

SF Railyards Working Group (RWG)



San Francisco
Planning

October 26 2022

AGENDA

1. Introductions (15 min)
2. Railyards Working Group Purpose and Selection Process (5 min)
3. Railyards Project Overview (15 min)
4. Project Priorities + Discussion (15 min)
5. Next Steps / Close (5 min)

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Introductions

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The Planning Department is still actively recruiting participation to represent the Bayview neighborhood. We are also working to identify an SF Transit Riders Union staff person to replace Zack Deutsch-Gross who recently left the organization.

An aerial, grayscale photograph of San Francisco, California. The image shows the city's dense urban landscape, including the San Francisco skyline with prominent skyscrapers like the Transamerica Pyramid on the left. The city extends to the waterfront, where the San Francisco Bay is visible. The Bay Bridge is seen in the distance, spanning the water. In the foreground, a major thoroughfare with multiple lanes and a central transit corridor with tracks runs through the city. The overall scene is a wide-angle, high-altitude view of the city and its surrounding water and hills.

Working Group Overview

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PRACTICES TO GUIDE CONVERSATION

- Agendas will be shared in advance, but the conversation will remain open to other topics raised.
- We ask that you keep cameras on and microphones muted.
- To address the group, please use the raise hand feature and a facilitator will invite you to unmute.
- The facilitator(s) will:
 - Guide the conversation and ask follow-up questions to encourage a variety of ideas to emerge.
 - Keep track of comments and questions shared in the chat
 - Allow for public comments after working group member discussions

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

RWG Selection Process

1. Targeted Recruiting
2. Website Notices
3. CAC and other CBO Meeting Announcements
4. Anonymous Application – Blind Review
5. Elevate the voices of Priority Groups

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.

Public Engagement Processes

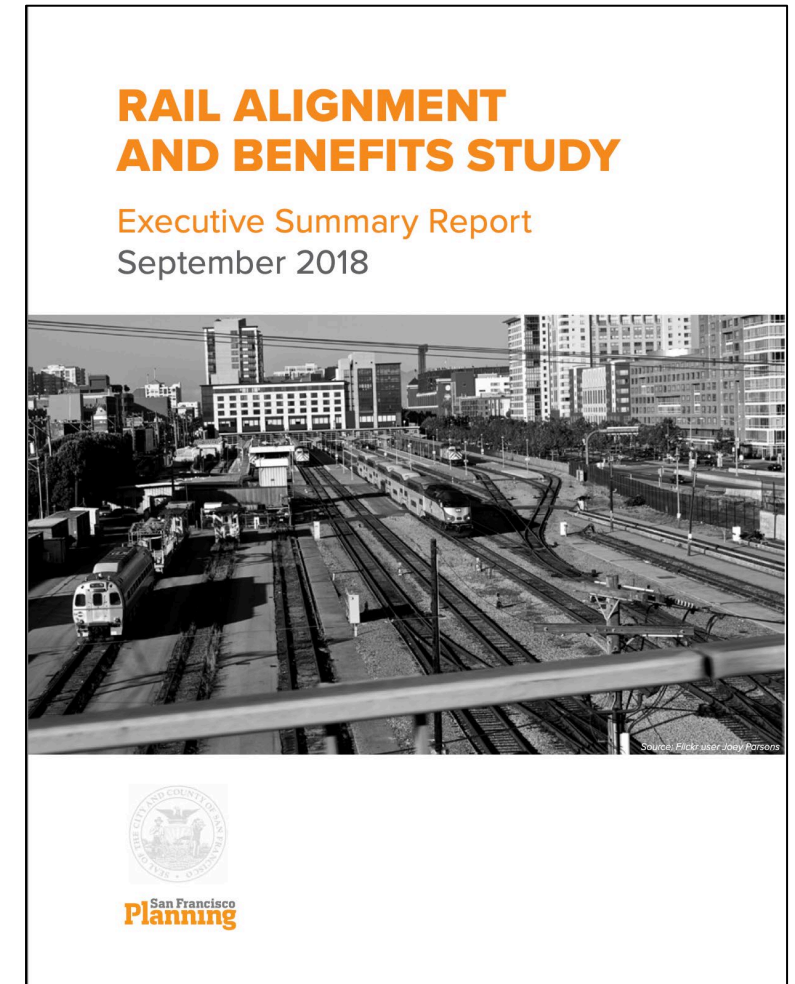
- **Railyards Working Group:** for working through priorities, discussing tradeoffs, connecting between communities
- **Community Conversations:** includes webinars, tours, updates; more informative than deliberative
- **Focus Groups:** soliciting input from populations that are harder to reach
- **Online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

