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PROJECT OVERVIEW / プロジェクト概要 / 概述 / 개요 / DESCRIPCIÓN DEL PROYECTO

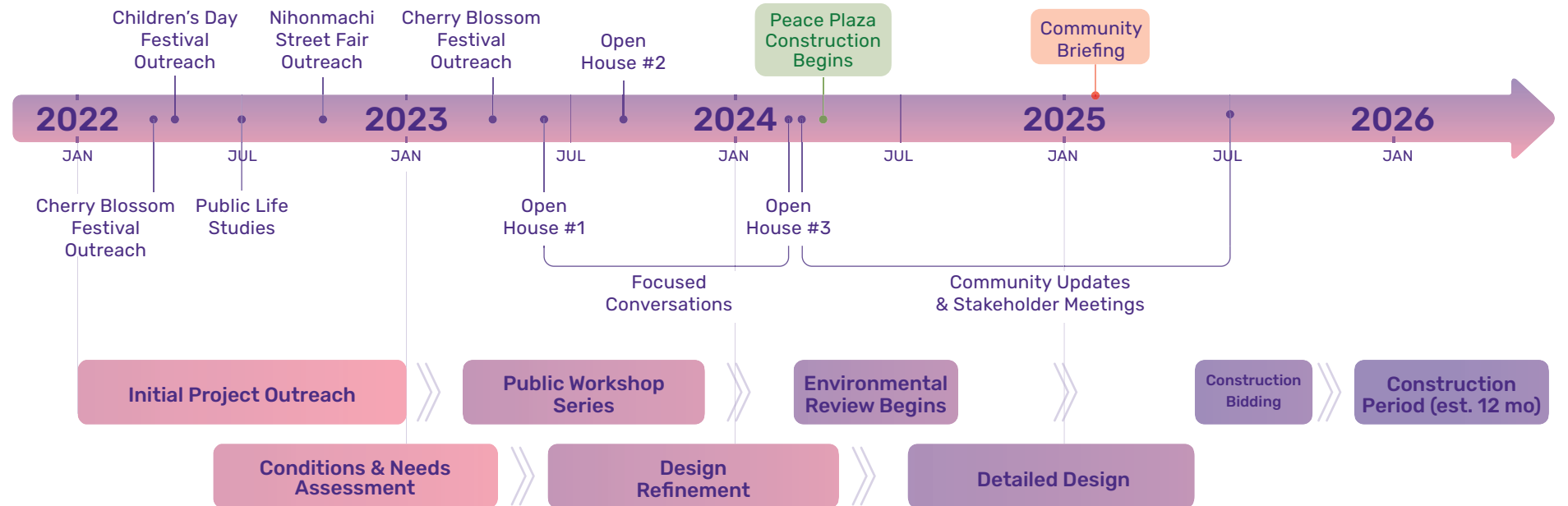
Japantown's Osaka Way (Buchanan Mall) is the pedestrian portion of Buchanan Street that runs for one block between Post and Sutter streets. Along with Peace Plaza, it's the geographic and cultural heart of the neighborhood.

This walkway is lined by restaurants, stores, and cultural institutions on both sides, allowing residents and visitors to experience Japantown's culture in a pedestrian environment. 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.

