

Plaque on Larchmont's stone monument is inscribed with the names of supporters who have donated \$100 or more to the development of the median. >

Larchmont Boulevard Is Greener Thanks to MTA

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(Jan. 7, 2003) Larchmont Boulevard between 1st and 3rd streets is greener now thanks to the support of MTA.

A former Los Angeles Railway right-of-way where the "Yellow Cars" once ran, the street is very wide and feels empty.

Through the MTA 2001 Call for Projects, the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services was awarded a \$199,000 grant to construct and landscape two new medians and stone monuments along Larchmont Boulevard.

This grant was awarded through the Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) Mode, a federal program established to enhance the transportation system and facilities.

The Larchmont Median Project was begun three years ago by several community members who worked with local architects and the City Council office to develop an enhancement plan. They were able match the TEA grant with a 25 percent local match.

The plan was intended to enhance the residential character of the street by providing landscaped medians to fill in the wide street. Twenty-eight jacaranda trees were planted and stone monuments were added to give the community a pleasant identity.

The residents, the City of Los Angeles, MTA, Caltrans and City Councilman Tom LaBonge worked together to expedite the project.

The Larchmont Village Enhancement project complements the pedestrian nature of the small-scale shops and provides a great setting to view the famous Hollywood sign.

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