Purpose of the Working Group

- Working through priorities
- Discussing tradeoffs
- Connecting between communities
- Identifying Opportunities
- Elevating the voices and stories of Priority Communities

Lessons learned from Rail Alignment and Benefits Study (RAB, 2018)

- Establish an adequate cadence of meetings and decisions
- Need clarity on the type of public input required at each stage
- Focus scope on Railyards Projects
- A facilitated group can help build consensus
- The RAB working group championed and advanced the project



Scope of Railyards Working Group

- Meet quarterly (if necessary) during an 18-month period.
- Establish an agenda committee or chair and vice chair
- Submit requests for staff consultation, guidance and information
- Solicit feedback from and share information through their community network
- Refine role and schedule based on project need

Scope exclusions

- The RWG is not a decision-making body. Budget, policy, and statutory timeline decisions beyond advisory input solicited by the Railyard Projects partners are excluded from the RWG scope. Formal representation of the RWG on parallel outreach and engagement efforts is also excluded.

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Railyards Project Overview

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SF Railyards Project

GOAL

Create a regional transit hub with a resilient rail station, expanded Caltrain service, and mixed-use development

PURPOSE

1. Improve operations and passenger experience to deliver Caltrain's Long Range Service Vision
2. Leverage infrastructure investment for community, city and regional benefits
3. Maximize value to support transit infrastructure and operations





What are we doing today?



Caltrain and Prologis are engaged in a **Preliminary Business Case (PBC)** process to analyze multiple concepts for operational, engineering, and financial feasibility at the site.

What is a Business Case?

- A decision-making framework
- Assesses an investment's long-term value and benefits to the public
- It can assess strategic, financial, economic and deliverability factors
- A tool to determine IF there are viable outcomes that satisfy requirements
- Importantly, it is not a commitment—it **only informs decisions**; it **does not make decisions**



