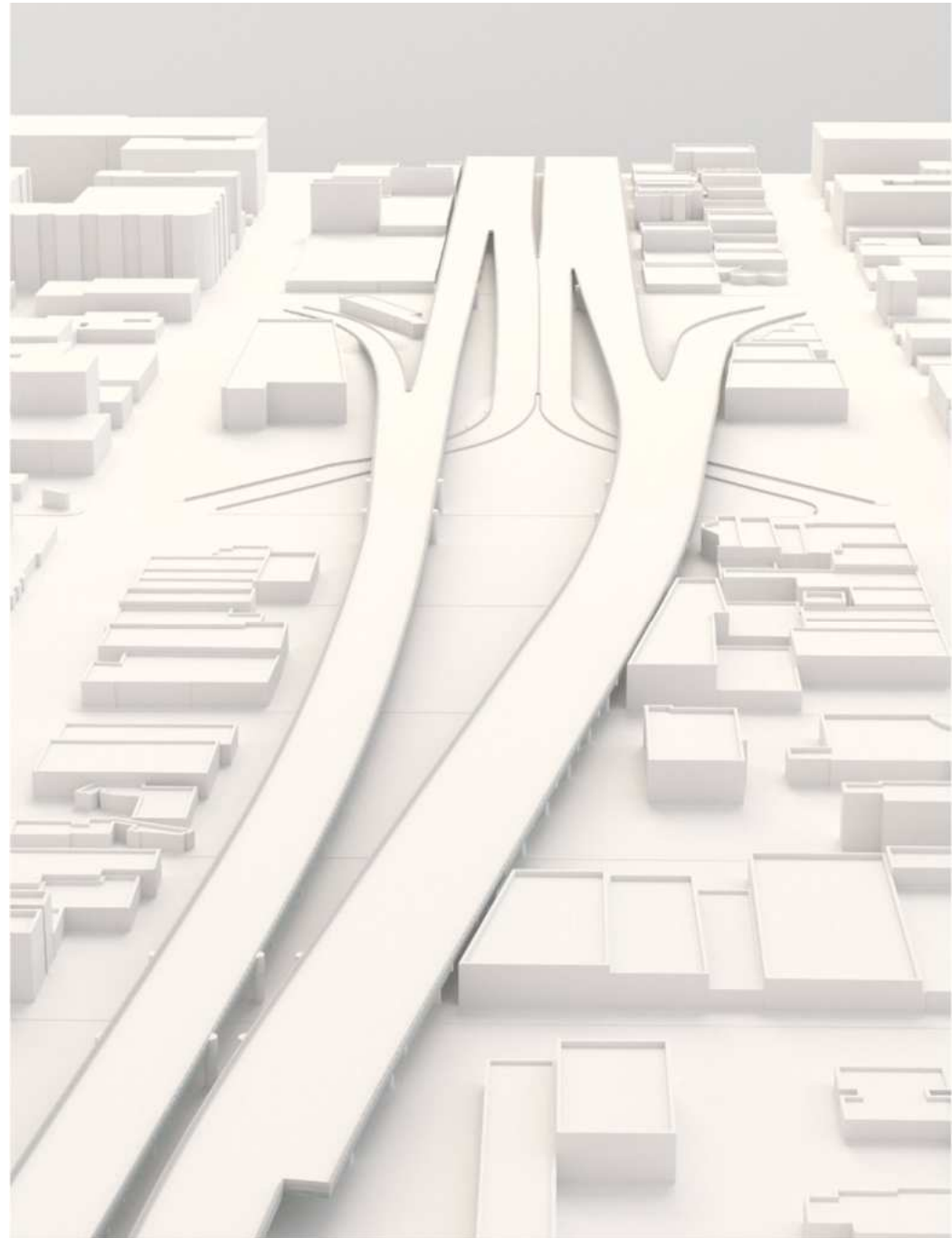


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JULY 22, 2026



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SPANISH OR TAGALOG
PRESENTATION MATERIALS

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that we are on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula.

As the indigenous stewards of this land and in accordance with their traditions, the Ramaytush Ohlone have never ceded, lost, nor forgotten their responsibilities as the caretakers of this place, as well as for all peoples who reside in their traditional territory.

As guests, we recognize that we benefit from living and working on their traditional homeland.

We wish to pay our respects by acknowledging the ancestors, elders, and relatives of the Ramaytush Community and by affirming their sovereign rights as First Peoples.

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PROJECT TEAM



SF PUBLIC WORKS

Jennifer Cooper, Manager Bureau of Landscape Architecture

Katy Taylor, Landscape Architect, Project Manager

Lilia Pharazyn, Landscape Architect



SF PLANNING

Ilaria Salvadori, Community Coordinator



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TECHNICAL ADVISORS



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR



PROJECT ORIGINS

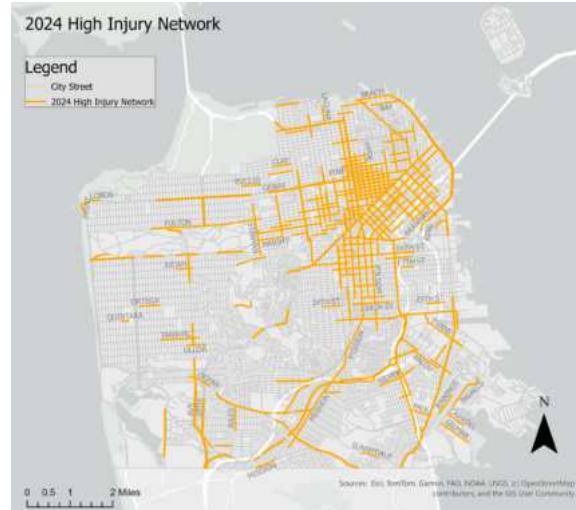
2018 Central SoMa Plan



San Francisco
Planning

Need Open Space

2022 Vision Zero Plan



Need Safety

2023 HAQR Study



ONESF
Building Our Future

Need Trees



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LEGISLATION



California Assembly Bill 857 (2017)

Allows San Francisco to provide green spaces and recreational opportunities on Caltrans property by leasing the land at a discounted rate.

PROJECT FUNDING



California Department of Transportation

Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program
Grant Category: Climate Resilience

Secured with letters of support from:

**San Francisco
Planning**



City and County
of San Francisco



MATT DORSEY
麥德誠

Member, District 6,
Board of Supervisors



**SOMA
WEST** COMMUNITY
BENEFIT
DISTRICT



**LEATHER & LGBTQ
CULTURAL DISTRICT**

PROJECT GOALS



Decrease Heat +
Improve Air Quality



Increase Urban Tree Canopy



Protect Against Flooding



Improve safety for
pedestrians and
cyclists

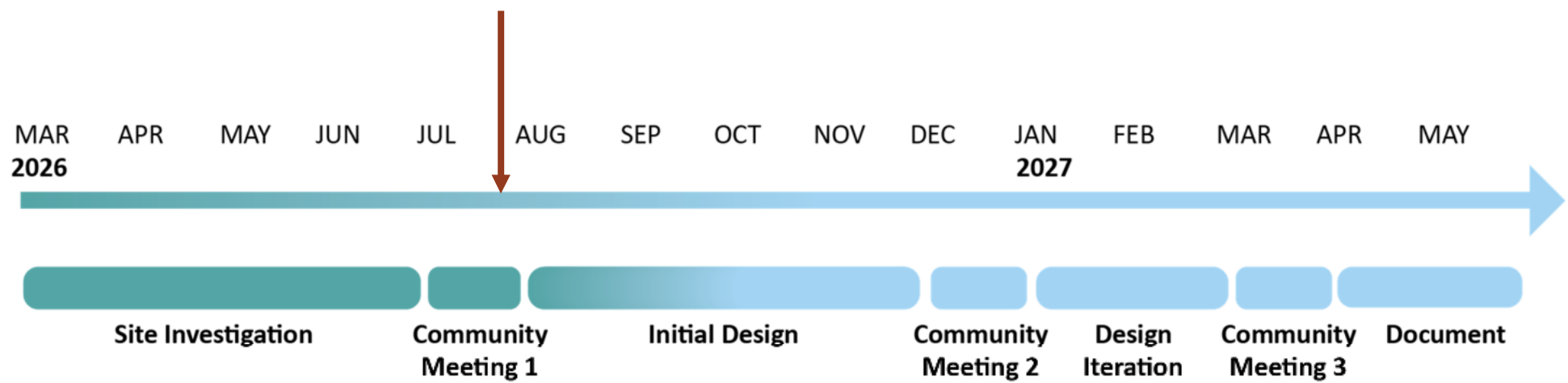


Provide Recreation Opportunities



Respond to Community Needs

SCHEDULE



PROJECT DELIVERABLES



Example Concept Design Plan

- **Concept Design Plan for Capital Improvements**
- Cost Estimate for Project
- Operation + Maintenance Recommendations
- Final Plan Report with Next Steps for Implementation
- Interim Activation Ideas and Recommendations

PROJECT DELIVERABLES



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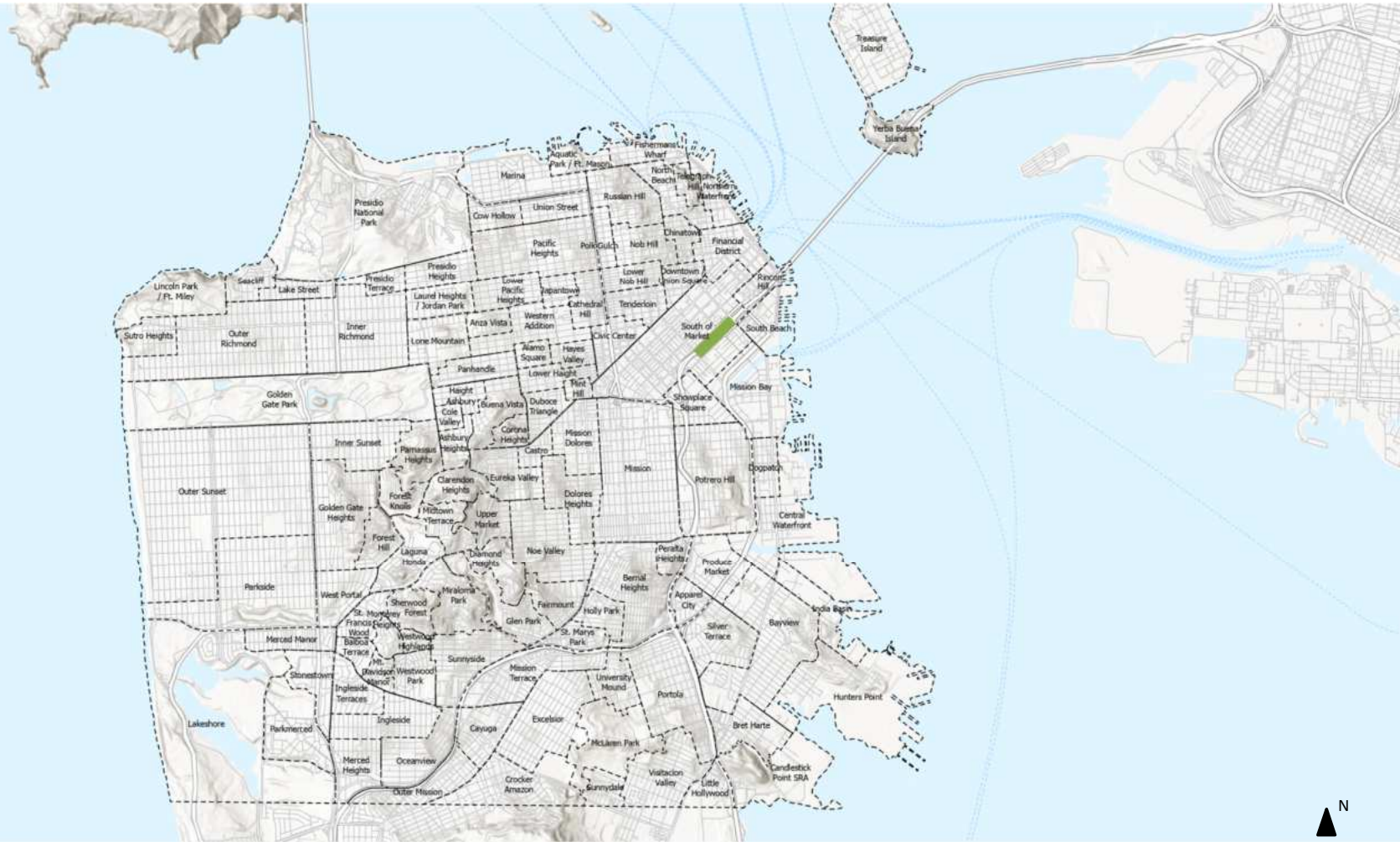


