting space for community groups

Let's make Novato a destination

Broadband internet

Invest more in affordable housing and live local, work local

Increase opportunities for startup tech firms to be based in Novato

Furniture to lounge and chill

A reason for people to get off the train at Novato

Multiuse facility

Movie night

Spanish translated materials and signage

Open past 9

Stay open later

welcoming, inclusive, diverse

expand holiday celebration; add xmas carolers

Paint the depot

A weather vane-coordinating with theme of City Hall

San Marin Hamilton night out

Off the grid, self-sustainable water and energy

Roundabout Scott Ct.

Show folks on train that Novato is a vibrant, welcoming place

Do one thing really well, an anchor element for the downtown to leverage

Refurbish community house for Novato players theater

Hometown feel

Face of Novato

Need to change mindset of Novato "status quo"

Wifi

Bathrooms at depot site

Trash cans with segregated waste

Troughs with edibles along streets

San Marin/Hamilton/Family/Couples/Friends Night out

Using play structure creates energy, lights for the site, "Kidnetic energy"

Chamber of Commerce

Lease depot to Chamber of Commerce

Sell tickets as a depot for SMART, GGT & MT

Get NWPRRHS old semaphore and install here or at rebuilt freight depot for character flavor

The horses have nothing to do with the area. Look stupid and expensive.

Public Bathrooms

The view at this end should be enjoyed with a glass of wine/coffee

Commercial shared kitchen

Kitchen area

Space for Novato

This is an amazing opportunity to snowball the improvement of downtown, Love that site is right next to train tracks. Unlike Downtown Petaluma and Santa Rosa, nobody would have to walk far to find

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local food, wine, beer, culture, entertainment. This area could be a big draw for (blank) and those traveling in on bike, SMART train, etc. Easy access, friendly spot to enjoy live music, rotating food trucks, etc. Just needs to be sophisticated and inviting and this area will be GREAT!! :)

Reopen the depot to serve as a café or extension of the Novato History Museum. Shade structure. Bocce ball courts. Parking is important. Make it a public square with parking, trees for shade, café, chess tables, a bocce court, flower boxes and bicycle parking area a la Mill Valley. Free stop for Novato depot only. Town clock. Exhibit space of MMOCA

Make it Like...

Use Mill Valley depot on model
Terrapin and Cornerstone
Victoria Station
San Pedro Square in San Jose
First Fridays
Terrapin
The Barlow
The SF Ferry Building
Cornerstone Sonoma
Denver Train Station
Farmers market at Civic center
The Block in Petaluma
Gathering place for community
A place to connect and create community
Day-care
Community groups need places to meet and hold events
Map for those who don't know Novato can know where to go
Make kids happy
San Pedro Square in San Jose
Mini soccer field like in San Rafael and AT&T Park
Depot café like Mill Valley food, coffee, books
Merry-Go-Round like the one at Davis Farmers Market
Make it like a piazza, a place to eat, mingle, dance, play
Like Mill Valley Depot
Something like Brewsters in Petaluma. Enjoyable for all ages
Like music, drinks, games, fun. Similar to Brewsters