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Toronto, Canada



**Brighton Main Line
Route Strategy**
Brighton, England

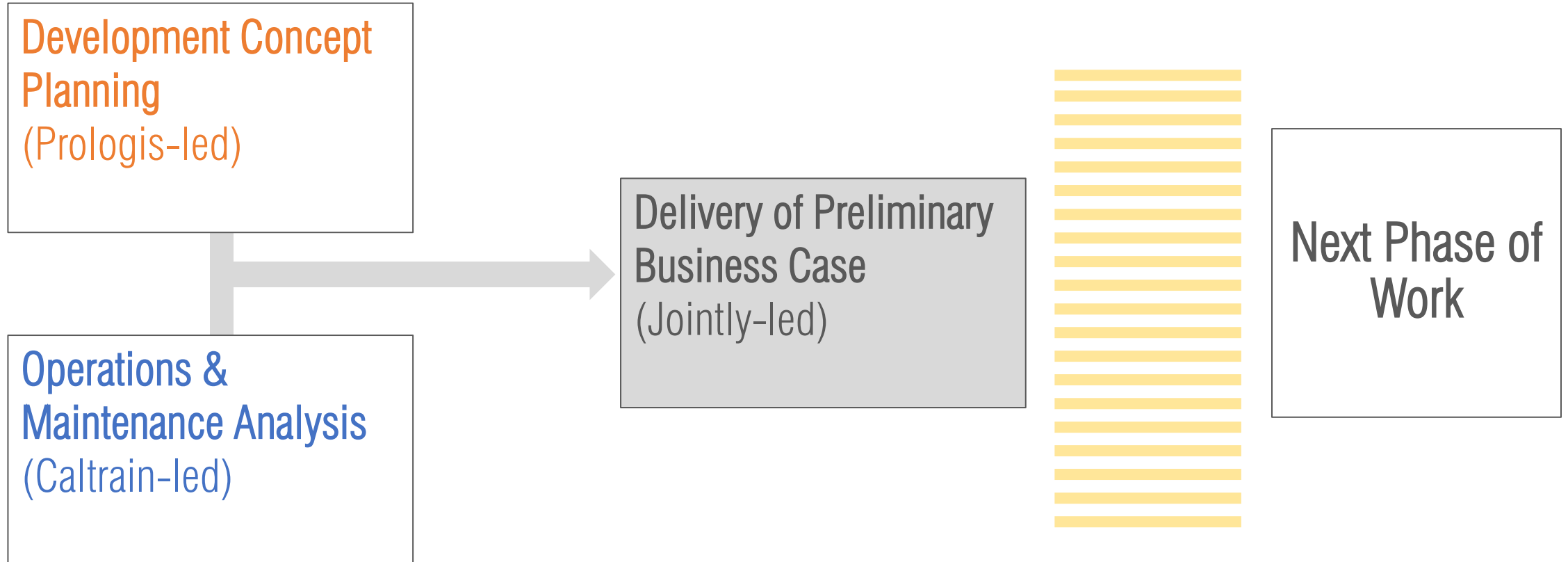


**TransPennine Express
Rail Franchise**
Northern England

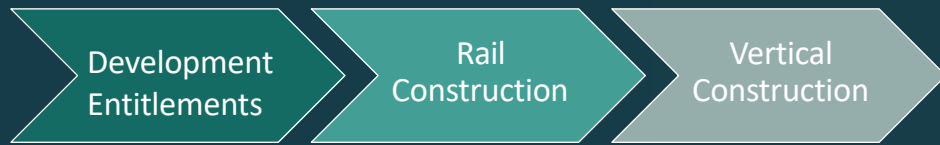


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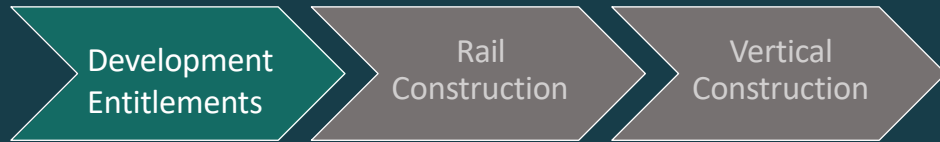
Typical Development Process



- Project Visioning, Concept, Initiation
- Outreach + Community Engagement
- Project Design Development + Project Description
- Environmental Review
- Development Agreement, Public Benefits
- Approvals



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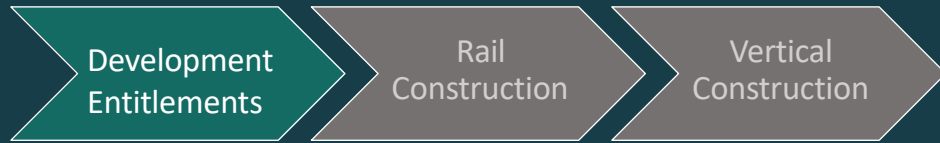
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The big picture | Overall project priorities

- General Scale of Development
- Public Realm
- Neighborhood connections
- Inter-modal connectivity

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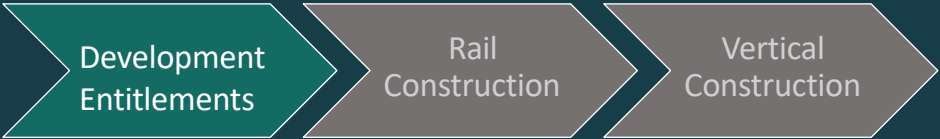
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FOCUS:

Concept | Overall vision, development program, circulation, open space

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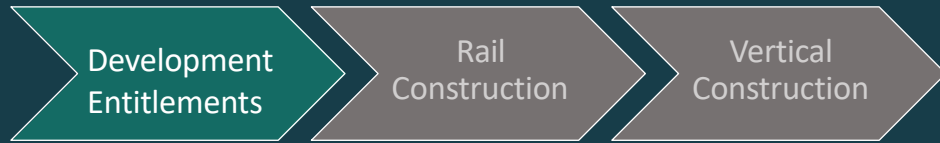
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ENTITLEMENTS STEPS

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Schematic | Refining a preferred alternative, program mix, design of public space and rights-of-way, community benefits scope

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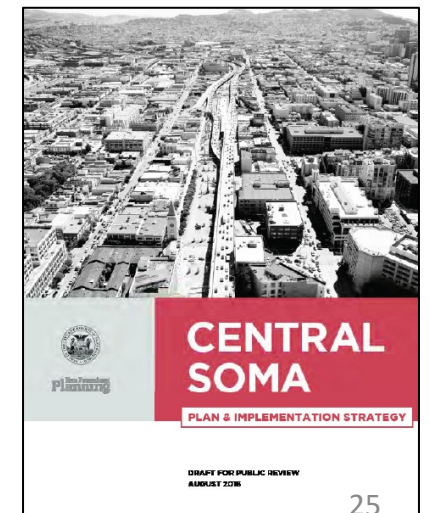
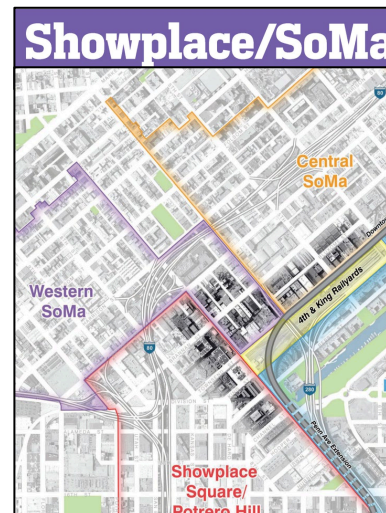
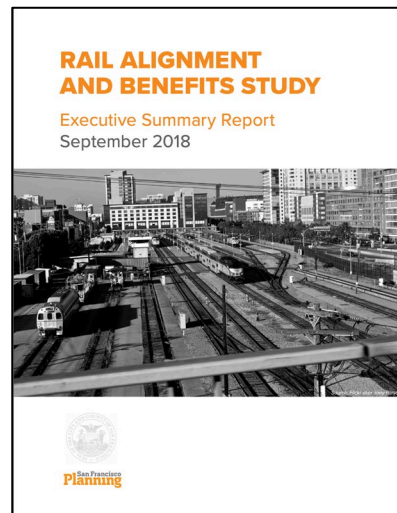
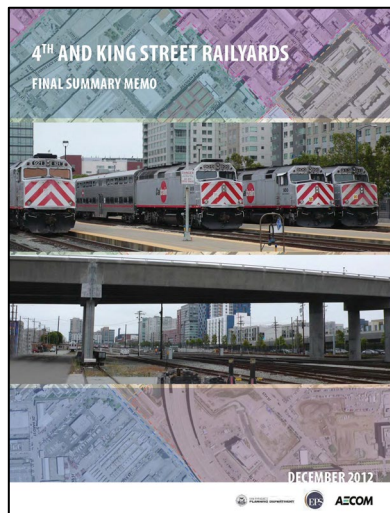
Detail | Getting it right, making it implementable and enforceable.

- Planning Code Controls
- Infrastructure Plan
- Design Standards and Guidelines
- Community benefits package

SF Railyards Project

COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

- Provide open space, housing and other essential community benefits
- Integrate with and improve connections between neighborhoods
- Address resilience and sea-level rise at this site
- Complement San Francisco's skyline
- Compatibility with the Downtown Extension and Pennsylvania Avenue Extension



Next Steps



- 2022:
 - Gather feedback on priorities or process
 - Any upcoming events in your communities?



- Next Meeting (first quarter 2023):
 - Confirm date
 - Feedback from your networks
 - Responses to requests for information
 - More project details and schedule updates



- Review materials and sign up for updates at [*sfplanning.org/railyards*](https://sfplanning.org/railyards)

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