**JAPANTOWN
BUCHANAN MALL/ OSAKA WAY
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

Japantown's Buchanan Mall (Osaka Way) is the pedestrian portion of Buchanan Street that runs for one block between Post and Sutter streets. Along with Peace Plaza, it's the geographic and cultural heart of the neighborhood.

Designed in the 1960s, Osaka Way is paved with a river of cobblestones, connecting two fountain installations, consisting of origami flower forms designed by renowned artist Ruth Asawa, and surrounded by low, circular stone walls.

**PROJECT GOALS**

1. **ENHANCE ACCESSIBILITY**
   
   Enhance accessibility of Osaka Way for seniors and people with disabilities and limited mobility.

2. **RESTORE THE RUTH ASAWA FOUNTAINS**
   
   Rehabilitate the Ruth Asawa fountains that are iconic to Osaka Way.

3. **SUPPORT THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY**
   
   Support the business community by embellishing the sense of cultural authenticity and enhancing the commercial edges of Osaka Way.

**SITE CONTEXT**

What do you enjoy about Buchanan Mall/Osaka Way?

What would improve your experience in this space?

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