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SITE BACKGROUND



LOCATION



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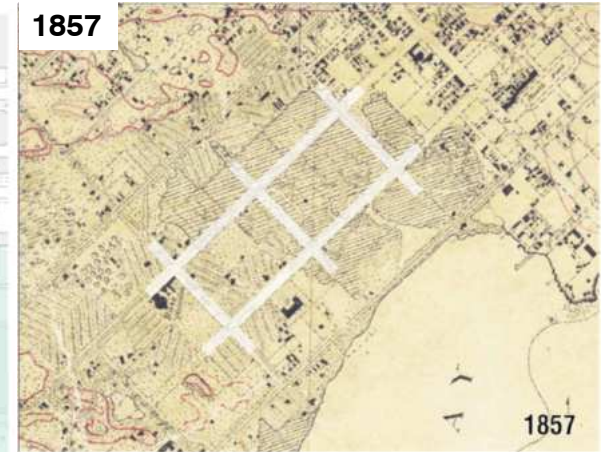
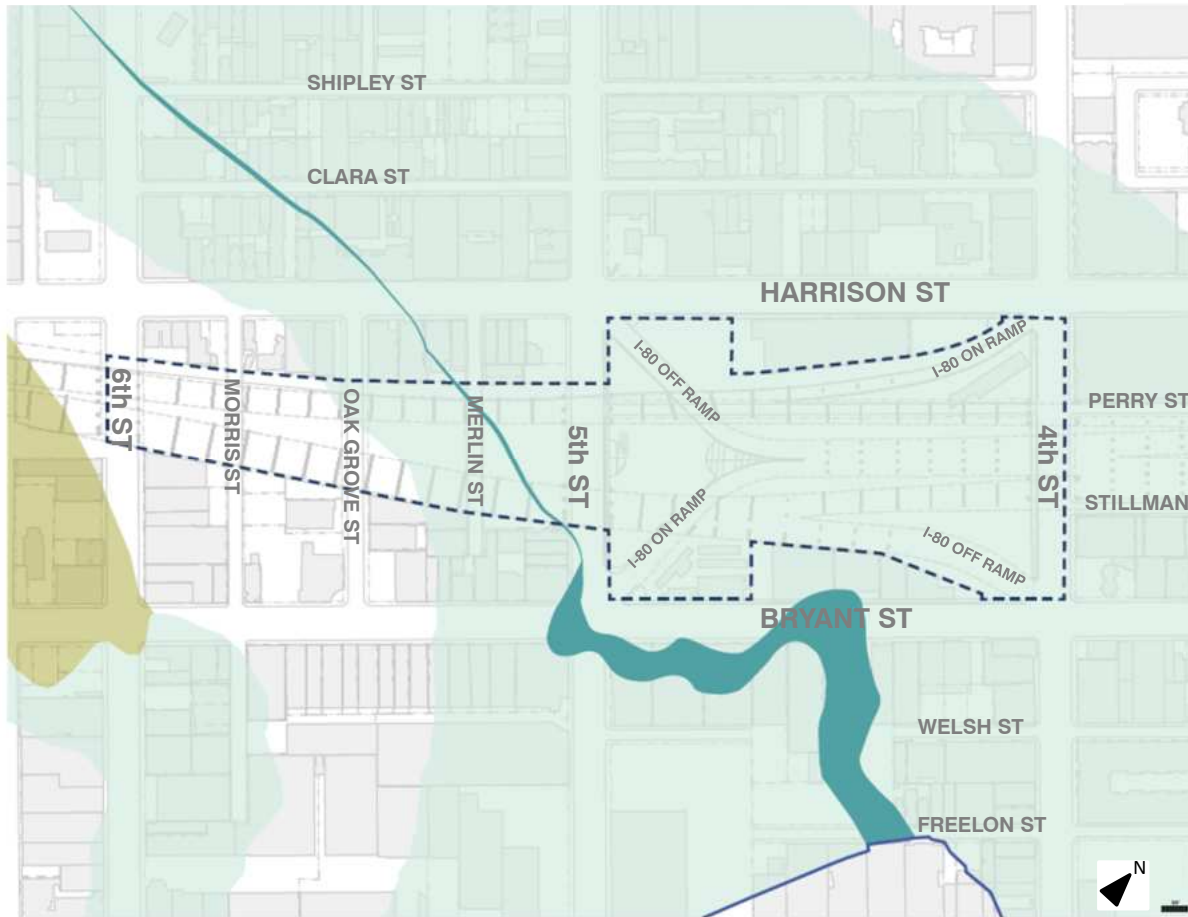
LOCATION

