

SF Railyards Working Group (RWG)



San Francisco
Planning

June 20 2023

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are on the **unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone** who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula.



AGENDA

1. Opening/ check-in (Allison, 5min)
2. Updates:
 - Community Feedback since last meeting (All, 10 min)
 - Growing the Project Team (Navi, Banke, Allison, 5 minutes)
3. Preliminary Business Case Update (Navi + DJ, 5 minutes)
4. Visioning at Scale (Peter, 15 minutes)
5. Neighborhood Urban Design Study Questions (Hugo, 5 minutes)
6. Public Participation Plan and RWG support (Erika, 5 minutes)
7. Open Discussion and Next Steps (All, 10 minutes)
8. Close (All)

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Community Feedback

(RWG)

Community Feedback

- What have you heard since we last met?

An aerial, grayscale photograph of San Francisco, California, showing the city's dense urban landscape, the Golden Gate Bridge in the distance, and the bay. The image is used as a background for a presentation slide.

Growing the Project Team

(Navi + Banke + Allison)

Public / Private Partnership Structure

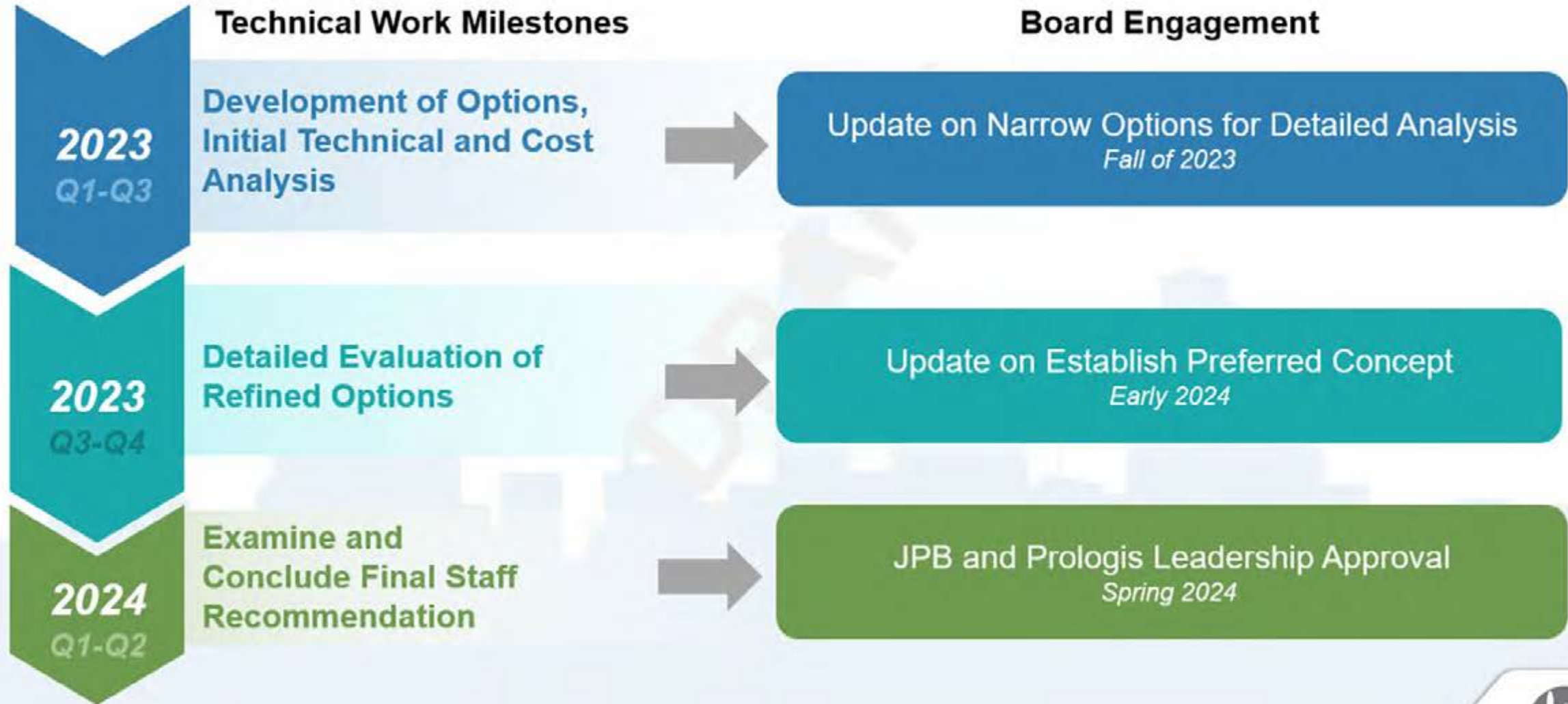


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Preliminary Business Case Update

(Navi and DJ)

Next Steps

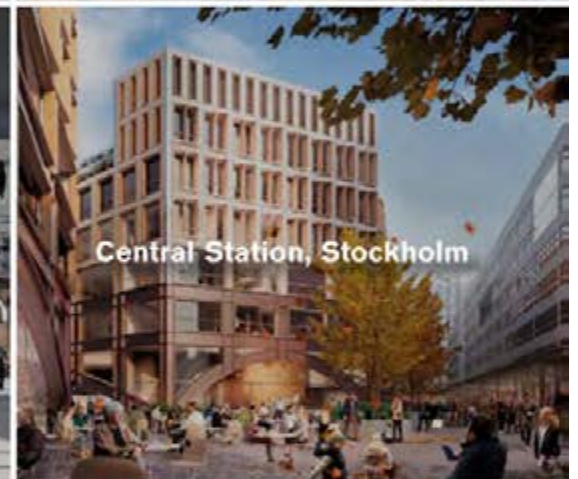


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Visioning at Scale

(Peter Sokoloff, Foster + Partners)







