

## OPPORTUNITY #5 - SAMPSON WAY REALIGNMENT, PLAZA & CENTRAL PARKS



### PLAZA PARK

The landscape on the slopes below the recently completed Plaza Park Parkway along Beacon Street will be rehabilitated. The Sampson Way reconfiguration actually expands the hillside portion of the Park site area, and offers the opportunity to add walking trail connections from the Port to Beacon Street along the hillside. Project elements include: 1) planting large stature drought tolerant trees; 2) planting drought tolerant shrubs & groundcover; 3) installation of Smart irrigation system. It is important to not rely solely on palm trees when selecting trees for the Park. Strategically placed broadleaf or coniferous tree species already used along the Waterfront would provide shade for rest and picnic areas while still enhancing the vistas.

This Plan recommends adding landscape “node” treatments where 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th Streets dead end into upper Plaza Park along Beacon Street.



### SAMPSON WAY

Construction began in Spring 2017 on this fully funded Project (POLA). The Project realigns Sampson Way and Harbor Blvd. to improve connectivity between the Port and Downtown San Pedro. Final design includes extensive opportunity for additional urban greening within the Port, within an expanded Plaza Park and along 6th & 7th Streets as they terminate into the Port. It will also facilitate introduction of active transportation alternative solutions for accessing downtown from the Port, including transit use, walking and biking.



### SAN PEDRO CENTRAL PARK

Existing underutilized vacant land south of Miner St. and north of Sampson Way would be converted to a total of 18 acres of open space park immediately adjacent to existing Bloch Field. This Project (not currently funded) is already proposed as part of the proposed San Pedro Waterfront Project, and, in fact, a portion of the acreage has already been converted to passive recreation open space.

As a portion of this land is an existing brownfield, coordination with various agencies with oversight responsibilities for assessment and clean-up of this land will need to occur in the early stages of planning for this Park (SEE OPPORTUNITY #26 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON BROWN-FIELD OPPORTUNITY).