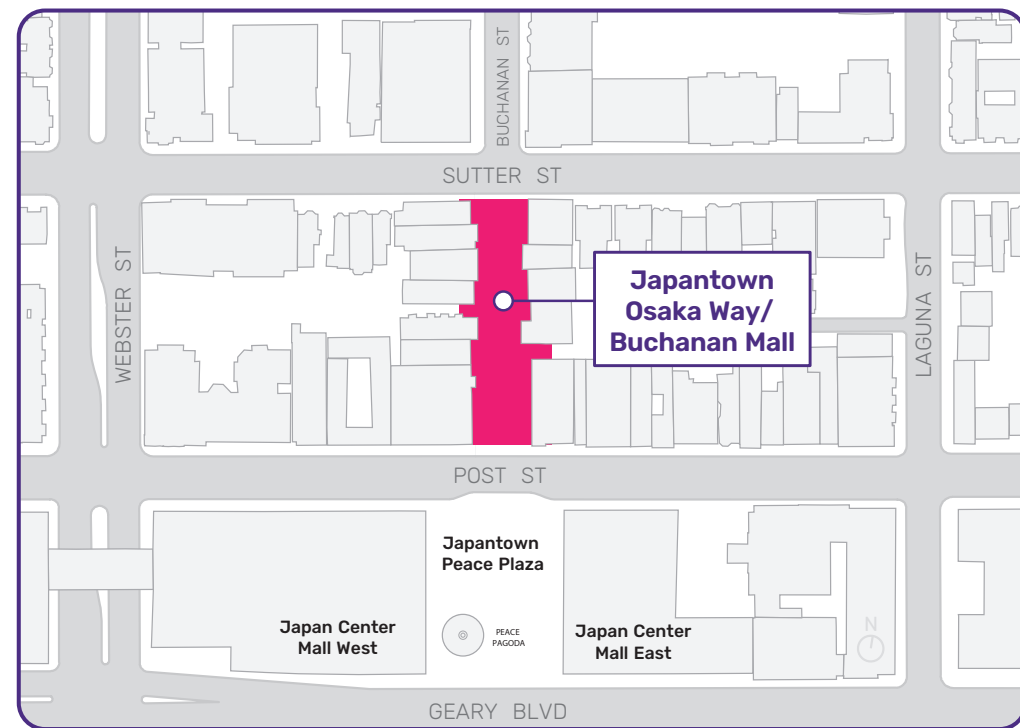
In 2022, the project received a General Fund Grant of \$5,000,000 from the California Natural Resources Agency. The City has submitted applications for additional funding to implement the project.

The community has identified some areas where Osaka Way needs upgrades and the City has responded with conceptual design options.




PROJECT TIMELINE / プロジェクトタイムライン / 時間軸 / 시간표 / CRONOGRAMA



SITE MAP / サイトマップ / 網站地圖 / 사이트 맵 / MAPA DE SITIO



PROJECT GOALS / プロジェクトの / 目標 / 목표 / OBJETIVOS

- 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.



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OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT: TIMELINE / 全体スケジュール / 時間軸 / 시간표 / CRONOGRAMA

Thank you to our community partners at the Japantown Task Force (JTF) for supporting and leading our outreach and engagement efforts!

2022



STAKEHOLDER SITE VISIT
March 31, 2022



CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL
April 9-10 & 16-17, 2022



CHILDREN'S DAY FESTIVAL
May 7, 2022



PUBLIC LIFE STUDIES
July, 2022



NIHONMACHI STREET FAIR
August 6, 2022

2023



CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL
April 8-9 & 15-16, 2023



YOUTH ENGAGEMENT
July 2023



OPEN HOUSE #1
May 31, 2023

SENIOR ENGAGEMENT

Surveys with: Kokoro, The Carlisle, Sequoia, Nihonmachi Terrace, Kimochi, Ivy Living
August 2023

STAKEHOLDER CONVERSATIONS

December 2023 - January 2024

- JTF Board Presentation
- Design Charette with core stakeholders (Asawa Family & Estate, Japantown CBD, JTF, NPC)
- Osaka Sister City Association and Deputy Consul General Briefing
- Community Conversations
- Design Charette with Community Consultant Megumi Aihara

DESIGN SURVEYS

- Over 100 responses (online and paper surveys)
- See Design Survey Summary board



OPEN HOUSE #2
October 3, 2023



1ST MERCHANT FOCUS GROUPS
9/12: In-person Focus Group
9/13: Virtual Focus Group September 2023