- - - Site
- Caltrans Parcel



HISTORY – MARSHLAND

- Site
- Shoreline
- Creek
- Slough
- Tidal Marsh
- Willow Grove



CONTEXT – STREE TREE NURSERY

Before



After

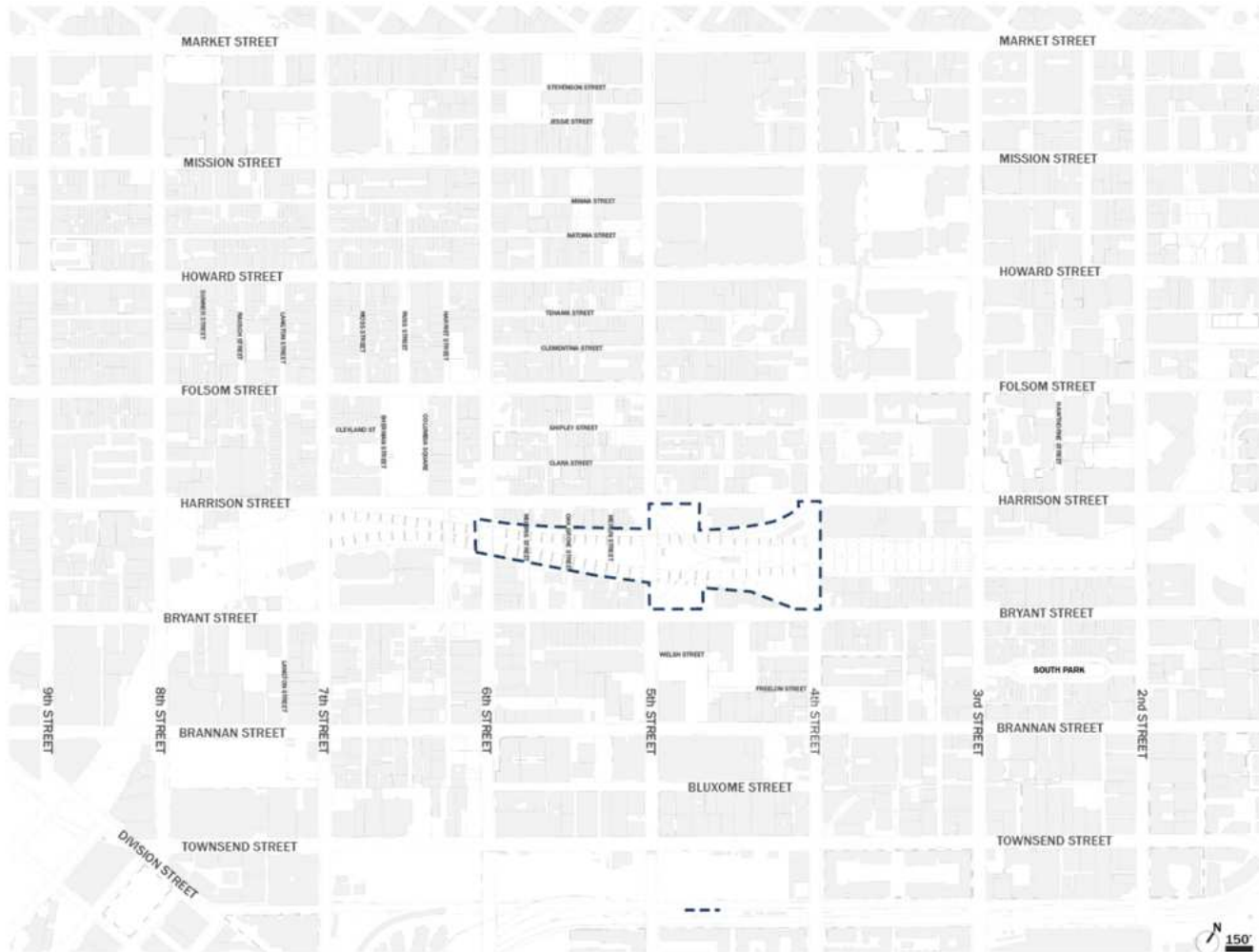


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CONTEXT – COMMUNITY

Site



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CONTEXT – COMMUNITY

- Site
- SOMA Pilipinas

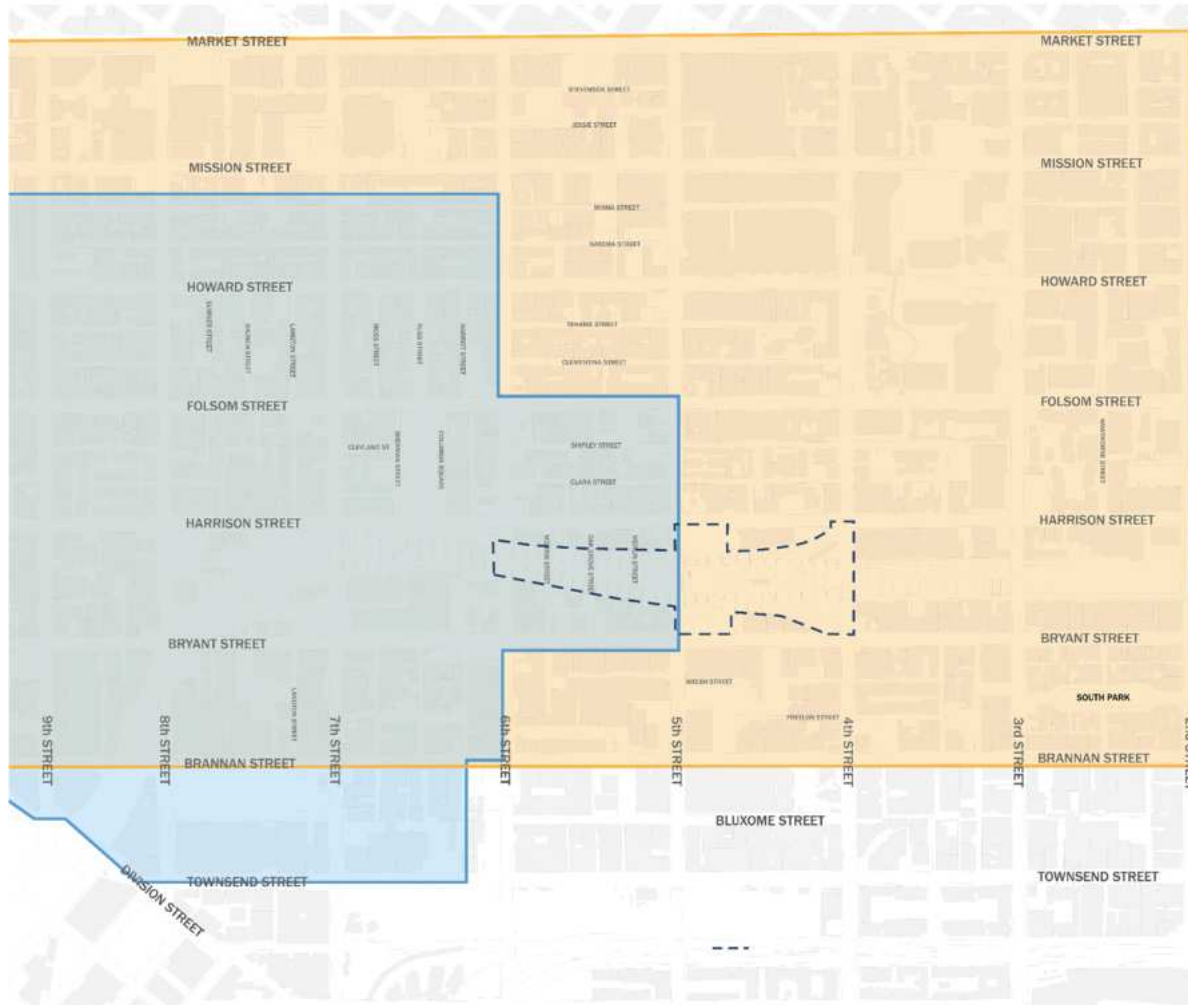


*The cultural heritage district spanning 1.5 square miles honors 120+ history of Filipinos in San Francisco, and **celebrates the community's living legacy of making home, celebrating culture, building community and fighting for economic and racial justice in the rapidly gentrifying South of Market neighborhood.***

*In 2016, the City of San Francisco officially recognized SOMA Pilipinas as **SF's Filipino Cultural Heritage District.***

CONTEXT – COMMUNITY

- Site
- SOMA Pilipinas
- SOMA West CBD



The SOMA West Community Benefit District (CBD) is a property-based assessment district in San Francisco, created to provide supplemental services such as cleaning, safety, beautification, marketing, and advocacy beyond what the City provides. These services aim to enhance the quality of life, business activity, and safety in the area.

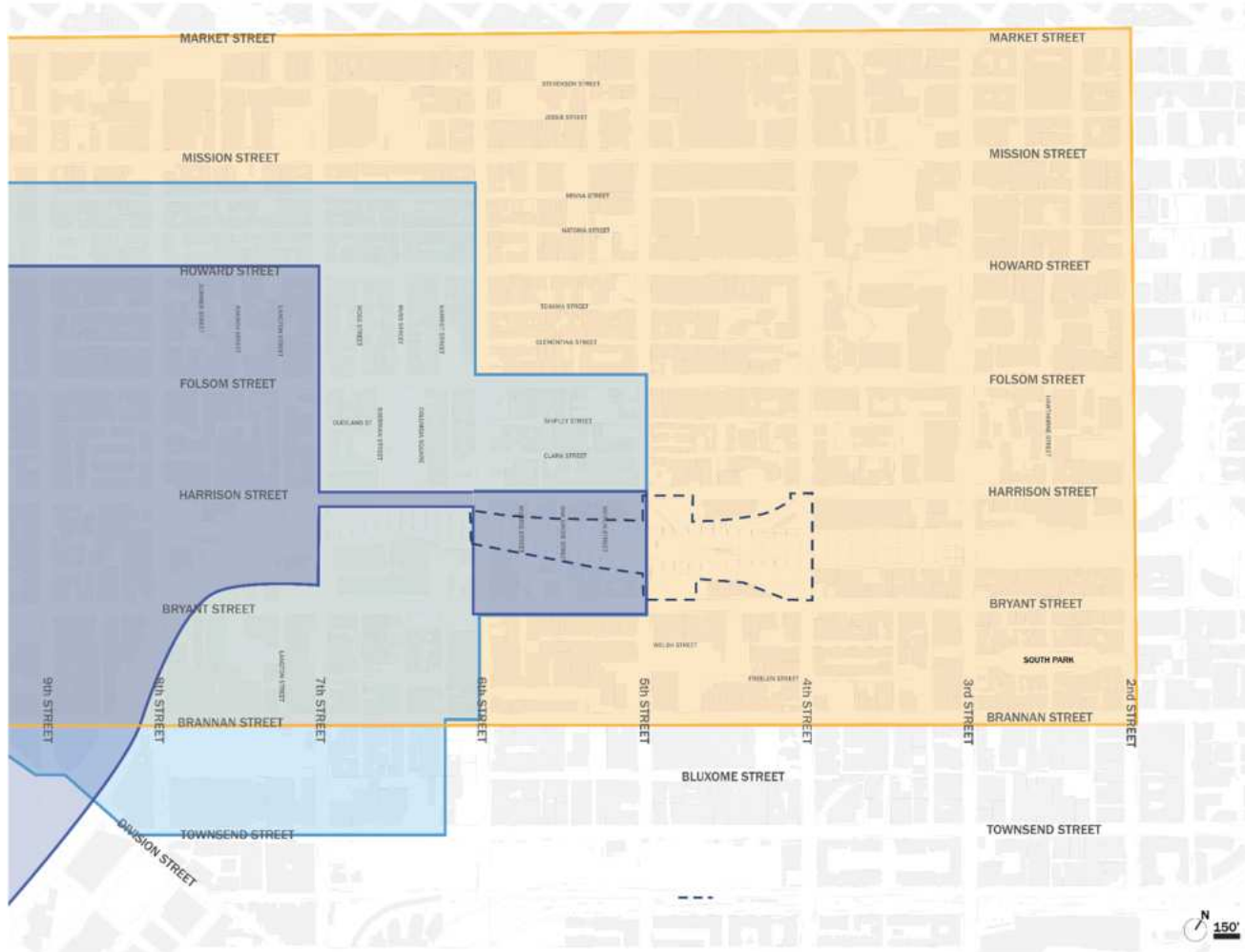


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CONTEXT – COMMUNITY

- Site
- SOMA Pilipinas
- SOMA West CBD
- Leather + LGBTQ

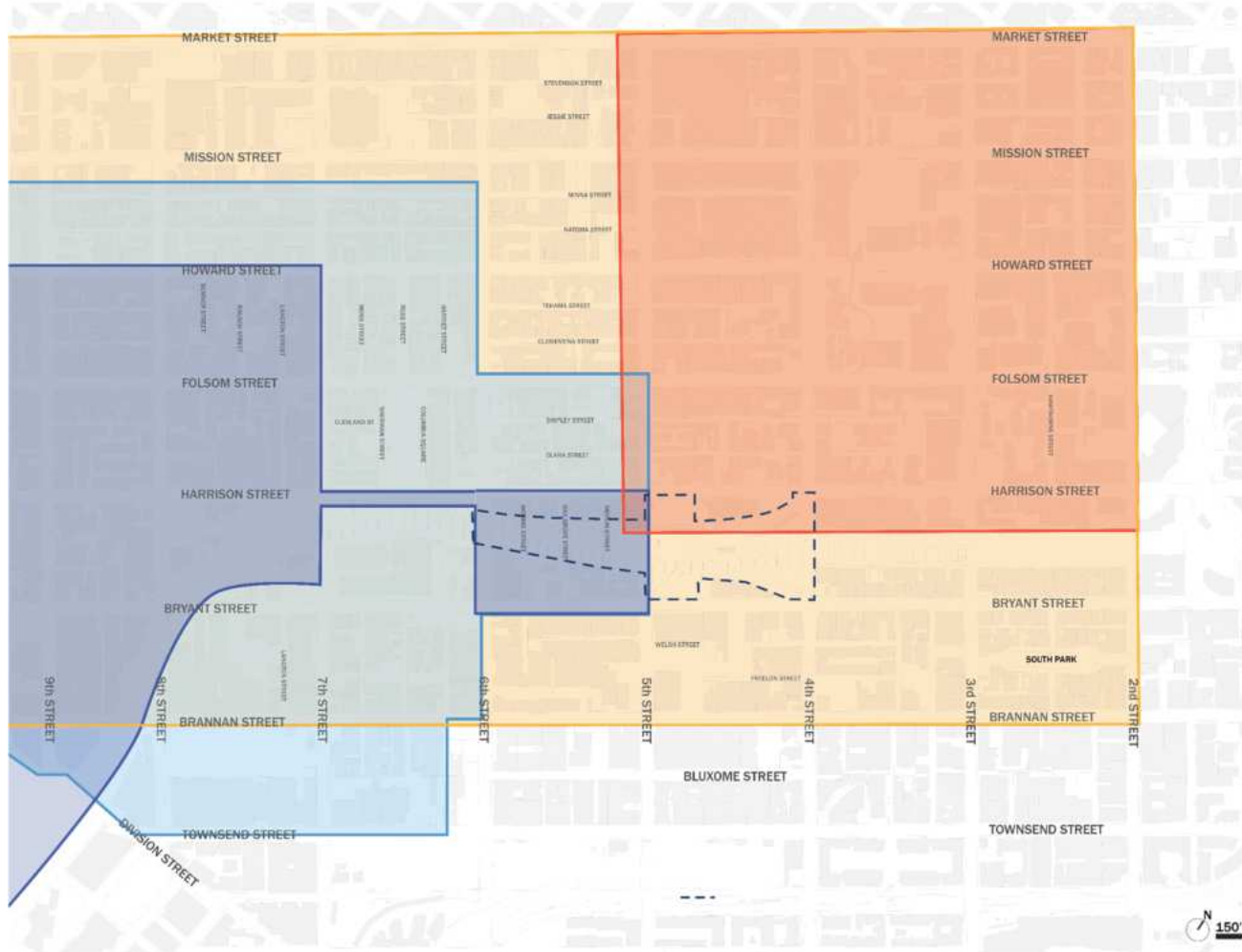


*The Organization's vision is to **rejoice, commemorate, and protect the contributions of our predecessors, contemporaries, and successors rooted in the LEATHER & LGBTQ Cultural District and its diverse and marginalized peoples.***

United, we preserve, enhance, and advocate for the continuity and vitality of the Kinky and Queer communities of San Francisco's LEATHER & LGBTQ Cultural District.