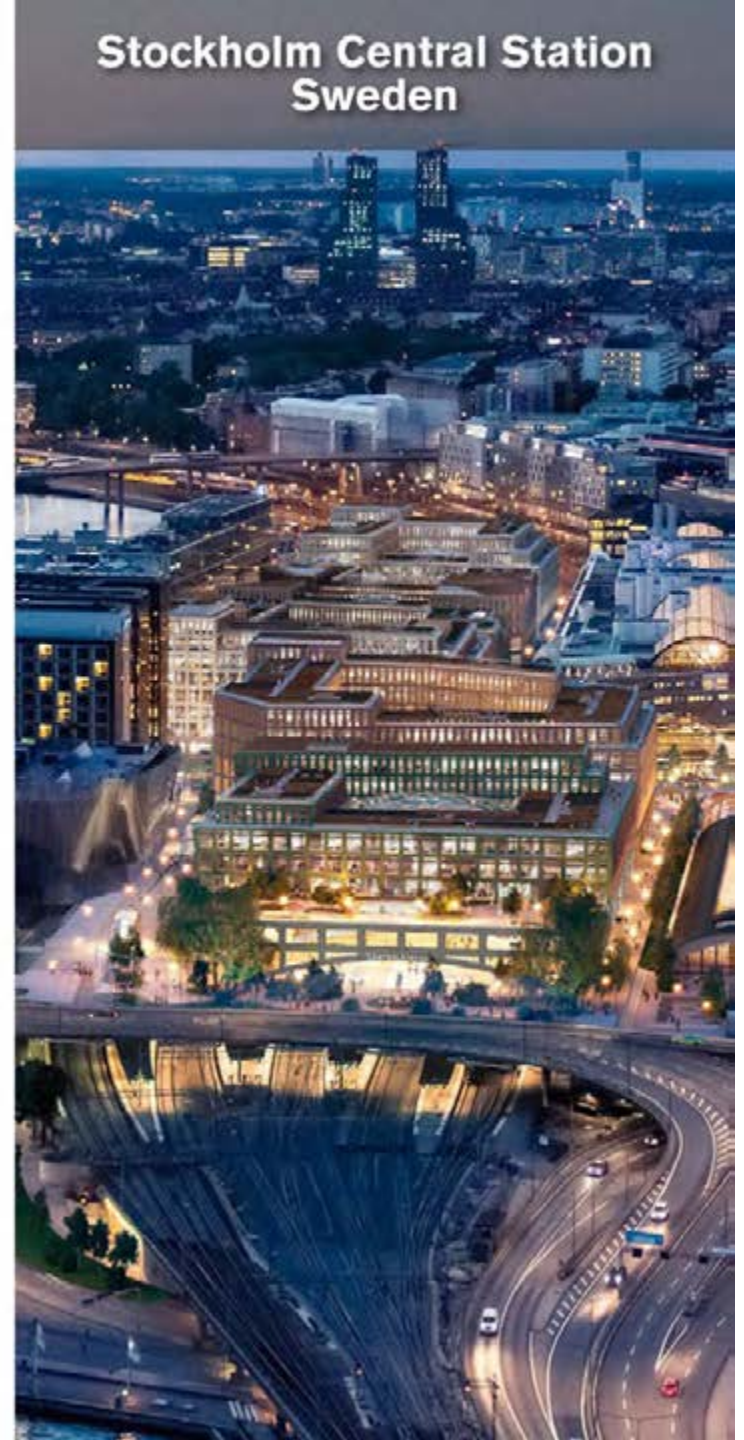
**Kings Cross St Pancras
London**



**Canary Wharf
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**Stockholm Central Station
Sweden**



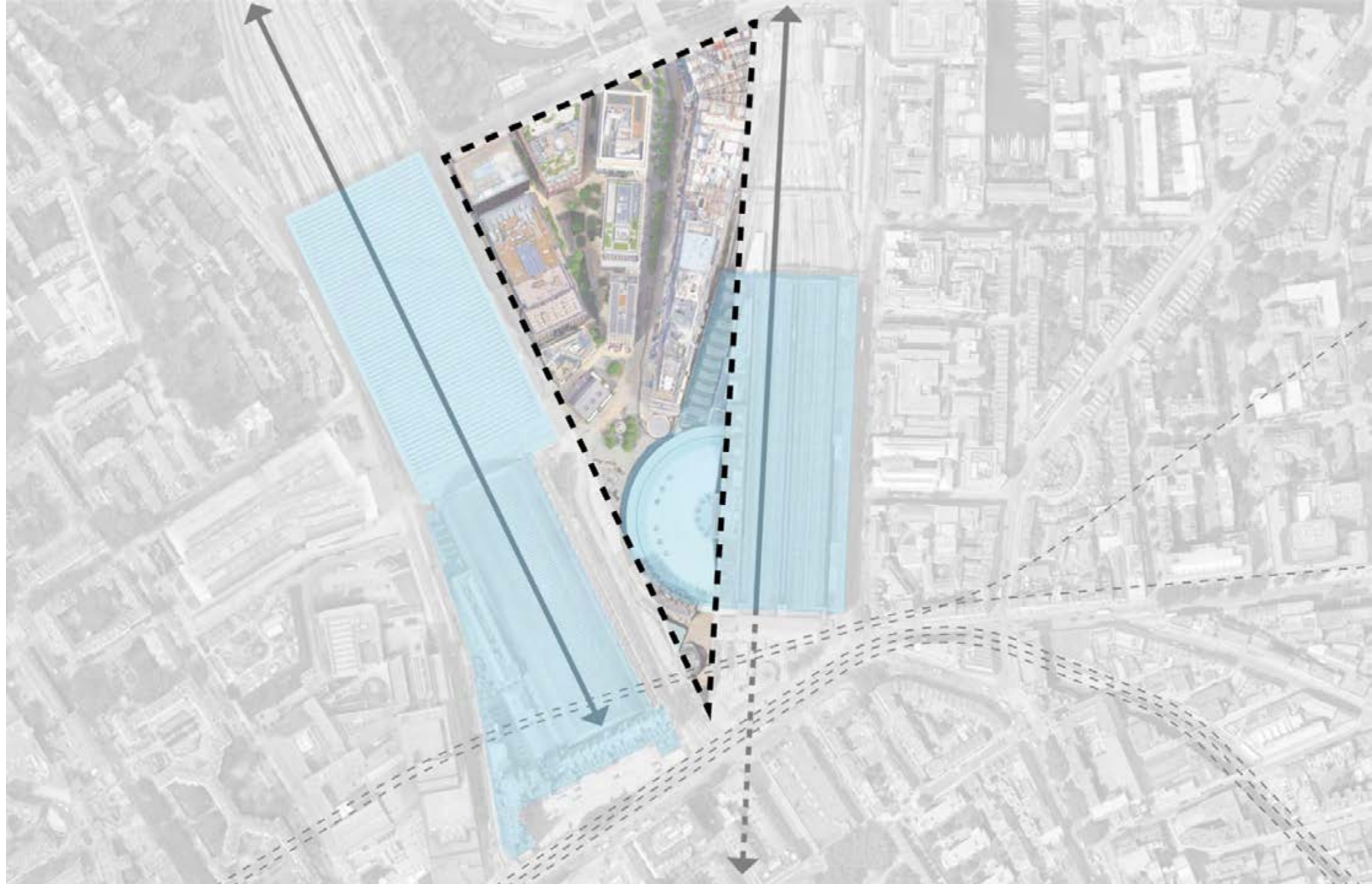
An aerial photograph of the Kings Cross St Pancras railway station in London. The station's iconic arched glass and steel roof is prominent on the left. To its right is the large, modern St Pancras International building with a white, ribbed facade. The surrounding area includes a mix of older brick buildings, modern developments, and green spaces. A canal runs along the bottom right, and a large railway yard is visible in the upper right. The text "Kings Cross St Pancras" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font in the center of the image.

