

SF Railyards Working Group (RWG)



San Francisco
Planning

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AGENDA

- Welcome/ Settling-in (5 min)
- Introductions and agenda (10 min) --- your motivations and any recent news
- Railyards Projects and Working Group Overview (15 min)
- Discussion (25 min)
- Close (5 min)

PRINCIPLES TO GUIDE CONVERSATIONS

for working group members, project partners, guests, and members of the public

- As a collaborative working space, we will treat each other with respect and dignity
- We will listen attentively and remain open to others' perspectives
- We will make space for everyone to be heard
- All voices are important and welcome

YOUR INPUT TO DATE

- **Several stakeholders wish to remain informed**, but are too busy to stay active in a working group
- **Lessons learned** from Rail Alignment and Benefits Study (RAB), 2016-2018
 - Establish an adequate cadence of meetings and decisions / input needed
 - Need more clarity on the type of public input required at each stage
 - Need to focus scope on Railyards Projects
- **The Working Group may**
 - Succeed by focusing on public benefits
 - Provide a venue to review the findings and process, at this early feasibility stage

SF Railyards Project

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

1. Caltrain/Prologis Business Case

Includes track layout and development concept recommended for further detailed development
(anticipated in Summer 2023)

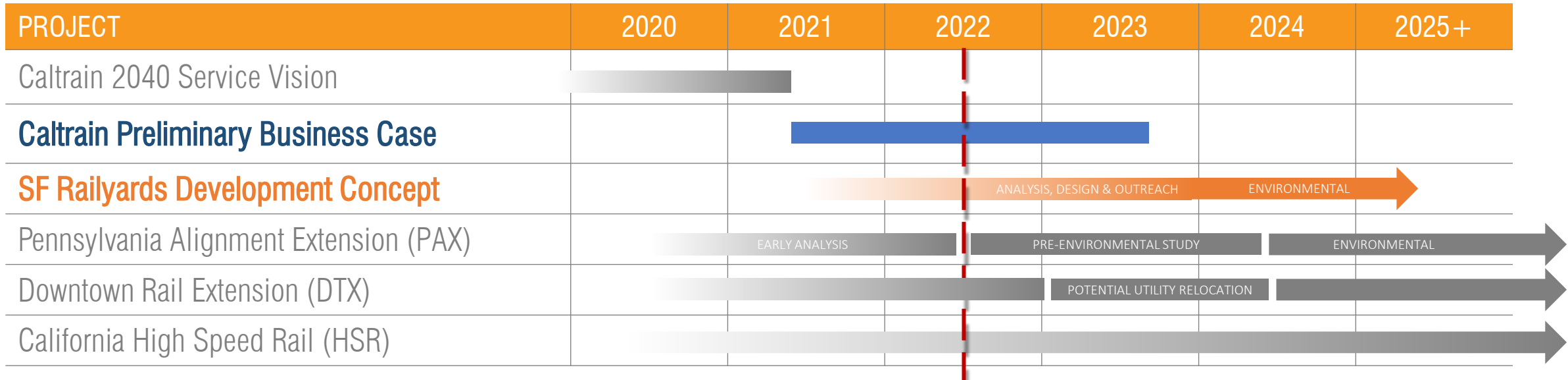
2. Development Concept

Includes zoning proposal and community benefits priorities
(drafts anticipated in 2023)