CONTEXT – COMMUNITY

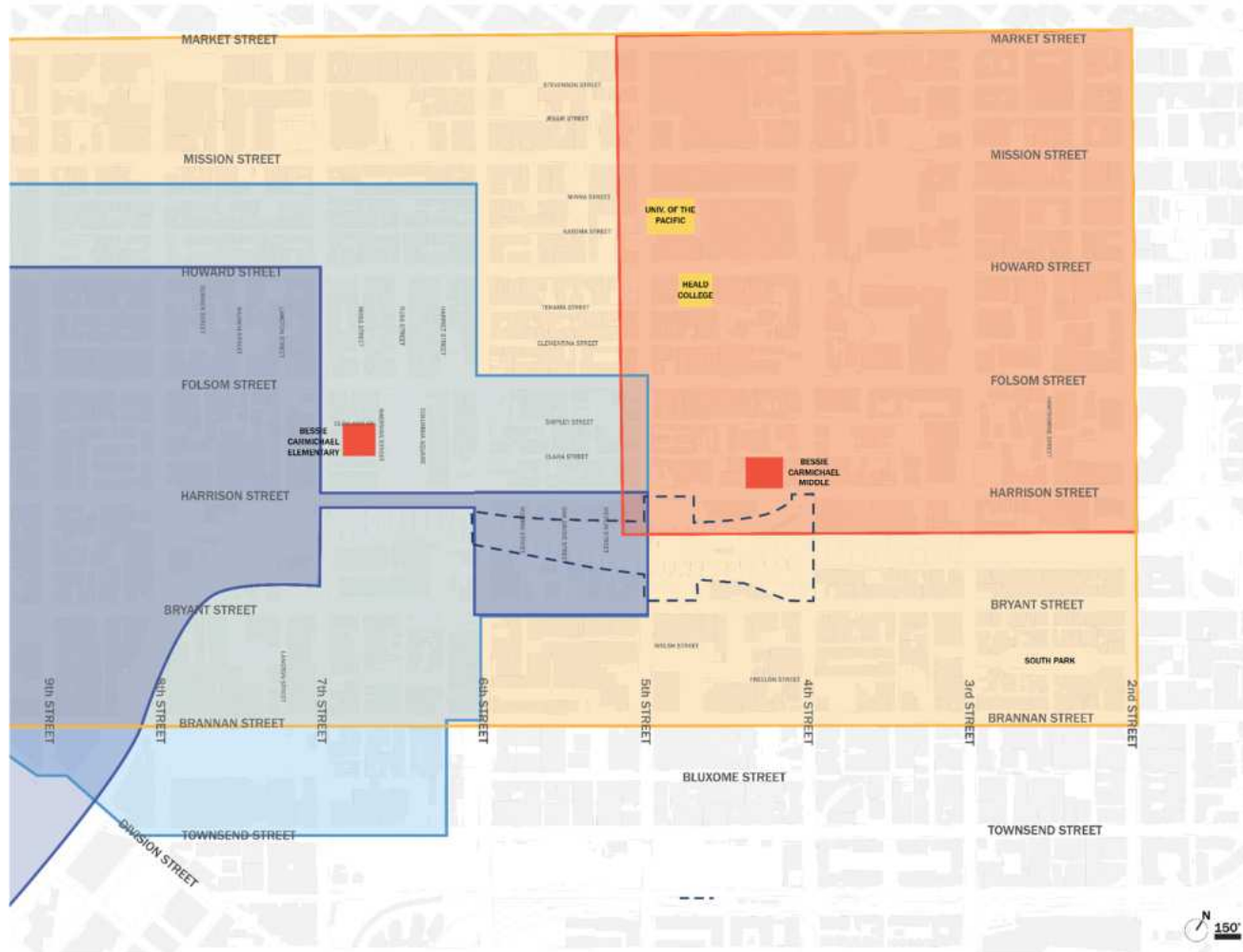
-  Site
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-  Leather + LGBTQ
-  Yerba Buena CBD



As the arts and culture hub of San Francisco, the Yerba Buena Community Benefit District has the highest concentration of museums and galleries in the city, and is located within the larger SOMA Pilipinas Filipino Cultural Heritage District

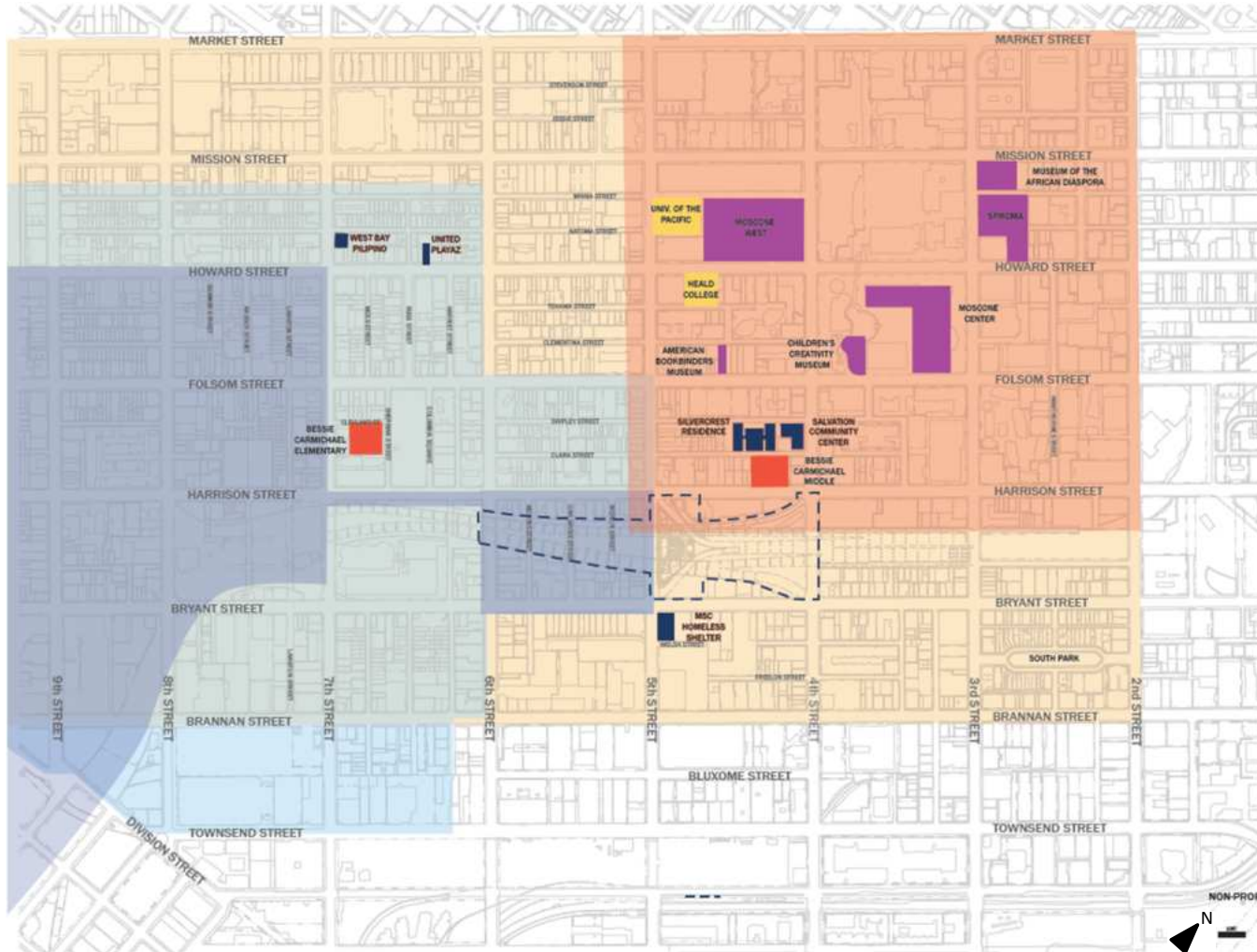
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- Museum
- Non-Profit



Local Museums include:

- **SFMOMA**
- **Children's Creativity Museum**
- **Museum of the African Diaspora**
- **American Bookbinders Museum**



Local Non-Profits include:

- **United Playaz**, a violence prevention and youth development organization
- **West Bay Pilipino**
- **MSC Homeless Shelter**
- **Salvation Army Community Center**

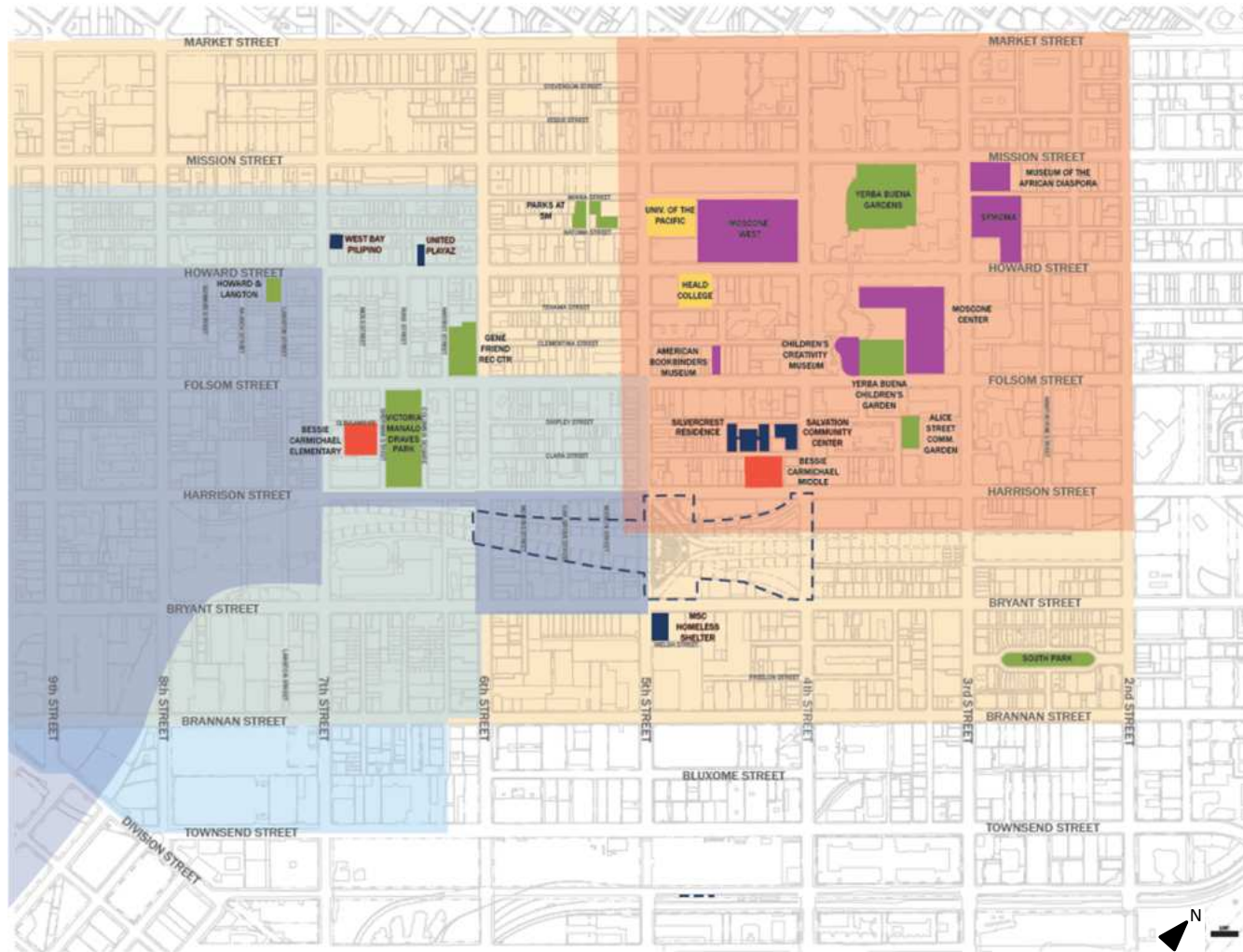


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CONTEXT – COMMUNITY

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- School
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- Parks