Kings Cross St Pancras

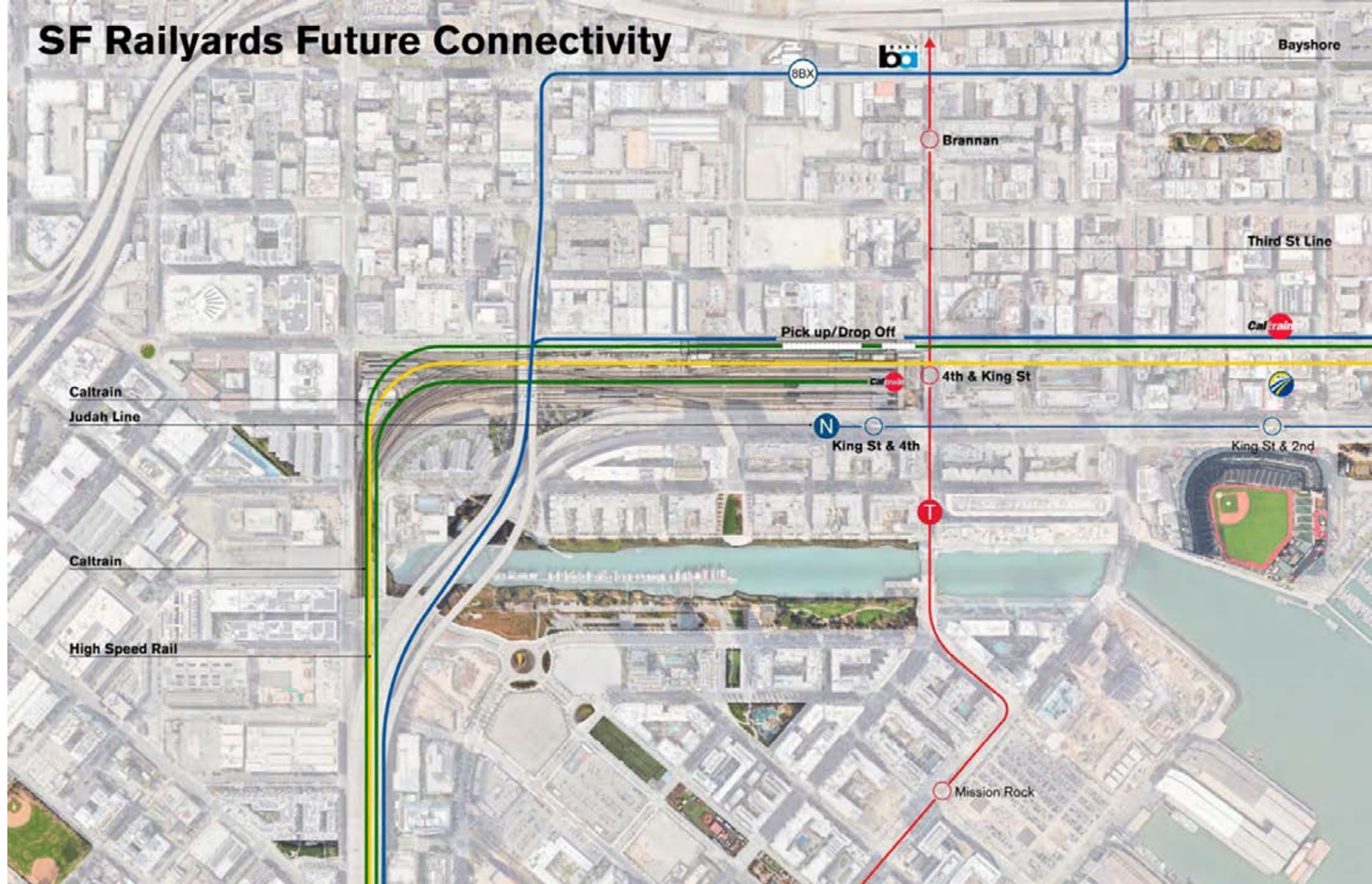


Circa 1960





SF Railyards Future Connectivity









An aerial photograph of the Canary Wharf Crossrail station. The station features a long, white, diamond-patterned roof structure that spans over a road and a canal. To the left, a tall glass skyscraper with the KPMG logo is visible. To the right, there is a large construction yard with various vehicles and equipment. The text "Canary Wharf Crossrail" is overlaid in the center of the image.

