

SF Railyards Update



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WHY THIS PROJECT MATTERS

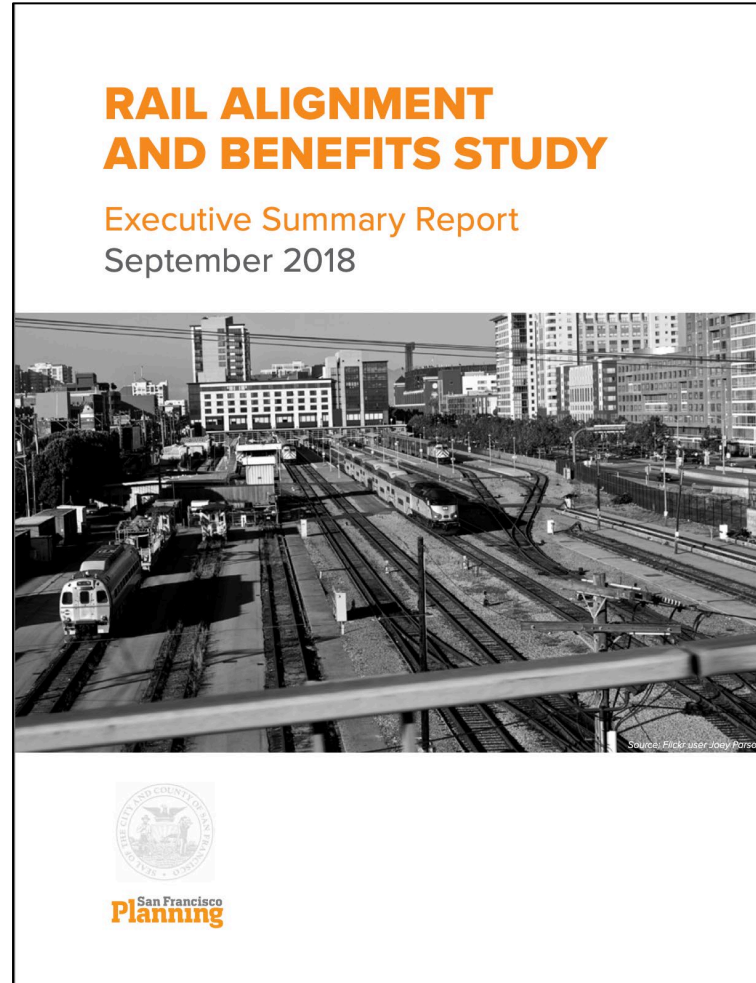
Redesigning the SF Railyards is an opportunity to:

- Increase Caltrain service and connections to High Speed Rail, Central Subway, and MTA
- Support future Caltrain service operations and other public benefits
- Create transit-oriented development to increase access to regional jobs, housing and destinations
- Reduce climate impacts by replacing car trips with more regional transit options
- Connect neighborhoods to the waterfront, schools, and open spaces
- Increase the resilience of the station and neighborhood