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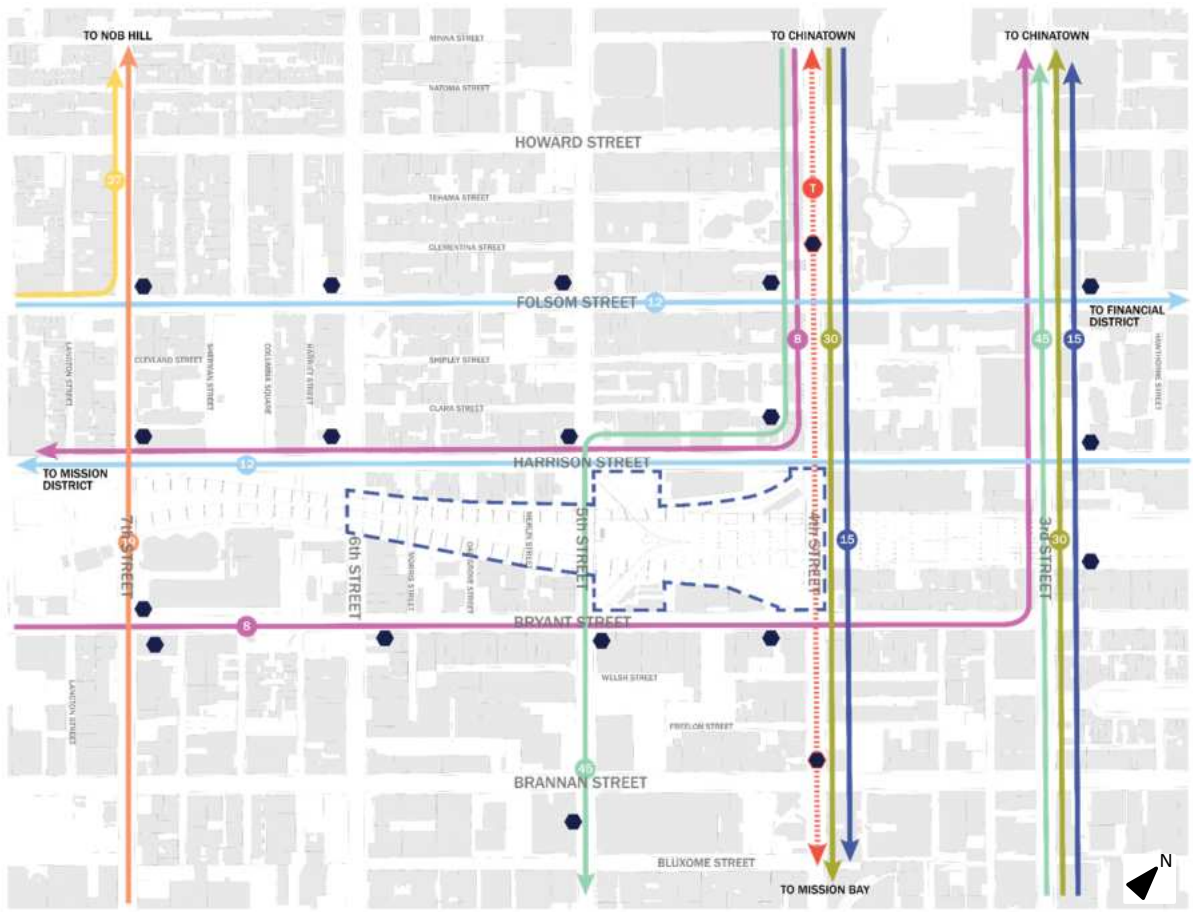
ANALYSIS – PEDESTRIAN AND BIKE ROUTES

- Site
- No Crosswalk
- Crosswalk
- Sidewalks, Narrow
- Sidewalks
- Bike Lane
- Bike Share Station