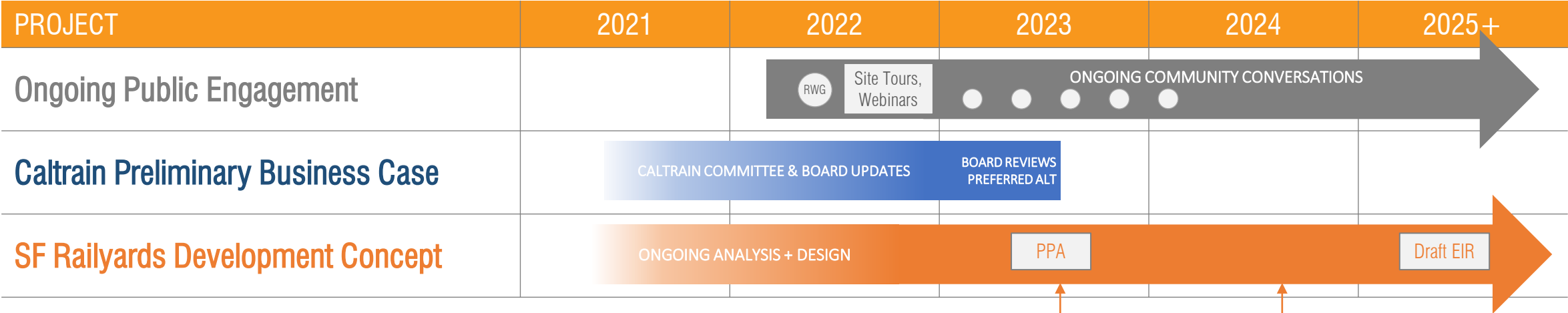




SF RAILYARDS PROJECT: TIMELINE + COORDINATION



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES (conceptual timeline)



Preliminary Project Assessment. Public input informs:

- Design
- Programming
- Community benefits

Public input on environmental scope

Public Engagement Processes

- **Railyards Working Group:** for working through priorities, discussing tradeoffs, connecting between communities
- **Community Conversations:** includes webinars, tours, updates; more informative than deliberative
- **Focus Groups:** soliciting input from populations that are harder to reach
- **Online / Newsletter**

RAILYARDS WORKING GROUP MEMBERSHIP

The Railyards Projects partners will seek diversity and representation of the following groups, intersecting with priority groups. Example matrix:

Representation	Member 1	Member 2	Member 3	Member 4...
Central SoMa	X			
Western SoMa				
Mission Bay			X	
Showplace/ Potrero Hill				
Large employer/ institution / anchor			X	
Labor / trades representative				
Small businesses				
Non-profit community serving institution (not in advocacy)	X			
Affordable housing advocate/resident/representative		X		
Bike/ pedestrian/ public realm advocate				
Transit advocate / 4th & King commuter				X
Youth advocate				
Climate or Resilience Advocate				
Membership in priority group *	X	X		

* Priority groups align with Planning Commission Resolution No. 20738, Centering Planning on Racial and Social equity, with a focus on groups most vulnerable to transportation infrastructure and climate change. Priority groups include (but are not limited to) the following communities and their intersecting racial and social identities and experiences: American Indian, Black, Filipino-American, and other communities of color; LGBTQ+ communities; low-income communities; communities with limited English proficiency; women, youth, and people with disabilities.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION TODAY

- What are your thoughts on the purpose of the RWG? Do you have any suggestions?
Can you think of any tools, training, or materials needed to fulfill this purpose?
- Is there enough clarity around the type of public input required during this technical feasibility stage of the Railyards Projects?
- What will make the RWG a public participation forum?
(i.e., materials posted on website, RWG members collecting feedback from their community networks, public access to meetings...)
- Do you agree with the draft principles and practices of the working group? Do you have any suggestions?
- Recruitment for the RWG will remain open to ensure diverse perspectives can inform the Railyards Projects. Are there voices that should be prioritized for recruitment?
- Are there lessons learned from other community engagement efforts that we should consider?

RECENT INQUIRIES:

- Outcomes of RAB study
- City priorities
- Potential development program
- Timeline and development process
- I-280
- What about all the input we've provided to past projects and plans?

NEXT STEPS

- August: Recruitment and onboarding to RWG continues
- September: Events by Caltrain + Prologis
- October: Confirm RWG date
- Any upcoming plans or events for your communities?
- Next meeting:
 - Responses to requests for information
 - More project details and schedule updates
 - More RWG members

<https://www.caltrain.com/about-caltrain/meetings>

<https://sfplanning.org/railyards>