

CIRCLE OF PALMS PLAZA

SAN JOSE, CA



Project Description

The Circle of Palms Plaza is an iconic civic space located adjacent to the San Jose Museum of Art and Cesar Chavez Park in downtown San Jose. The plaza serves as a fore court to the museum and provides an important open space for daily use and events including weddings, performances, jazz festivals, and art shows. A 'one-of-a-kind' ice rink activates the plaza during the winter months, providing a much enjoyed opportunity to skate between graceful palm trees. The rink has been a great success, however the set up and removal process disrupts plaza use for long periods before and after the skating season.

CMG is working with the San Jose Redevelopment Agency and the Downtown Association to integrate permanent ice rink and event infrastructure into a renovated plaza. The renovations will also address circulation, and provide new amenities such as shade, seating, and planting areas to make the plaza a more inviting and successful space on daily basis. The design solutions address a wide variety of technical requirements and challenges while maintaining the subtle and elegant signature of the plaza.

Client

San Jose Redevelopment Agency