2024



OPEN HOUSE #3
February 2024



MATERIAL SAMPLE REVIEW
July 9, 2024



FOUNTAIN CONSULTANT KICK-OFF
October 1, 2024

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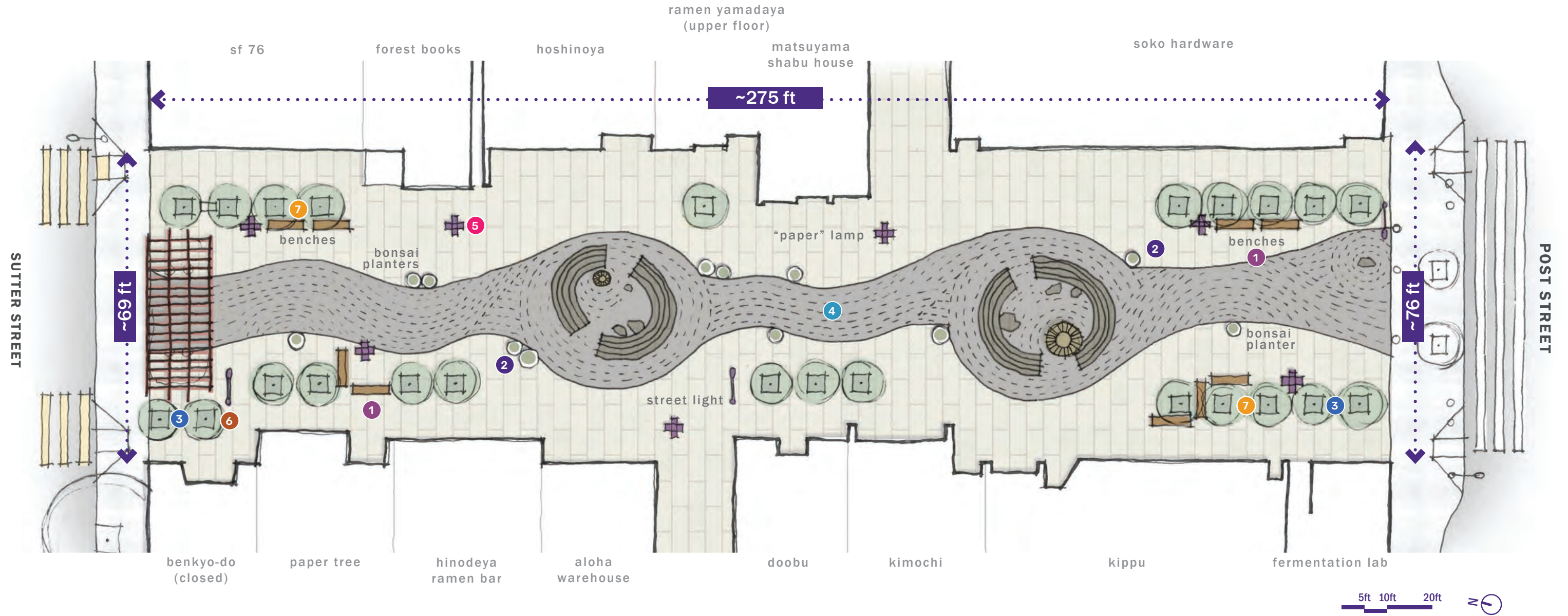
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EXISTING SITE / 既存の敷地 / 現有場地 / 기존 사이트 / SITIO EXISTENTE



1 benches
ベンチ / 長椅 / 벤치 / bancas



2 bonsai planters
盆栽のプランター / 盆景花盆 / 분재 재배 / jardineras bonsai



3 cobble tree well
敷石の木の枠 / 鵝卵石樹井 / 자갈나무 우물 / pozos de adoquín



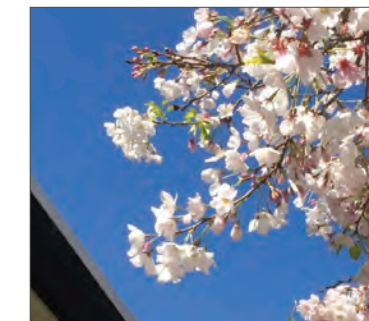
4 cobble paving
敷石の舗装 / 鵝卵石鋪路 / 자갈 포장길 / adoquines



5 "paper" lamp
行灯 / "紙"燈 / "종이" 램프 / lámparas de "papel"