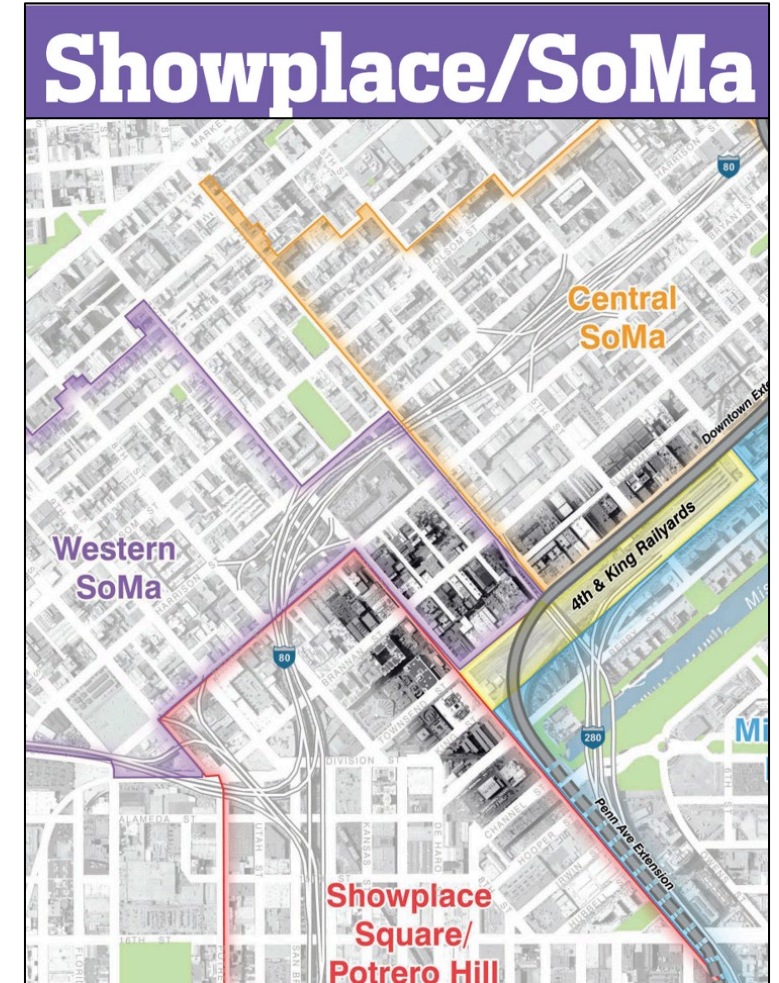
2012

Railyards TOD Study



2018

Rail Alignment & Benefits Study (RAB)

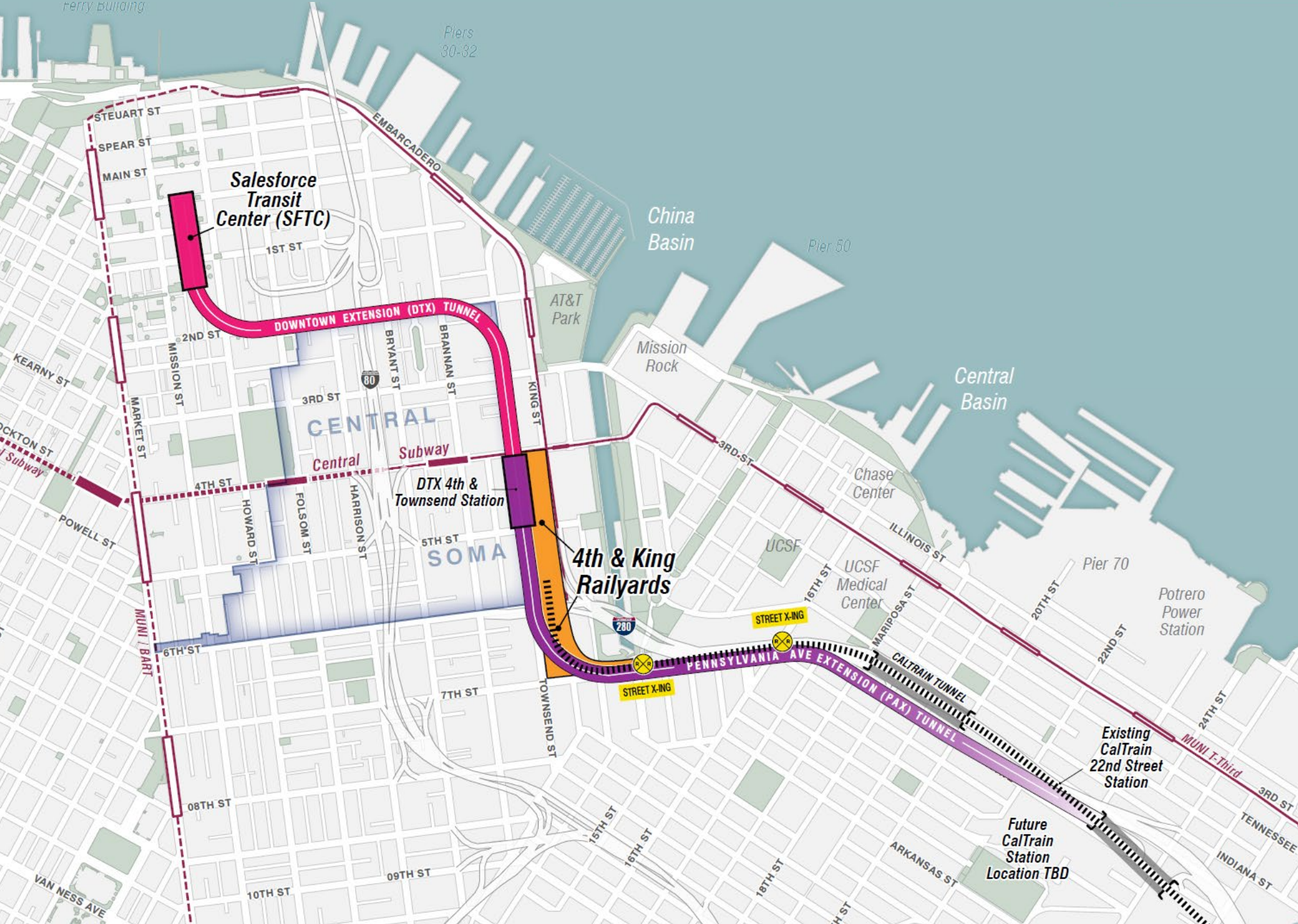


2019, paused in March 2020

Showplace/Soma Neighborhood
Analysis & Coordination Study (SNACS)