Canary Wharf Crossrail



Circa 1945



1987

16 million sq ft
of completed office space

120,000
daily working population

4
transport stations

300+
shops, bars, restaurants, services and amenities

20 acres
of parks, gardens, squares and fountains

2020 ↓



High Public Transport Accessibility



Limehouse Tunnel

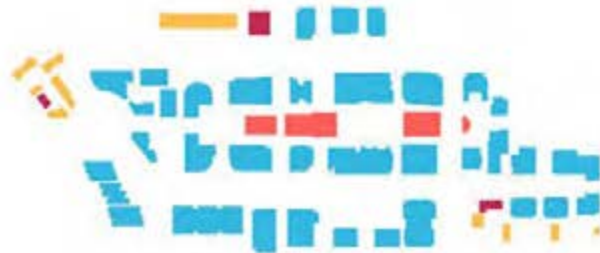
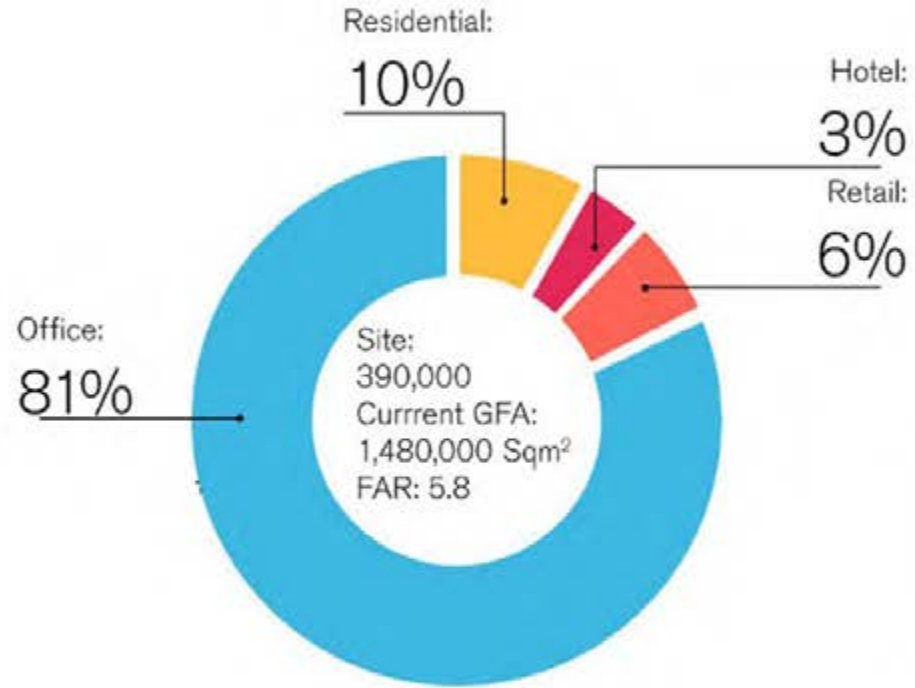


**Canary Wharf Station
(Jubilee Line)**



Crossrail Station

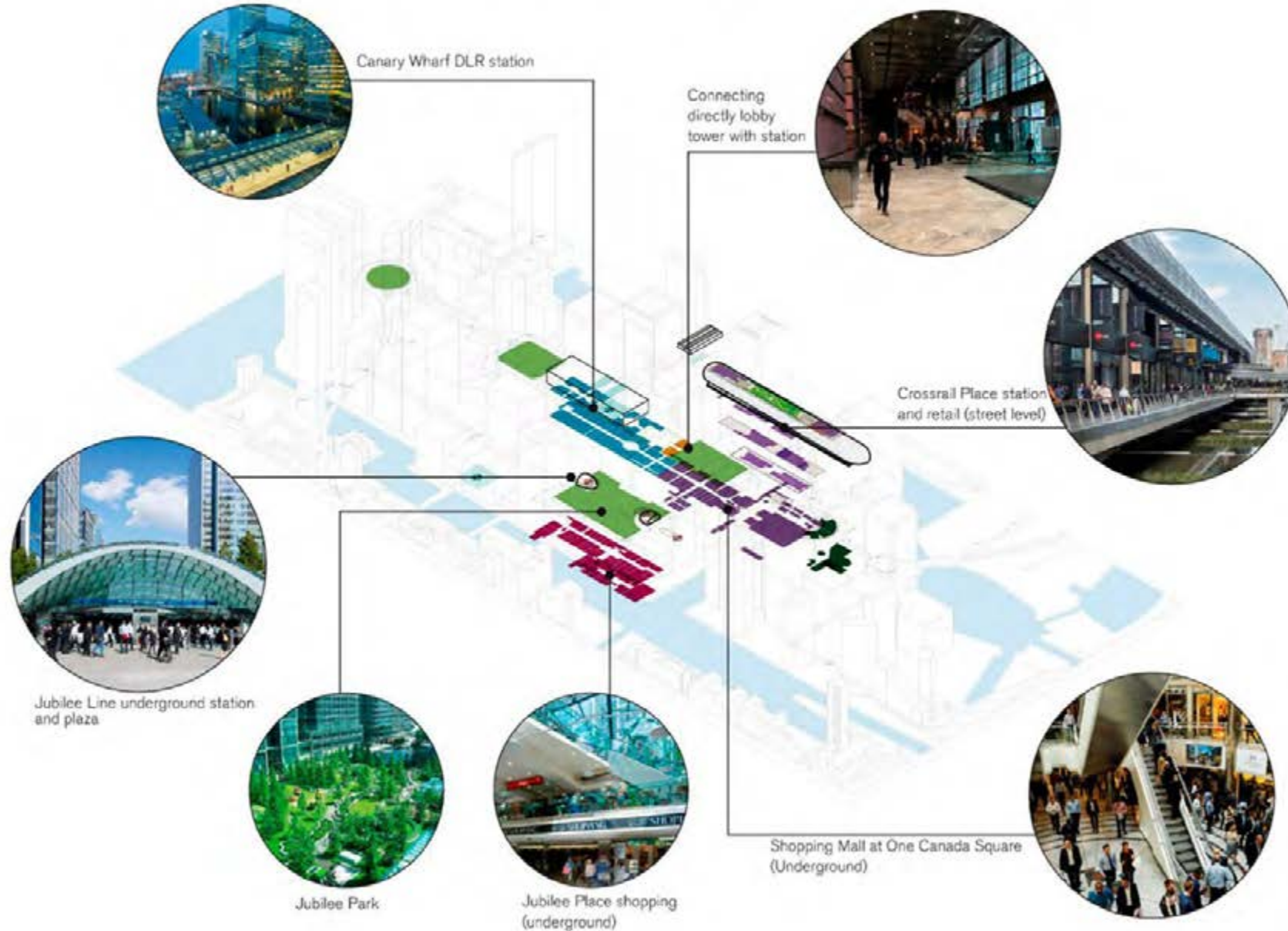
Creating a range of densities with highest at station, tapering down to existing neighborhoods