6 street light
通りの照明 / 路燈 / 가로등 / alumbrado público



7 cherry trees
桜の木 / 櫻花樹 / 벚꽃 나무 / cerezos



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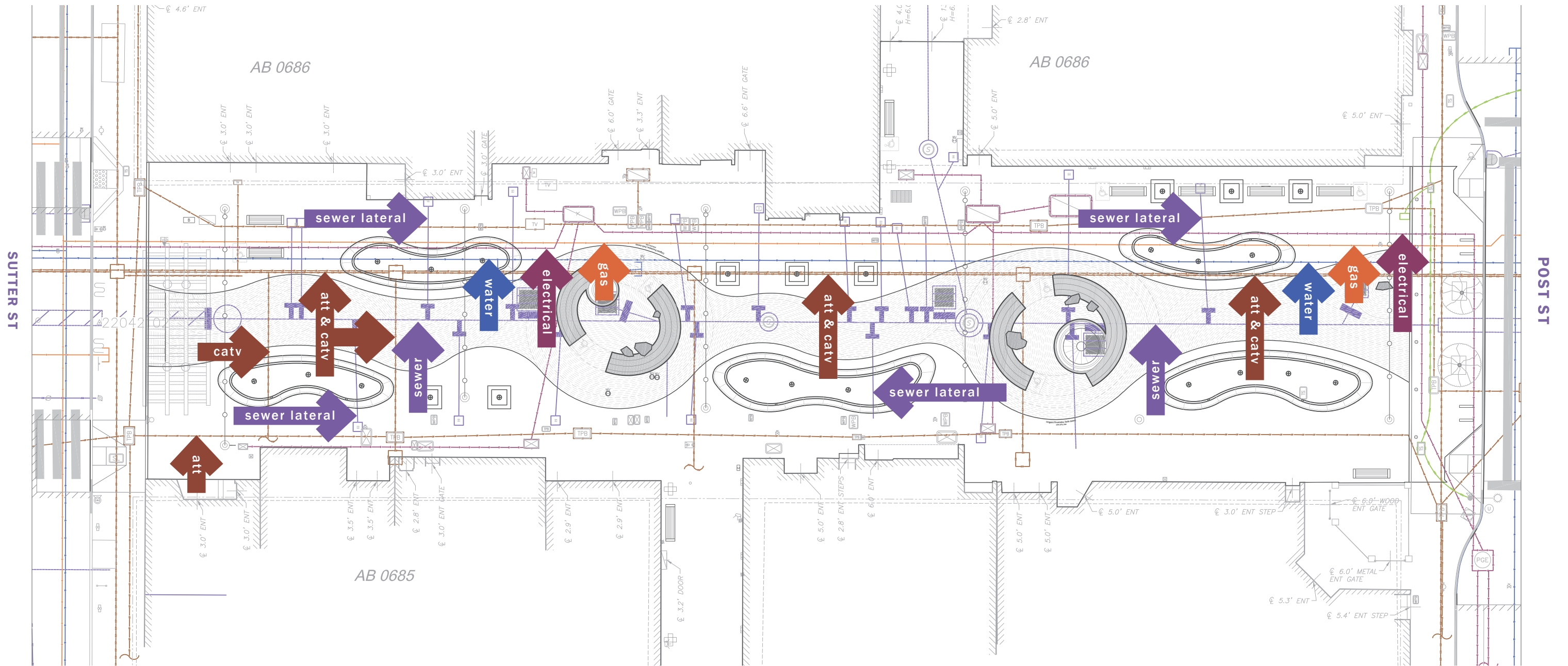
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DESIGN LIMITATIONS



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UPDATED PLAN



8 pedestrian scale pole lighting (16ft)



9 garden gate lighting & entry sign



10 catenary lighting (custom color)



11 48"x24" pole banners



12. typ.



12 reinstall (5) lamp posts



13 cherry tree plaques



1 precast seat walls



2 restored fountains w/ drainage basin, plumbing, and signage



3 ADA compliant granite cobble river



4 exposed aggregate concrete



5 refurbished Ruth Asawa benches



6 ginkgo trees



7 cherry trees



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POST ST ENTRY



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PLANTER SIDE ELEVATION



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CATENARY LIGHTING - OPTION 1: OFF-WHITE/BEIGE



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CATENARY LIGHTING - OPTION 1: OFF-WHITE/BEIGE



12" Ambria, 42" spacing, 12'-14' high
 -custom metal finish color
 -adjustable temperature, but not color



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CATENARY LIGHTING - OPTION 2: RED



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CATENARY LIGHTING COLOR OPTIONS