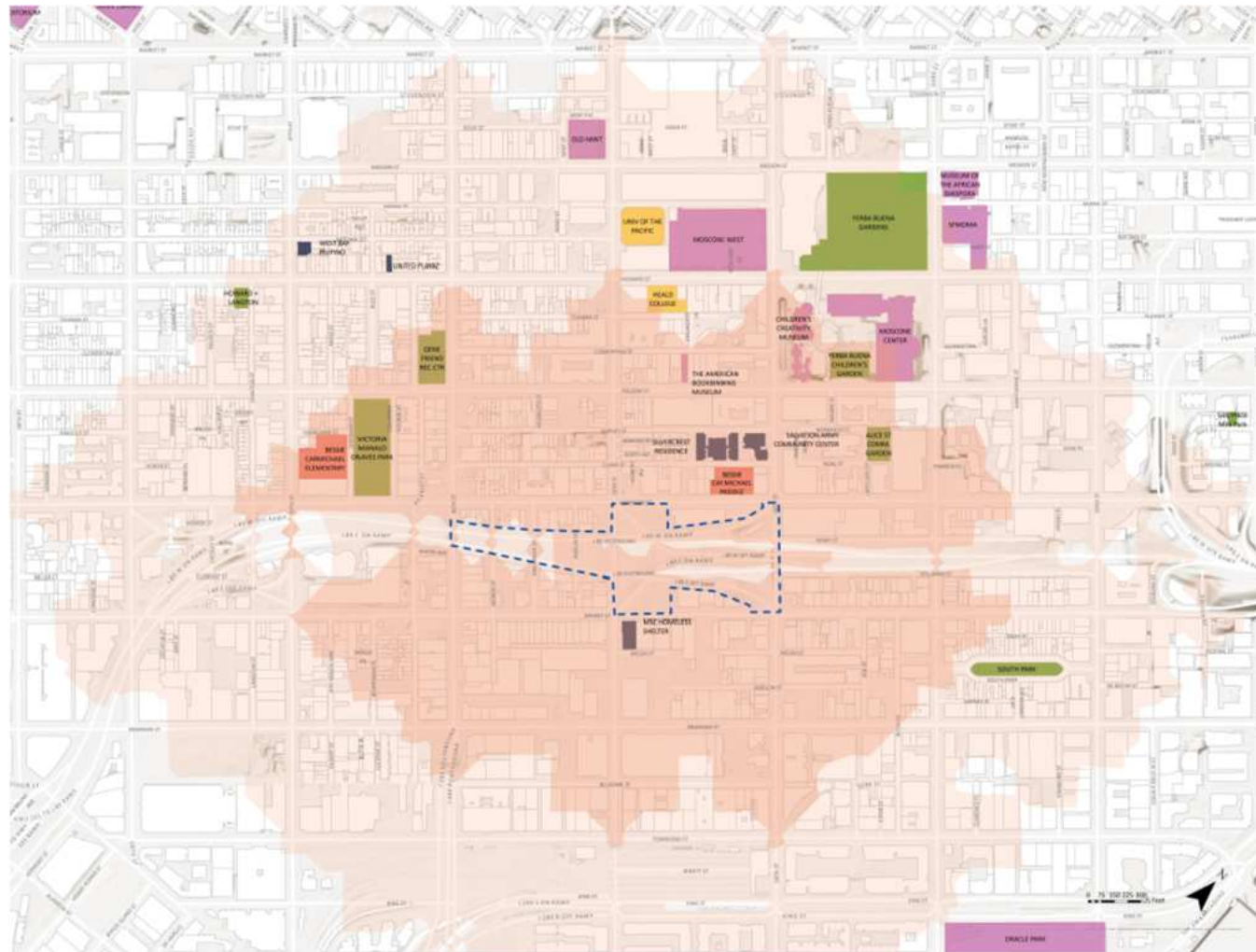


ANALYSIS – TRANSIT

- Site
- ⊗ Bus Line
- Bus Stop
- ⊗ Train
- ⬢ Train Station

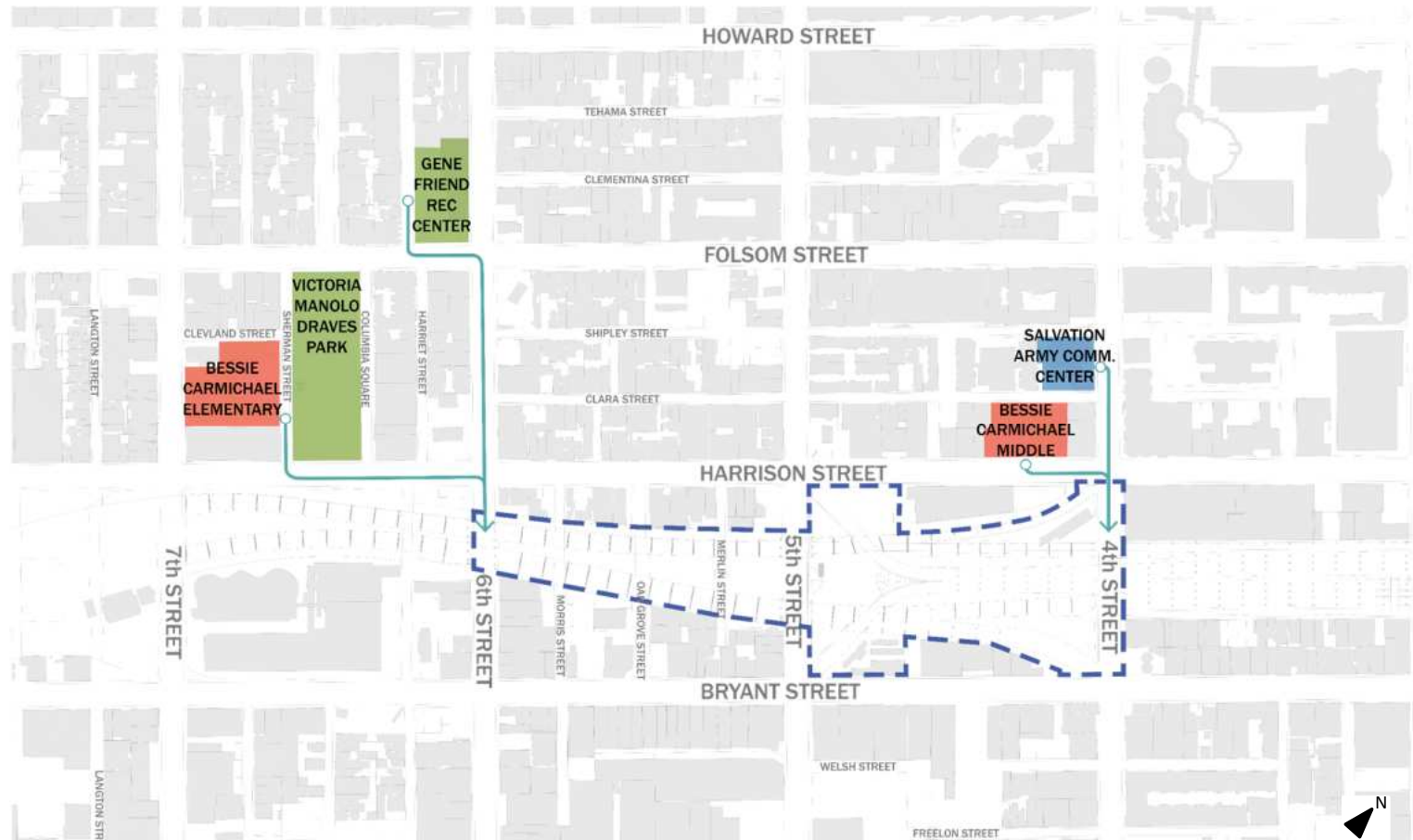


CONTEXT – 5 + 10 MINUTE WALKS

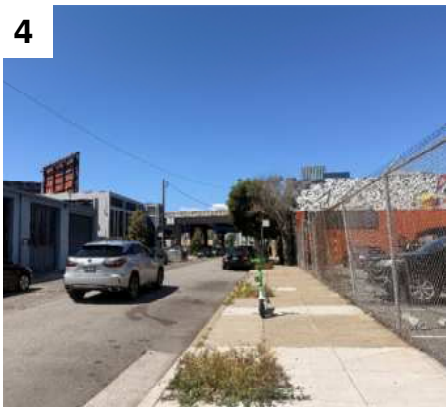


ANALYSIS – PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIVITY

- Site
- School
- Park
- Non-Profit
- Pedestrian Connection



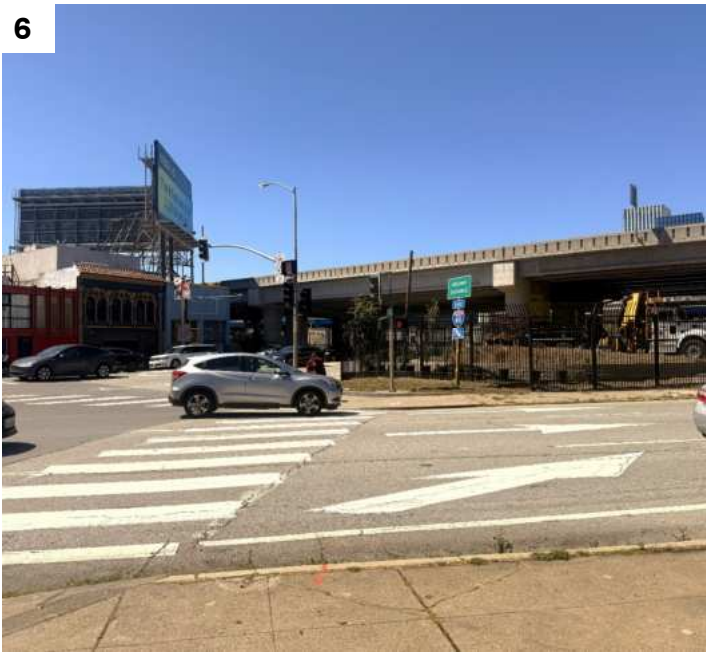
ANALYSIS – ACCESS POINTS



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ANALYSIS – TREE CANOPY

- Site
- Tree
- * Palm Tree



While some streets lack street trees and shade, others are lined with large, mature trees on both sides (4th St and 6th St above).



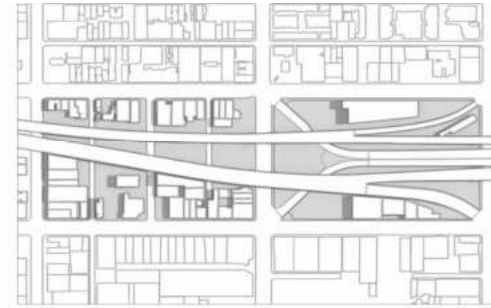
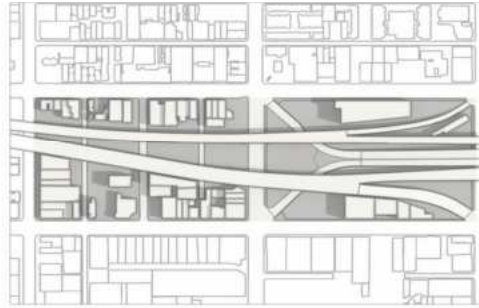
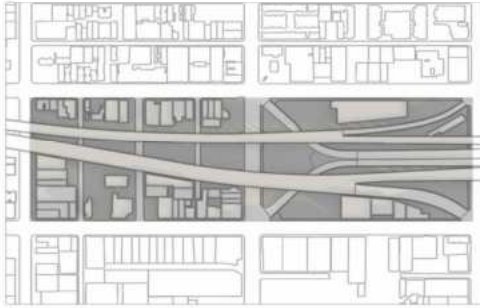
ANALYSIS – SUN/SHADE STUDY

Winter Solstice

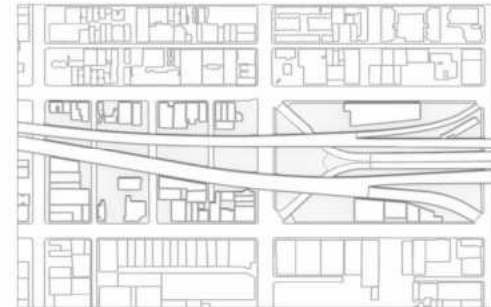
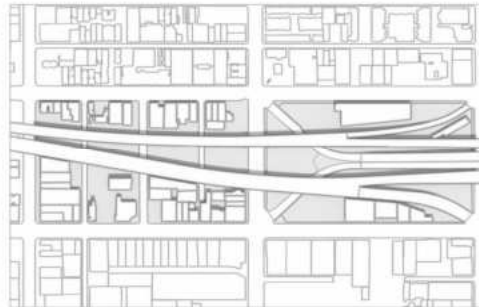
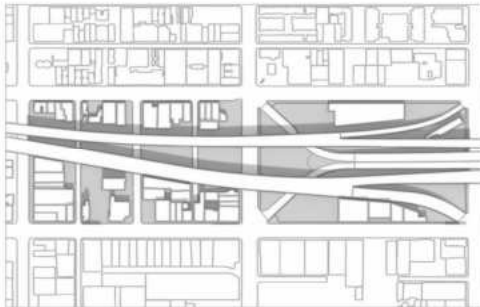
Spring Solstice

Summer Solstice

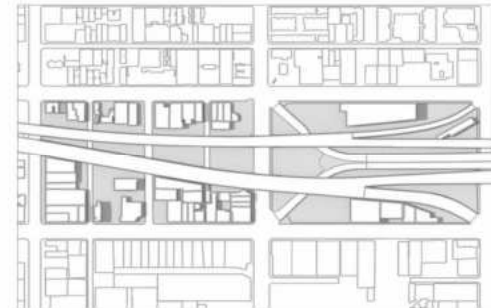
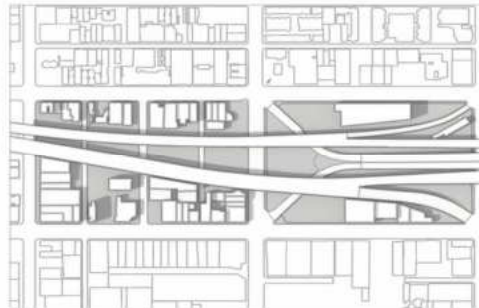
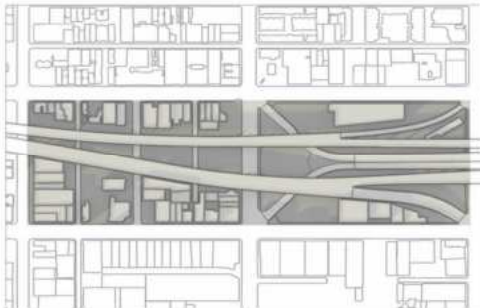
8a



12p



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ANALYSIS – CITY ZONING

- - - Site
- Publicly owned



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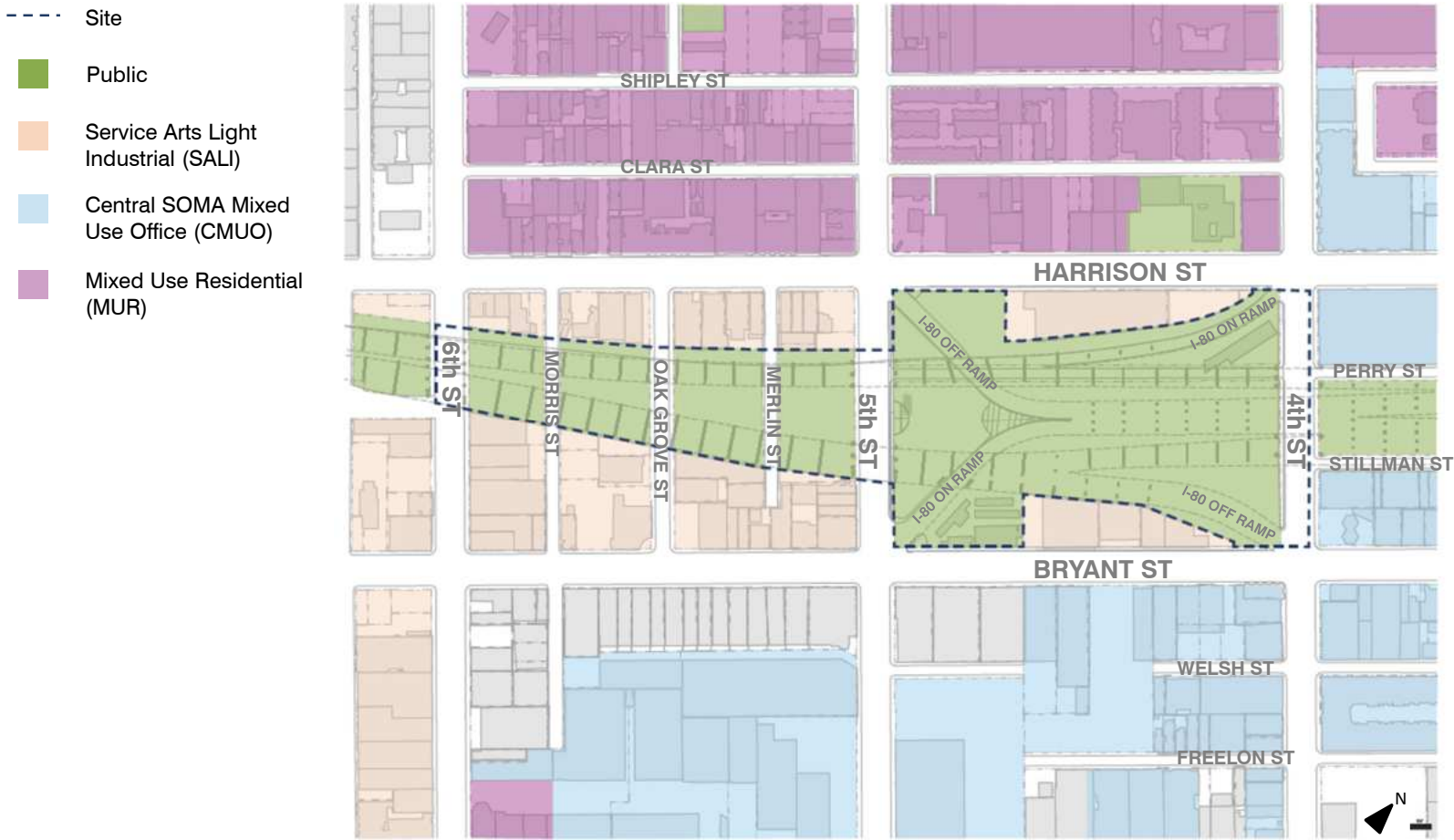


