

# Architects propose 10-14-86 'extension' of mall

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**SANTA CRUZ** — Two architects showed sketches of a new southern Pacific Avenue, linked to the wharf by plazas, landscaped walkways, and possibly hotels and a conference center, to an audience of a dozen Monday night at a presentation sponsored by the Architect's Association of Santa Cruz County.

The sketches involve renovating Pacific Avenue south of Laurel Street into an expanded version of the Pacific Garden Mall downtown with the pedestrian route parallel to the street.

The result, say architects Hugh Carter and Bob Corbett, would be more visually stimulating than the current vacant lots, cement, auto dealerships and few trees now along the route.

The architects did not have an estimate on how much it would cost to create such a southern mall because the sketches were rough.

Carter and Corbett have been working on ideas to improve the area for the past two years. They began

work on the project as part of a planning assessment team set up by the Architect's Association.

The sketches include plans for a river park, an elevated boardwalk from Washington Street to the Municipal Wharf and an elevated section of mall at the lower end of Pacific Avenue.

Elevated shops and walkways on the southern section of southern Pacific Avenue could also create more parking at the beach.

The two architects, who have been working on the plans without compensation, said they created the designs and sketches to present planning, zoning and City Council officials with a starting point for developing the southern Pacific Avenue area.

The two plan to present their sketches and ideas to planning and zoning officials but remain skeptical that their ideas will pass because of past decisions denying other developments along the beach.

"You're going to have to have the interests and the hopes of the political interests to get this done," Carter said.

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