Option 1: Off-white/beige



POST ST - DAY

Option 2: Red



SUTTER ST - NIGHT



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ALLEYS



existing lights to be removed



(C) WEST ALLEY

(D) EAST ALLEY



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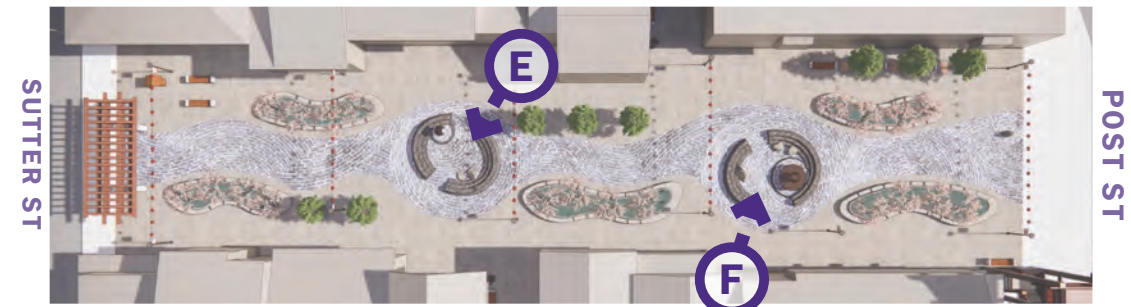
FOUNTAIN SIGNAGE - BRONZE INLAY & QR CODE PLAQUE



(E) NORTH FOUNTAIN



(F) SOUTH FOUNTAIN



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GARDEN GATE SIGN



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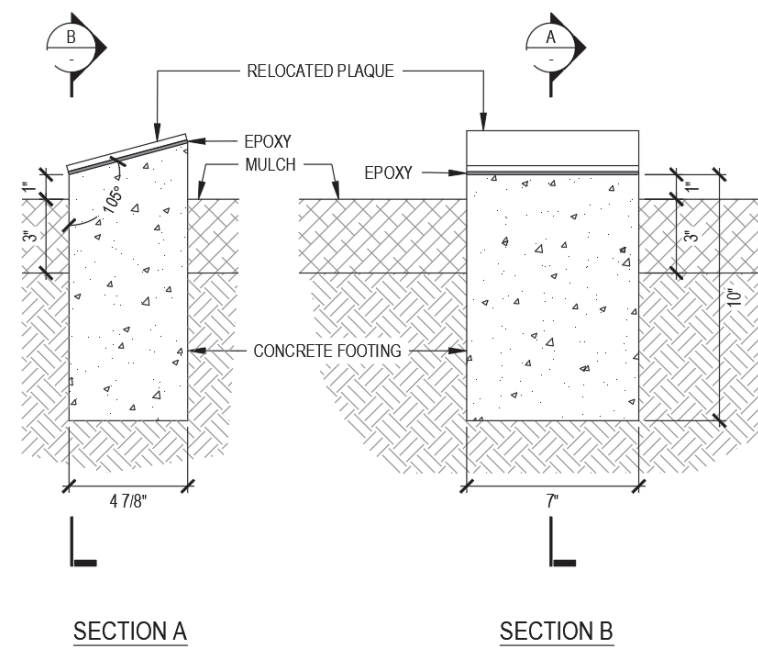
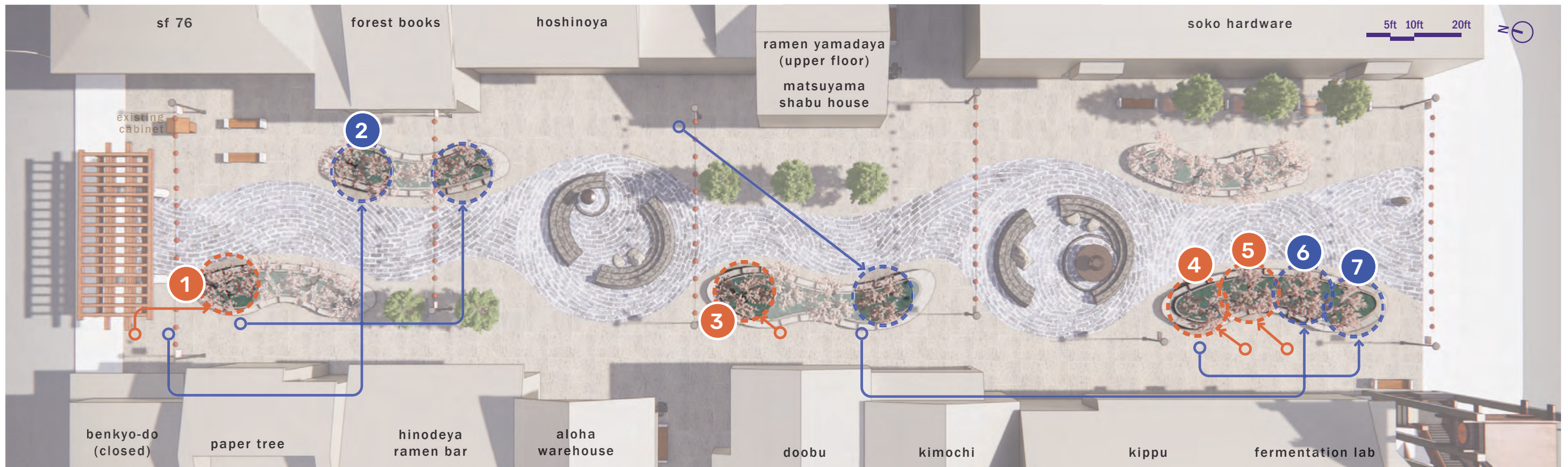
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RELOCATED CHERRY TREES & PLAQUES