All spread across pedestrian friendly active public spaces that enhance the vitality and street life of the area



An architectural rendering of a proposed development in Stockholm, centered around a large, modern building with a grid-like facade and green roof. The surrounding area is filled with existing grey-scale buildings of various heights and styles. A blue canal or river flows along the right side of the image, with trees and a walkway along its edge. The text "Stockholm Central Station" is overlaid in the center.

Stockholm Central Station

Before

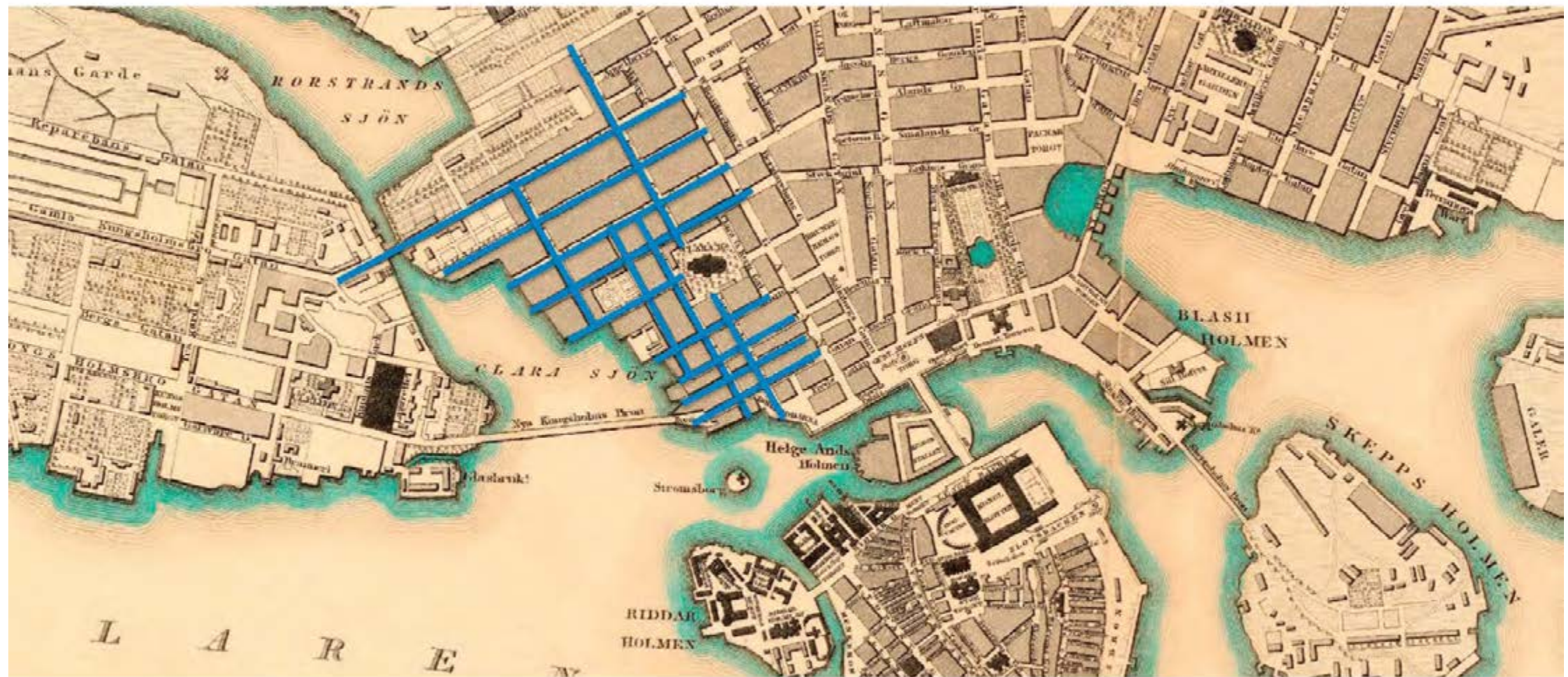


After



Urban Design

The Historical Urban Fabric



Urban Design

The Station Fractured the Urban Fabric



Before



After

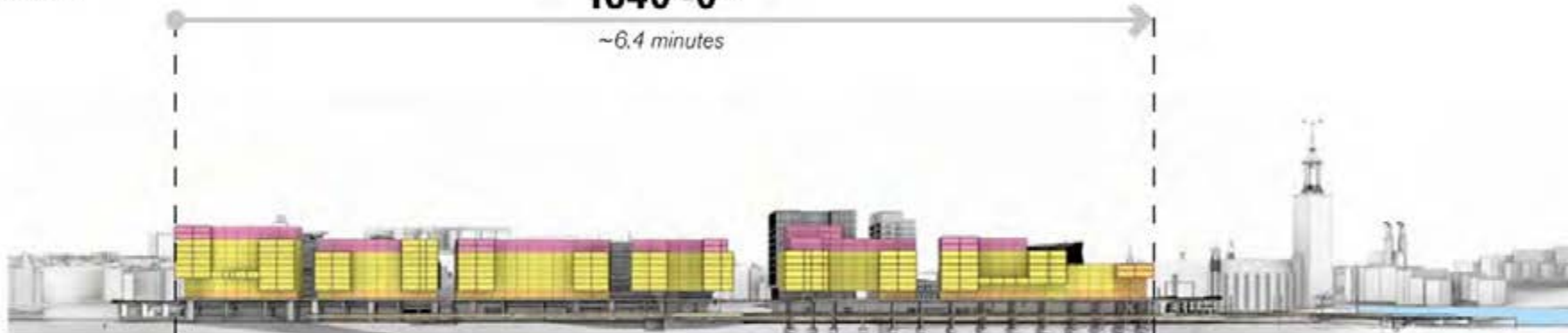




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1640'-0"