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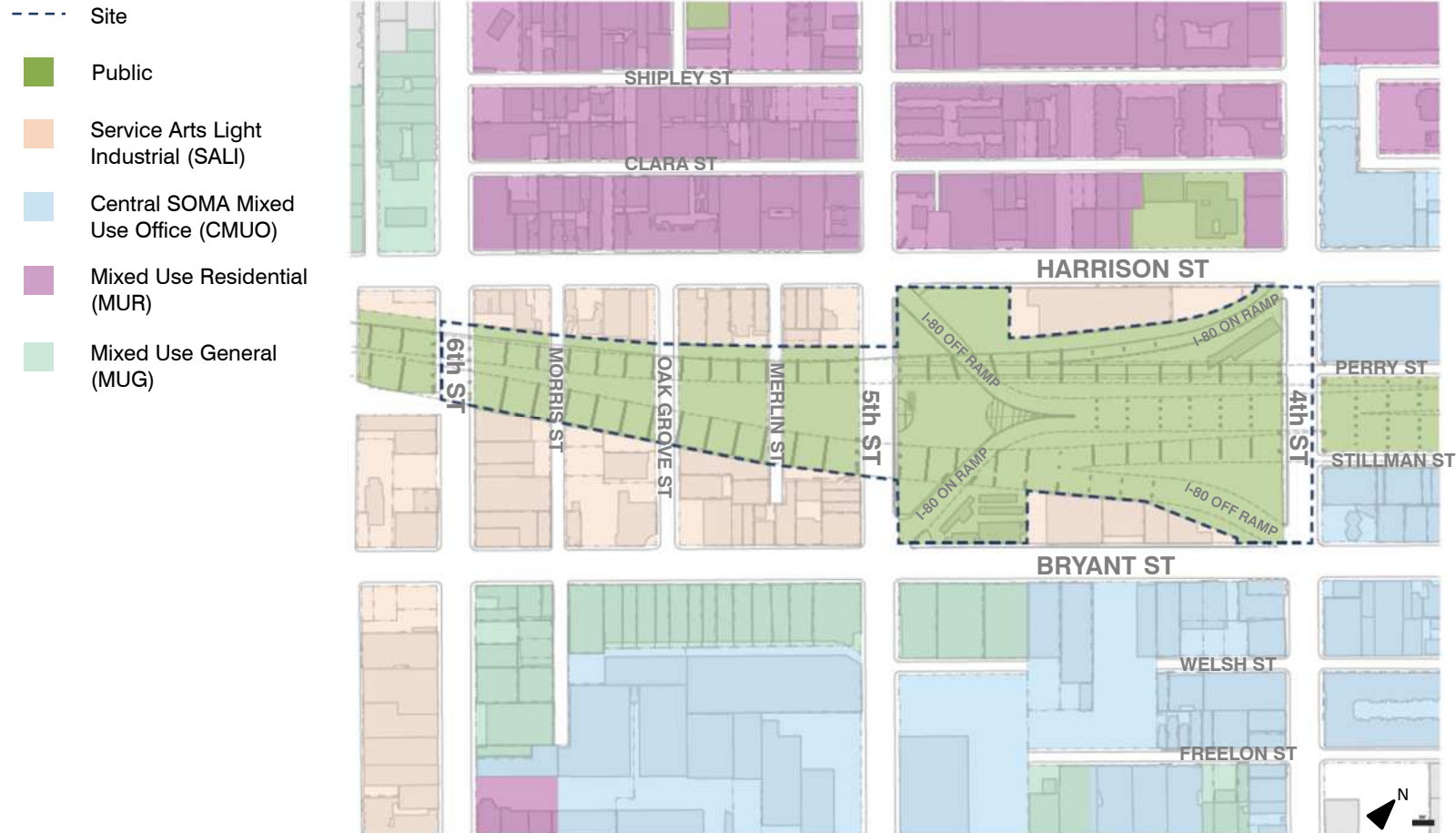
- Site
- Public
- Service Arts Light Industrial (SALI)
- Central SOMA Mixed Use Office (CMUO)



ANALYSIS – CITY ZONING



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ANALYSIS – FUTURE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

- Site
- Under Review
- Planning Approved
- Building Permits (Filed through Issuance)
- Construction



ANALYSIS - PARCELS

- Site
- Caltrans Parcel
- Street Tree Nursery
- Bryant Navigation Center



ANALYSIS – SCALE

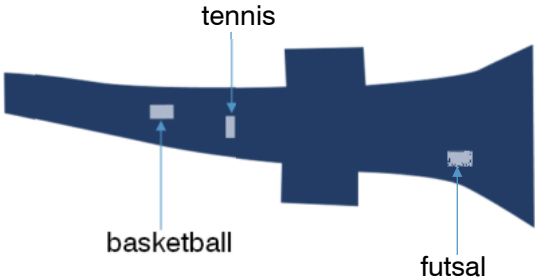
SOMA Under Freeway
Open Space (8.3 ACRES)



Mission Dolores
(16 ACRES)



South Park
(.78 ACRES)



ANALYSIS - RESTRICTIONS



Freeway Column

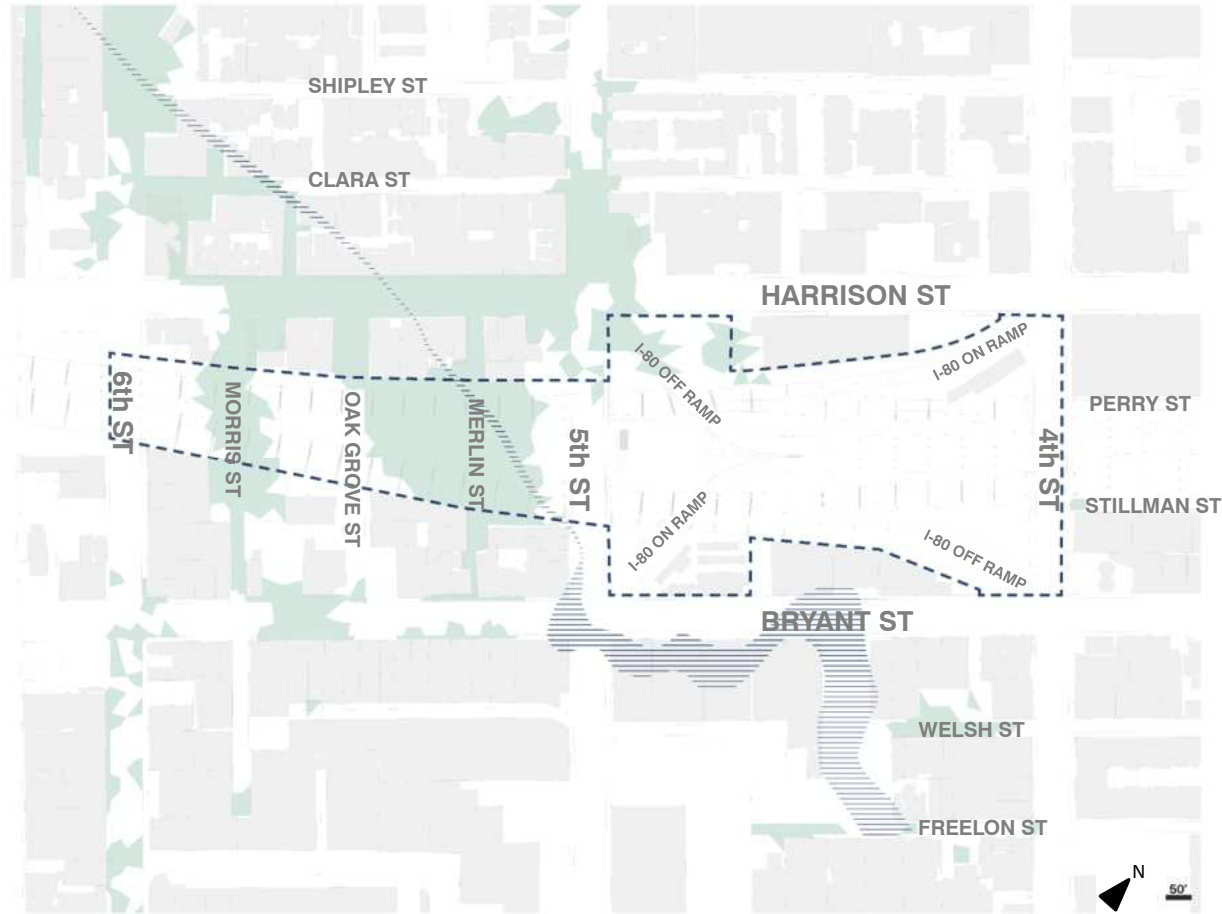
Need to maintain open
space around the column
(paving, planting ok)

*Gutter and Downspout
from Freeway Above*

Need to maintain open
space around the
downspout outlet

ANALYSIS – STORMWATER + FLOODING

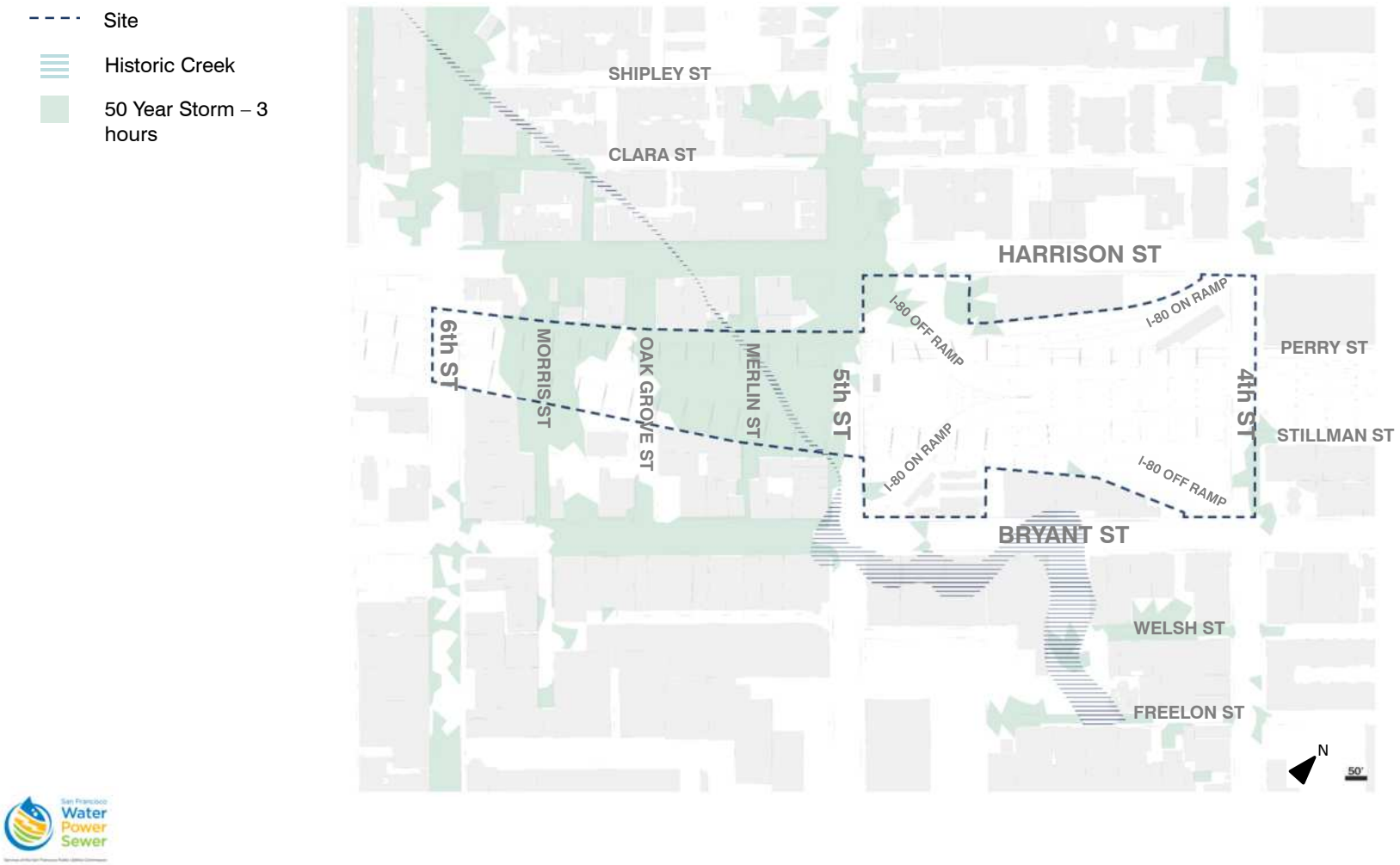
- Site
- Historic Creek
- 25 Year Storm – 3 hours



