An ecotone is a transition area between two biomes, where two communities meet and integrate. Downtown Berkeley is an ecotone of students and city life, creating a dynamic and eclectic community in the heart of Berkeley.

**TIMELINE**

1870s
- Open for Business
  - Central Business District Developed; UC Berkeley opens campus at current location

1906
- Earthquake
  - Rebuilding effort and influx of refugees from SF speeds development in Downtown Berkeley

1960
- Transit Removal
  - Key System ends service

1973
- BART
  - Downtown Berkeley BART station opens

1990
- Revival Begins
  - Downtown Plan establishes Arts District and adds high density housing, while maintaining historic buildings

2005
- Planning Process
  - Downtown Area Plan drafted - collaborative effort of UC Berkeley and City of Berkeley

2012
- Plan In Action
  - Downtown Area Plan adopted
Transit brings people together, but does it facilitate meaningful interaction?

**EFFORTS TO REDUCE CAR USAGE**

**CURRENT**
- Existing high traffic of sidewalks
- Existing bike lane
- Existing bike route

**PROPOSED**
- Proposed improvement on sidewalk
- Proposed bike lane
- Proposed bike route

**PEDESTRIAN / BIKE VOLUME**

- July 15, 2015 Wednesday
  - 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM
  - Shattuck Ave. & Center St.
- July 18, 2015 Saturday
  - 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM
  - Shattuck Ave. & Center St.

“Most of the time I'm just passing through. I probably only stop one out of every ten times.”

Downtown Berkeley BART is one of the two biggest transit hubs in the East Bay.

The bike station is popular among commuters and high schoolers.

7 of the 15 bus lines that serve Downtown also serve the campus.

Downtown Berkeley is also a transit hub for the East Bay.

**HOW DOWNTOWN BERKELEY EMPLOYEES GET TO WORK**

- 50% by car
- 35% by bus
- 15% by bike

Source: City of Berkeley, Downtown Area Plan

**CIRCULATION**

- University Ave.
- Shattuck Ave.
- Berkeley Way
- Fulton St.
- Milvia St.
- Addison St.
- Center St.
- Allston Way
- Kittredge St.
- Bancroft Way
- Durant Ave.

**SOURCE:**

-City of Berkeley, Downtown Area Plan

**July 18, 2015 Saturday**

8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

Shattuck Ave. & Center St.
**CONCLUSIONS**

**HOMELESSNESS**

"I think it’s important to help the homeless people so they’re not in the streets"

**DOWNTOWN BERKELEY IN ONE WORD**

"The town has character and preserving it is important."  
"It's kind of a weird little section of society."

**FUTURE PLAN**

**GETTING THERE**

**STREETS AND OPEN SPACE IMPROVEMENT AREAS**

"It's kind of a weird little section of society."

**CONSTRAINTS**

**ENHANCERS**