~6.4 minutes



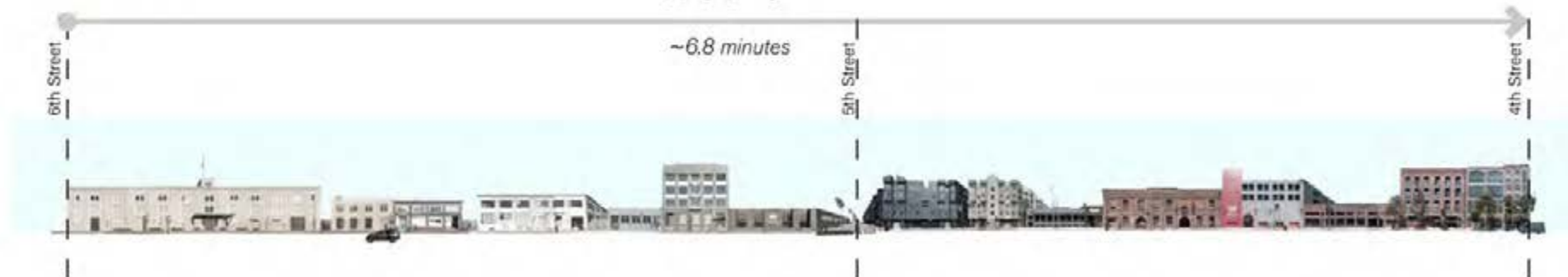
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San Francisco Railyards