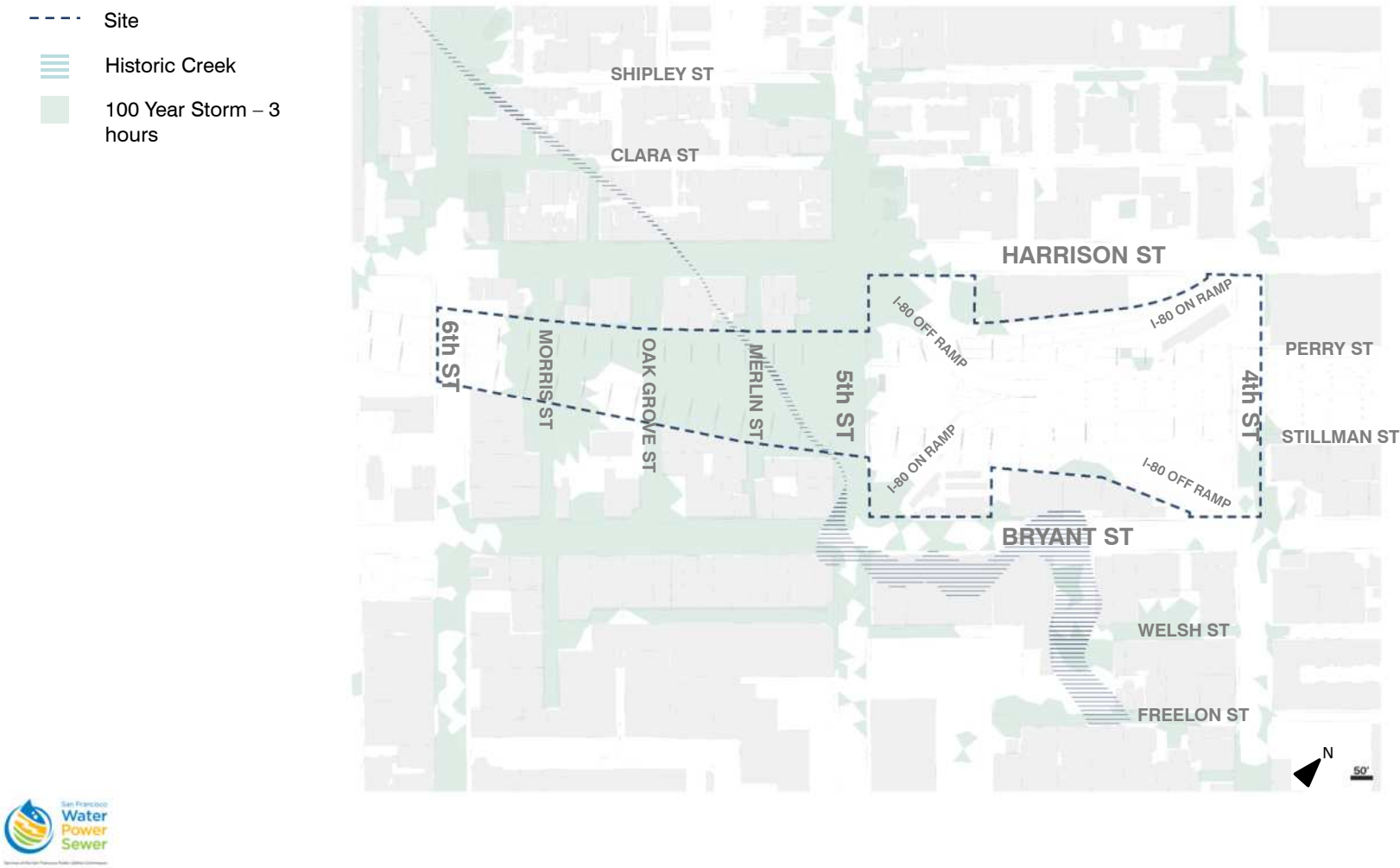
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SITE POSSIBILITIES



PRECEDENT – SAN FRANCISCO



MISSION CREEK PARK



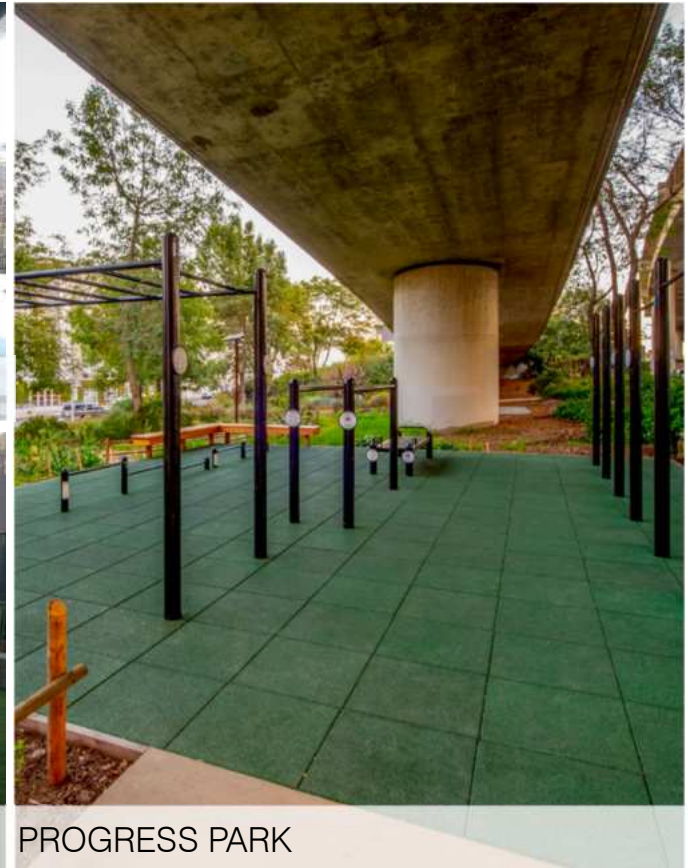
SOMA WEST SKATEPARK



UNDER RAMP PARK



SOMA WEST DOG PARK



PROGRESS PARK

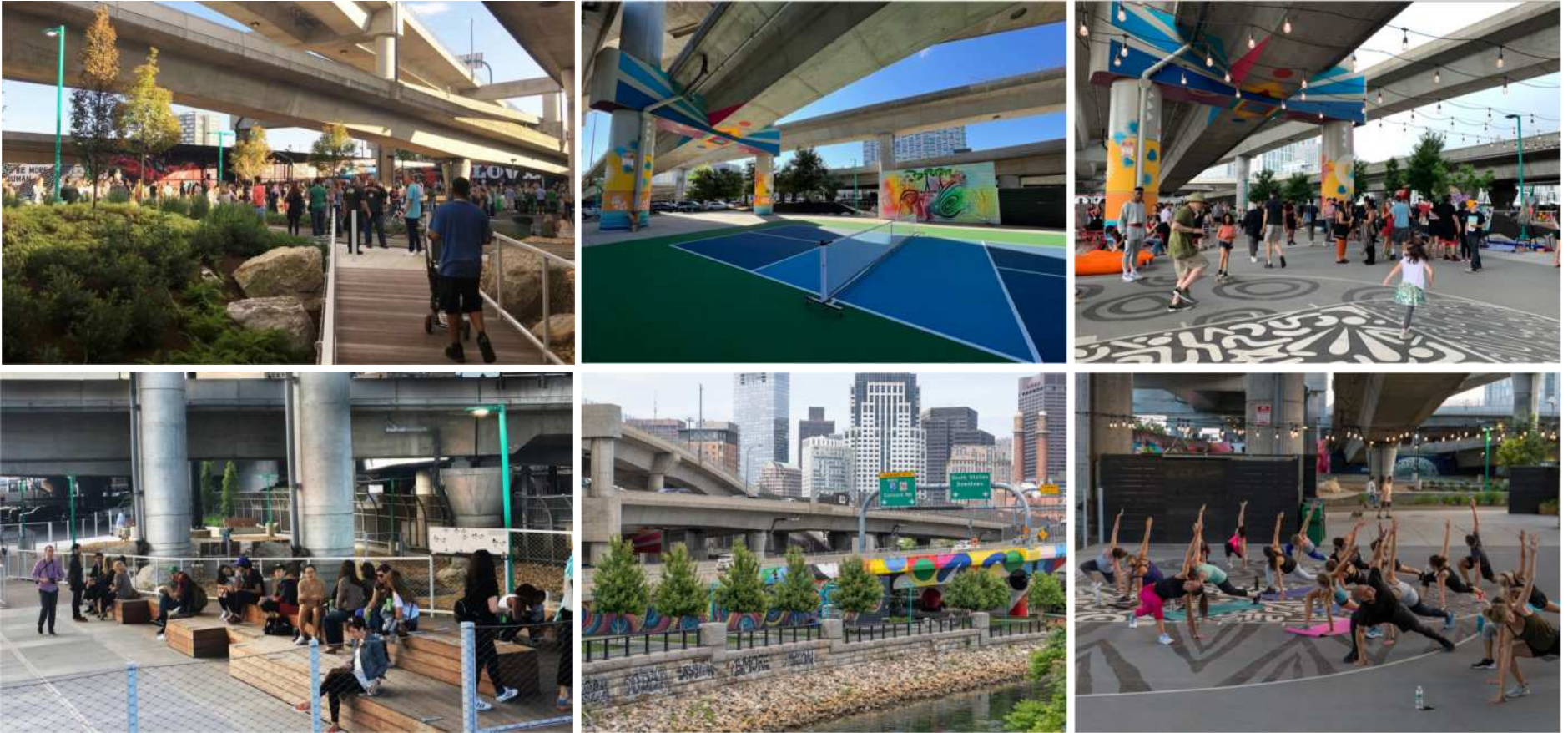
PRECEDENT – UNDER THE K, NYC



PRECEDENT – THE BENTLINE, TORONTO



PRECEDENT – UNDERGROUND INK, BOSTON



PRECEDENT – THE UNDERLINE, MIAMI



PROGRAM – GREEN SPACE



NATIVE PLANTS



STORM WATER GARDENS



GREENWAY



COMMUNITY GARDENS



IMMERSIVE GARDENS



TREES

PROGRAM – ACTIVE RECREATION



PUMP TRACK



SKATE PARK



COURT SPORTS



CLIMBING



ROLLER RINK/PATH



MINI PITCH SOCCER

PROGRAM – ART + LIGHTING + GATEWAYS



MURALS



ILLUMINATED ART



SPECIALTY LIGHTING



OVERHEAD ART



SPATIAL ART



COMMUNITY ART

PROGRAM – COMMUNITY GATHERING



PROGRAM – INTERIM ACTIVATION



FARMERS MARKET



FLEA MARKET



CAR SHOW



ELECTRONIC DANCE MUSIC CONCERT



MURALS



COLUMN LIGHTING

STATIONS + CONVERSATIONS



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What's YOUR vision?



STATION 1

PROJECT
INFORMATION

STATION 2

SITE MAP

STATION 3

FEATURES
+
PROGRAM



TAKE OUR SURVEY!

CLOSING REMARKS



STAY INVOLVED!

TODAY!

COMMUNITY MEETING 1

TAKE THE SURVEY

SIGN UP FOR THE NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2026

COMMUNITY MEETING 2

REVIEW DESIGN ALTERNATIVES

GATHER FEEDBACK ON PREFERRED OPTIONS

SPRING 2027

COMMUNITY MEETING 3

PRESENT A REVISED CONCEPT DESIGN

DISCUSS INTERIM ACTIVATION



PLEASE TAKE
OUR SURVEY



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