



## RAILYARDS WORKING GROUP – MEETING NOTES

**MEETING DATE: December 12, 2023**

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**RWG Members (Present / Absent/Vacant):**

Bruce Agid	P	J.R. Eppler	A	Jessica Perla	P
Angelica Arhror	A	Vanessa Gonzalez	A	Krute Singa	P
Cliff Bargar	A	Rob Jaques	A	Michael Walker	P
Don Cecil	A	Liz Kirby	P	Erica Waltemade	A
Tammy Chan	P	Christian Martin	A	Dylan Fabris	P
Desi Danganan	A	Chris Paik	P	Bayview Representative	V

**Project Partners:**

<b>CCSF</b>	Jeremy Shaw, Principal Planner, CPC; Allison Albericci, Senior Architect / Urban Designer, CPC; Amnon Ben-Pazi, Senior Planner, CPC; Hugo Errazuriz Icaza, AECOM; Fan Wenzheng, AECOM; Erika Uribe, Incommon;
<b>Caltrain</b>	Navdeep Dhaliwal, Government & Community Affairs; Nadine Fogarty; DJ Baxter from Kimley Horn; Dylan Clayton, KH.
<b>Prologis</b>	Genevieve Cadwalader, VP Investment; Kristen Hall;
<b>Other</b>	N/A

**Public Attendees:** Michael Bublik, Newmark; Brent Van Brocklin, Master’s Student @UCB; Roman Alder; Jack Baughman;

### Meeting Purpose

1. Provide updates on PBC Caltrain efforts (informational, 10 min)
2. Gather group input on Neighborhood Mapping + Potential Opportunities (explorative, 20 min)
3. Provide overview of Planning Context “Dashboard” (informational, 5-7 min)
4. Gather group input on Activities for Q1 2024

## Agenda

<b>Opening</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome and settling-in</li> <li>• Check-in: agenda and updates                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Community updates</li> <li>○ Neighborhood projects/ efforts</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Content</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. PBC Caltrain efforts: update (10 min)                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Informational item. Clarifying questions from the group are welcome.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Neighborhood Mapping + Potential Opportunities (20 min)                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation</li> <li>• Guiding questions for group discussion:  <i>Are the key public realm opportunities for the Railyards clearly identified? Are other opportunities missing?</i> </li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Planning Context “Dashboard” overview (5-7 min)                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integration of group comments &amp; guidance.</li> <li>• Overview of “Dashboard,” initial findings &amp; invitation to review asynchronously.</li> <li>• Guiding questions for asynchronous review:  <i>Is this level of detail helpful? Are there other policy or community context efforts that should be included? How can the “Dashboard” be improved?</i> </li> </ul> </li> </ol>
<b>Closing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next steps (10min)                      Group action items                      Context dashboard (asynchronous review)                      Group activities</li> <li>• <b>THANK YOU FOR A GREAT YEAR AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS!</b></li> </ul>

## Check-in

- Bruce Agid: There is activity on the 655 4<sup>th</sup> Street development project (see Nearby Neighborhood Projects below).
- Bruce Agid: MB Elementary School Transportation Access Plan – very aggressive outreach schedule (see Nearby Neighborhood Projects below).

## Nearby Neighborhood Projects

- SF Active Communities Plan (SFMTA) - in progress, draft network includes 5th Street bridge. <https://www.sfmta.com/projects/active-communities-plan>
- 101/280 Express Lanes and Bus Project (SFCTA) - in progress. <https://www.sfcta.org/projects/101280-express-lanes-and-bus-project>
- Mission Bay School Access Plan (SFCTA in coordination with SFMTA and SFUSD). Starts January 2024.

<https://www.sfcta.org/mission-bay-school>

- 900 7th Street (Amazon, former Recology site) - Applications submitted and under review. Requires Conditional Use Authorization and Transportation Demand Management Plan.
- 655 4th Street (The Creamery) - revised project approved 12/14/2023 – 1,100 dwelling units, 10K ground floor retail, POPOS Plaza

## Preliminary Business Case Update

- Review of Timeline for related projects
- Bruce Agid: don't forget safety of all the pedestrians in the area.
- Roman Adler: is the general idea that the Railyards go underground and the development would be above ground? Is there opportunity to move storage tracks to Brisbane co-located with the potential CA HSR storage facility?
  - Caltrain is looking at multiple options for storage tracks. But Caltrain is not currently involved in the potential CA HSR storage facility, so that is not one of the options currently being looked at.
- Tammy Chan, seconded by Bruce Agid: “We are excited about the Caltrain electrification project as this is long time coming. However, until the portion that travels between Pennsylvania and the railyard is underground, it will increase the gate down times at rail crossings and reduce access into and out of Mission Bay. We continue to have concerns regarding access to our emergency access to our hospitals this additional delay could create. So I hope the conversation with the city and DTX continues to progress”.

## Neighborhood Mapping and Potential Public Realm Opportunities

- Update on Neighborhood Mapping progress including existing open space, active ground floor, pedestrian network, sea level rise.
- Staff presented potential public realm opportunities.
- Open Discussion
  - Dylan Fabris: thanks for looking into Pedestrian Safety, this is a priority. A couple people have mentioned that block of 4<sup>th</sup> street should be closed to private cars and making it a transit plaza. Are we considering it?
  - We really want and love increased transit service, and PAX is an absolute priority to implement in coordination with the increased train traffic.
  - (With increased train traffic), out of every hour, gates may be down up to 40% on the time in the peak service hour; very concerned about gate downtime.
  - Tammy Chan: it was the DTX Supplemental EIR that contained the study that demonstrated gate-downtime (with increased train traffic); very concerned about Patient Transport (to UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital); transport of patients is time critical
  - Chris Paik: what's the plan for the Caltrain Muni station? - if the Muni station remains in it's current place it may limit connection options across the site.
  - Navi Dhaliwal: make sure that we're coordinating with SFCTA's pre-environmental PAX study (see Nearby Neighborhood Projects above).
  - Krute Singa: this may be in the weeds but mentally, the neighborhood feels removed from the surrounding area even though it is not - adding wayfinding and other visuals to show the connections and walking distance may be one way to connect the neighborhood”
  - Bruce Agid: we're seeing this issue arrive right now; there is already congestion in the area without a school, lots of parents only want car access; don't want to make conditions worse.

## Context Dashboard Update

- Update on Public Participation Framework.
- Overview of Context dashboard. A video is available to guide working group members' asynchronous review.

## Open Discussion

- Krute Singa – Support for more site tours and engaging with other members of the working group in person to discuss the project.
- Tammy Chan - Appreciate materials ahead of the meetings as well.
- Michael Walker – Appreciates opportunities for asynchronous review.

## Next Steps

### RWG Members:

- RWG Coordinators support.
- RWG opportunities to meet in person.
- RWG should review the Context Dashboard
  - Documents are posted to the collaboration space
  - Please review and comment

### City Family:

- Follow up with the CAC's
- Public Realm Strategies Toolkit – and Partnerships / Funding Sources for each
- Begin to identify and study capacity of proximate opportunity sites
- Coordination with The Portal/DTX (including 6<sup>th</sup> Street sewer replacement)) and PAX.
- Communicating Complexity of the Site and Infrastructure

## Next Meeting:

**1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024, Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> PLACEHOLDER - TBD**

## Attachments:

N/A

## Announcements / Community News / Events

N/A