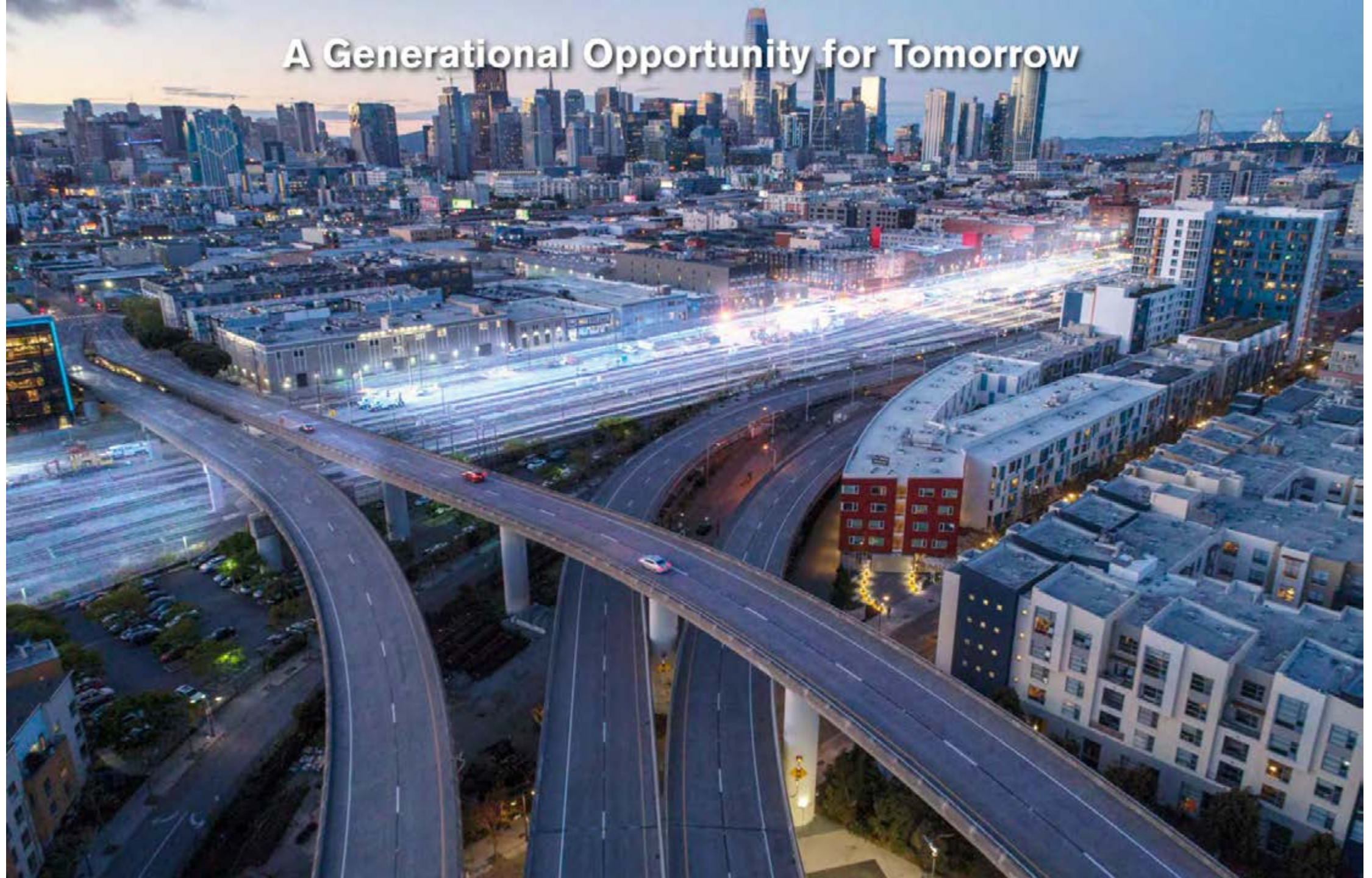




San Francisco Railyards Site Today



A Generational Opportunity for Tomorrow



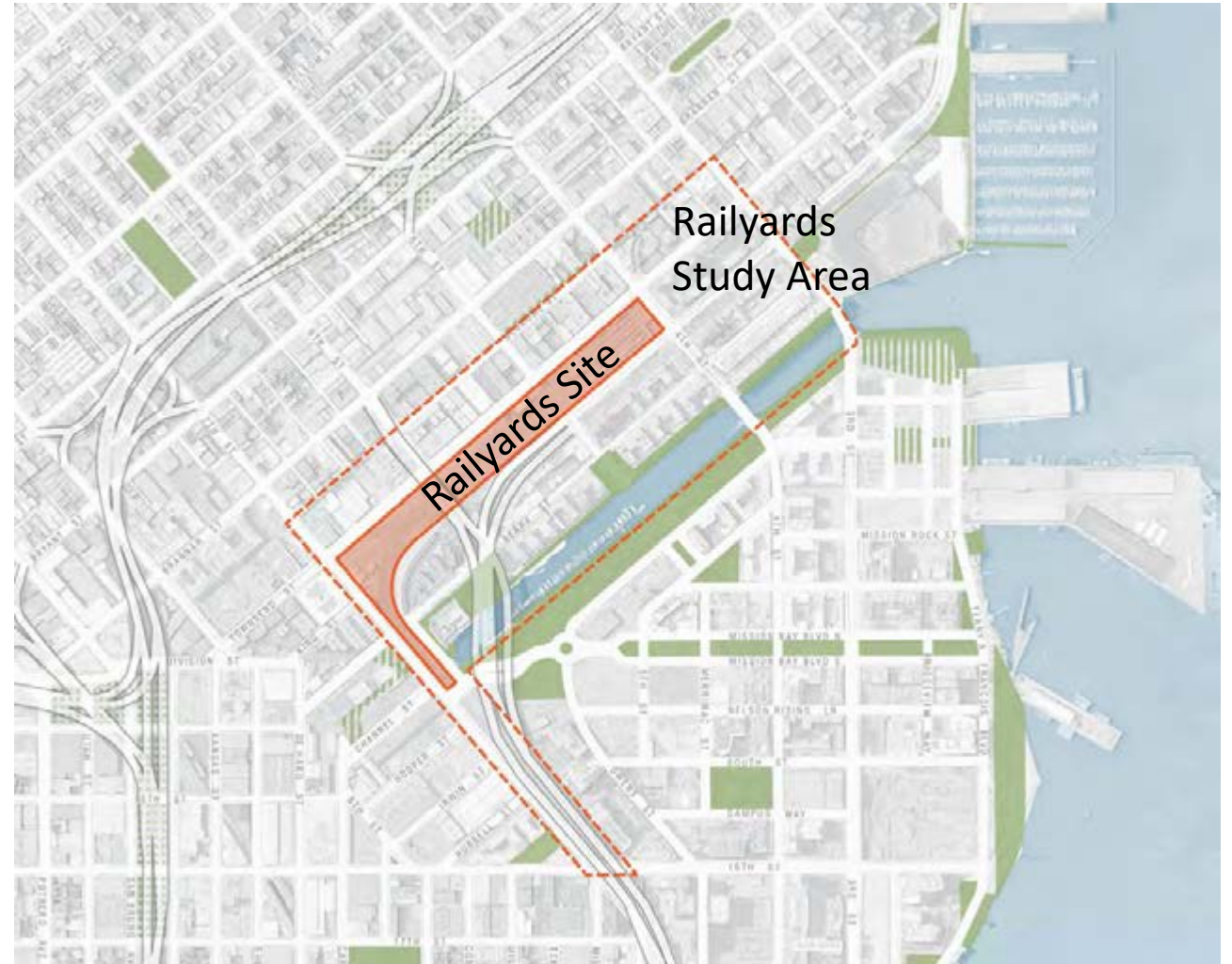
An aerial photograph of San Francisco, California, showing the city's dense urban landscape. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent orange and white graphic. The graphic consists of a large, bold, orange text 'Railyards Neighborhood Urban Design' and a smaller, white text '(Hugo Errazuriz-Icaza, AECOM)' below it. The background shows the city's skyline, including the Golden Gate Bridge and the San Francisco Bay. The rail yards are visible in the foreground, and the urban design is shown as a series of white lines and blocks overlaid on the city's grid.

Railyards Neighborhood Urban Design

(Hugo Errazuriz-Icaza, AECOM)

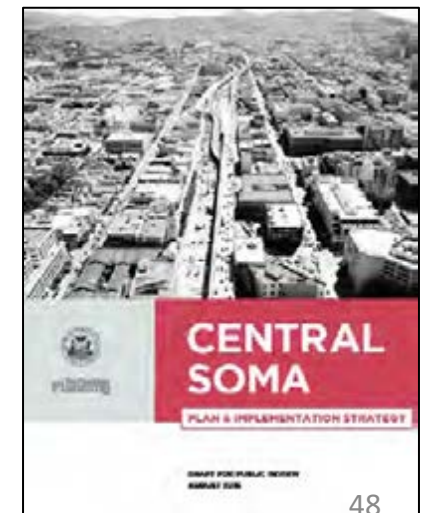
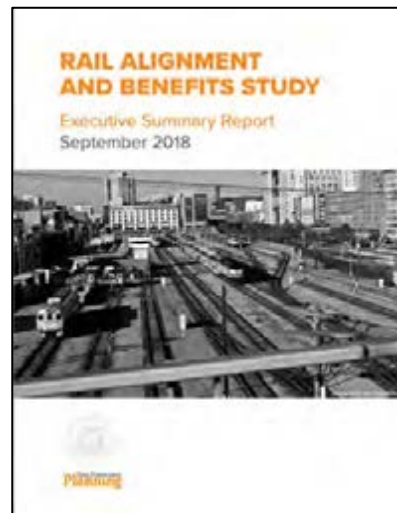
Neighborhood Design and Public Engagement

