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. 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.

The community has identified a few areas for improvement:

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.
EXISTING CONDITIONS

PROJECT TIMELINE
• Spring 2022 - Winter 2023
  Conditions & Needs Assessment, Initial Project Outreach

• Spring 2023 - Summer 2023
  Public Workshop Series and Conceptual Design Development

• Summer 2023 - Spring 2024
  Design Refinement, Environmental Review

• Summer 2024
  Detailed Design

• Spring 2025
  Construction begins

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

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