Racial and social equity

- Staff conducted an equity review of the Rail Alignment & Benefits (RAB) Implementation work program, following the passage of Resolution 20738: *Centering Planning on Racial and Social Equity*
- Finding room for improvement, we:
 1. Drafted equity evaluation memo to be issued for the RAB.
 2. Added an analysis of Bayview station alternatives to the 22nd Street station study
 3. Advocated successfully with Caltrain to pilot means-based fares for low-income riders and for permanent discount fare.



TRANSPORTATION CONTEXT

- In 2019, 4th & King accounted for 20% of Caltrain's weekday ridership
- Caltrain's 2040 Service Vision: 180,000 riders/day, 8 trains per peak hour in each direction
- High-Speed Rail: 4 trains per peak hour in each direction
- Central Subway adjacent on 4th Street
- Downtown Extension adjacent on Townsend Street, connects to Salesforce Transit Center
- Pennsylvania Avenue extension (PAX), via 7th Street and Pennsylvania Ave
- Multiple freeway ramps
- Caltrain corridor electrification under way

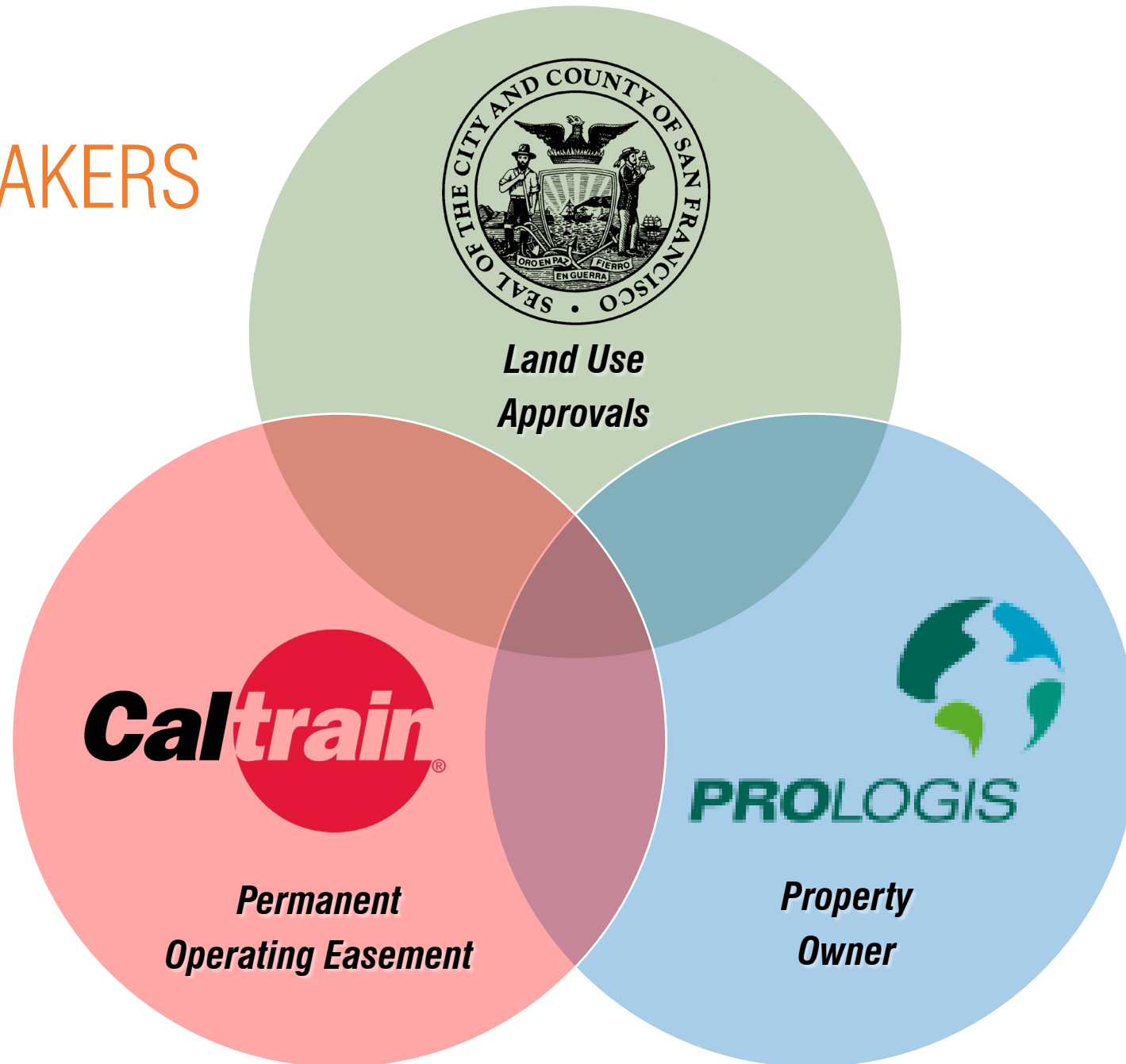
LAND USE CONTEXT

- 19-acre site with active rail operations
- Railyards is a physical barrier
- Central SoMa plan: 8,800 units & 32,000 jobs
- Complex subsurface conditions: brownfield, landfill, utilities
- Future 5th Street bike/ped connection across Mission Creek
- Proximity to major event destinations
- Sea Level Rise inundation zone; action planning underway

Photo source: Sergio Ruiz



LAND USE DECISION MAKERS



PROJECT PARTNERS



Railyards site owner,
development lead



Train corridor
operator and owner



Builder and operator of the Downtown
Extension, 4th & Townsend station,
and Salesforce Transit Center



High speed rail builder and
operator (CA High Speed
Rail Authority)



Policy lead