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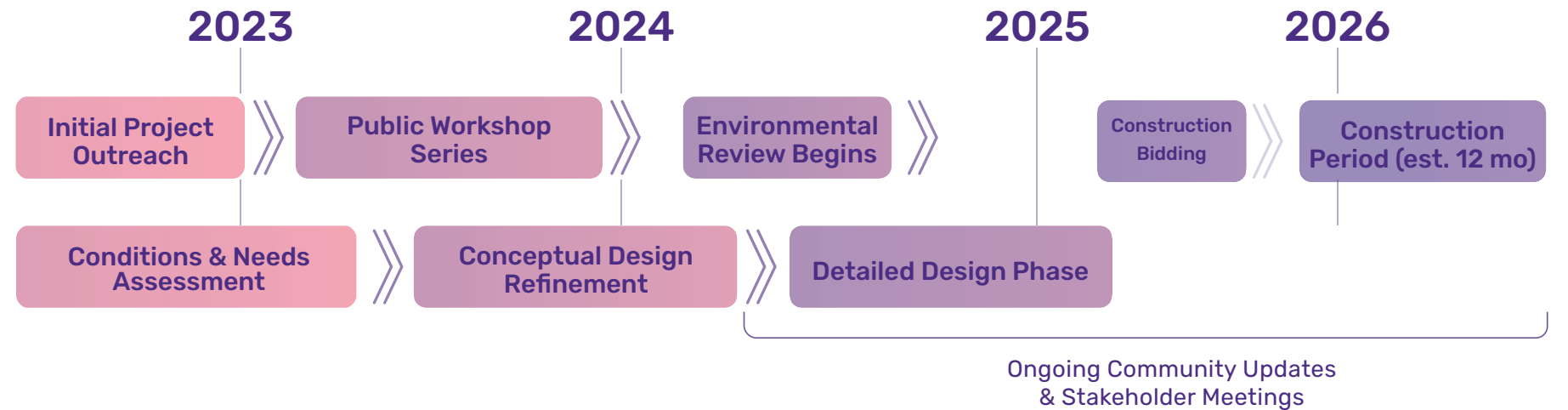
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PROJECT TIMELINE (subject to changes)

- **Spring 2022 - Winter 2023**
Conditions & Needs Assessment, Initial Project Outreach
- **Spring 2023 - Fall 2023**
Public Workshop Series and Conceptual Design Development
- **Fall 2023 - Spring 2024**
Design Refinement, Environmental Review
- **Summer 2024 - Spring 2025**
Detailed Design
- **Late Fall 2025**
Construction begins



Estimated timeline, subject to changes.



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