(Mayor's Office of Transportation)



City's lead for planning, design
and outreach (SF Planning)



City's lead development
partner (OEWD)



Pennsylvania Ave Extension
technical lead (SFCTA)

SF Railyards Project

Envisioning the SF Railyards as a regional transit center with a new rail station, added Caltrain service, and mixed use neighborhood

Caltrain/Prologis “Business Case”

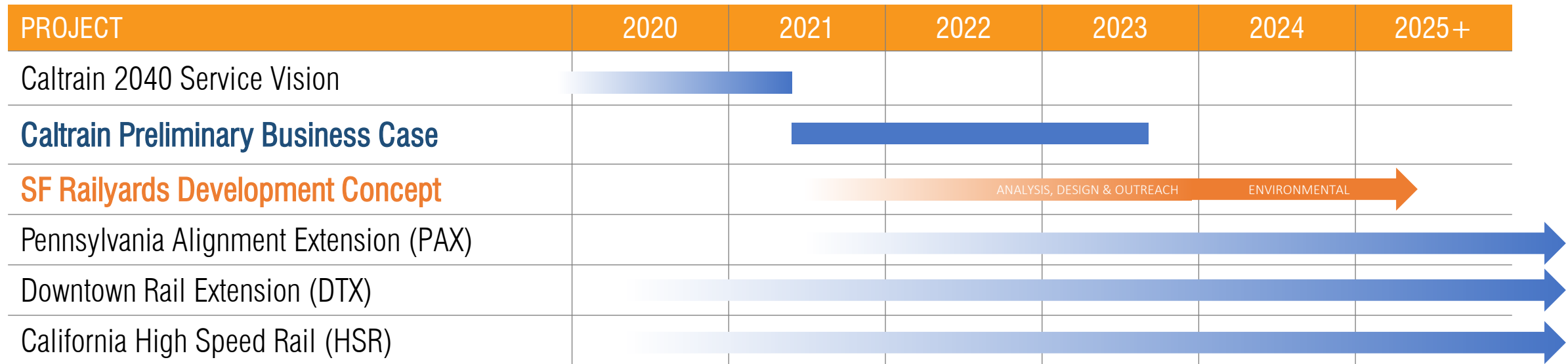
Track layout and development concept recommended for further detailed development (expected in Summer 2023).

Development Concept

Zoning & development concept; Community benefits priorities (drafts expected in 2023)



SF Railyards Projects & coordinating across agencies



SF Railyards Key Takeaways

1. **This is a generational opportunity**
to address transit inequities; to increase transit service, station resilience, and public benefits through transit-oriented development
2. **We are working together like never before**
multiple formal agreements between agencies to align goals and coordinate community engagement
3. **The Preliminary Business Case process will prioritize transportation needs**
at SF Railyards, in order to maximize public benefits that follow
4. **Major transportation projects are gaining momentum**
Currently underway - Caltrain electrification (expected 2024)
June 2022 - High-speed rail releases Northern CA final environmental documents
2022 - Central Subway opens
2023 - Downtown Extension (DTX) goal for federal grant
5. **Public engagement begins this summer**

HOW TO GET INVOLVED



Nominate community representatives or apply to join the Railyards Working Group, tinyurl.com/sfrailyards



Attend public meetings, starting summer 2022



Learn more and sign up for updates at sfplanning.org/railyards

THANK YOU

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