1. Existing Conditions Analysis
2. Urban Design
 1. Public Realm Concepts
 2. Plan Area Development Scenarios



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



Railyards Neighborhood Study Area



Showplace Square Open Space Plan: 2020 Updates

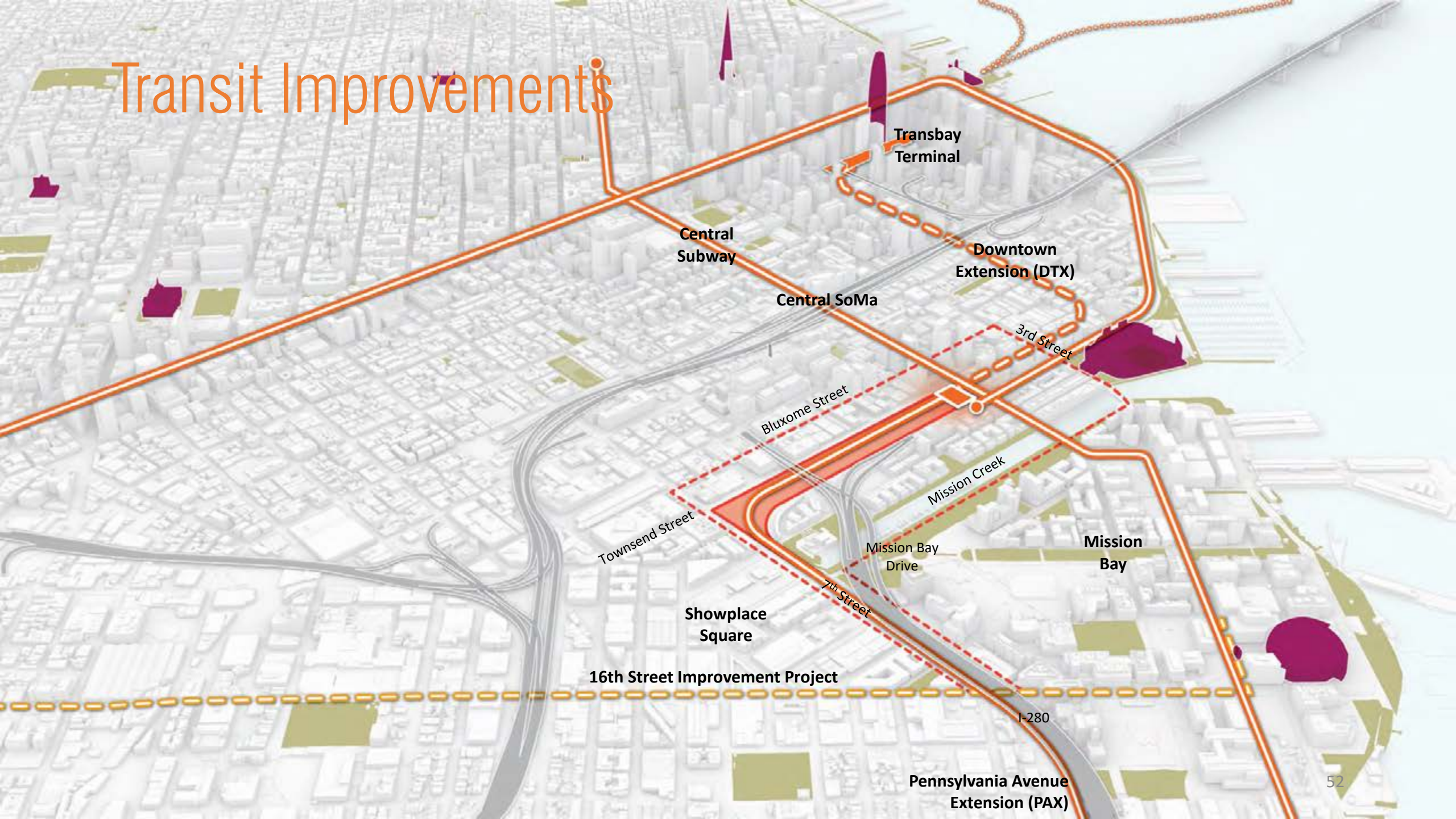
Opportunity Sites	Updated Recommendation	Status/Next Step	Responsible Party
Hooper Street	Redesigned, Complete		
Daggett Park	Complete		
Arkansas/Carolina Streets	Increase pedestrian access, bulbouts, and programming at Jackson Playground	In design	Recreation and Parks Department
Showplace Triangle (8th St ROW)	Create public space; activate with surrounding ground floor uses	Pursue with adjacent development	Future developer and SF Planning
900 7th Street	New park in Carolina ROW; new park on 7th/Berry; Ped/Bike connection	Implement with development of 900 7th St.	Future developer and SF Planning
Wisconsin Street right-of-way*	Add bulb outs and landscaping; reduce excess roadway	Partially built; Pursue with adjacent development	Future developers and SFMTA
Townsend Circle	Gateway or public art in the traffic circle	Pursue with SF Arts Commission and adjacent development	SFAC & SF Planning
Pennsylvania Avenue Extension / Mission Creek / Under I-280	Analyze public realm benefits of new parks and streets over Pennsylvania Avenue Extension	Include in Pre-Environmental Study, expected in 2021	Connect SF, SFCTA
Potrero Gateway	Streetscape improvements, art, gardens, and bike lane	Phase 1 in construction; pursue funding and implementation with Caltrans	SF Public Works; Community partners
Public Realm under U.S. 101/I-80 interchange	Monitor other AB857 projects; assess community needs	Stakeholder engagement to identify needs	EN CAC and SF Planning
Mission Bay Parks-Parcels P7/P9	Continue community design process	Obtain park programming input from City agencies, SFUSD and Mission Bay CAC	OCII, Mission Bay Development Group, SF Port



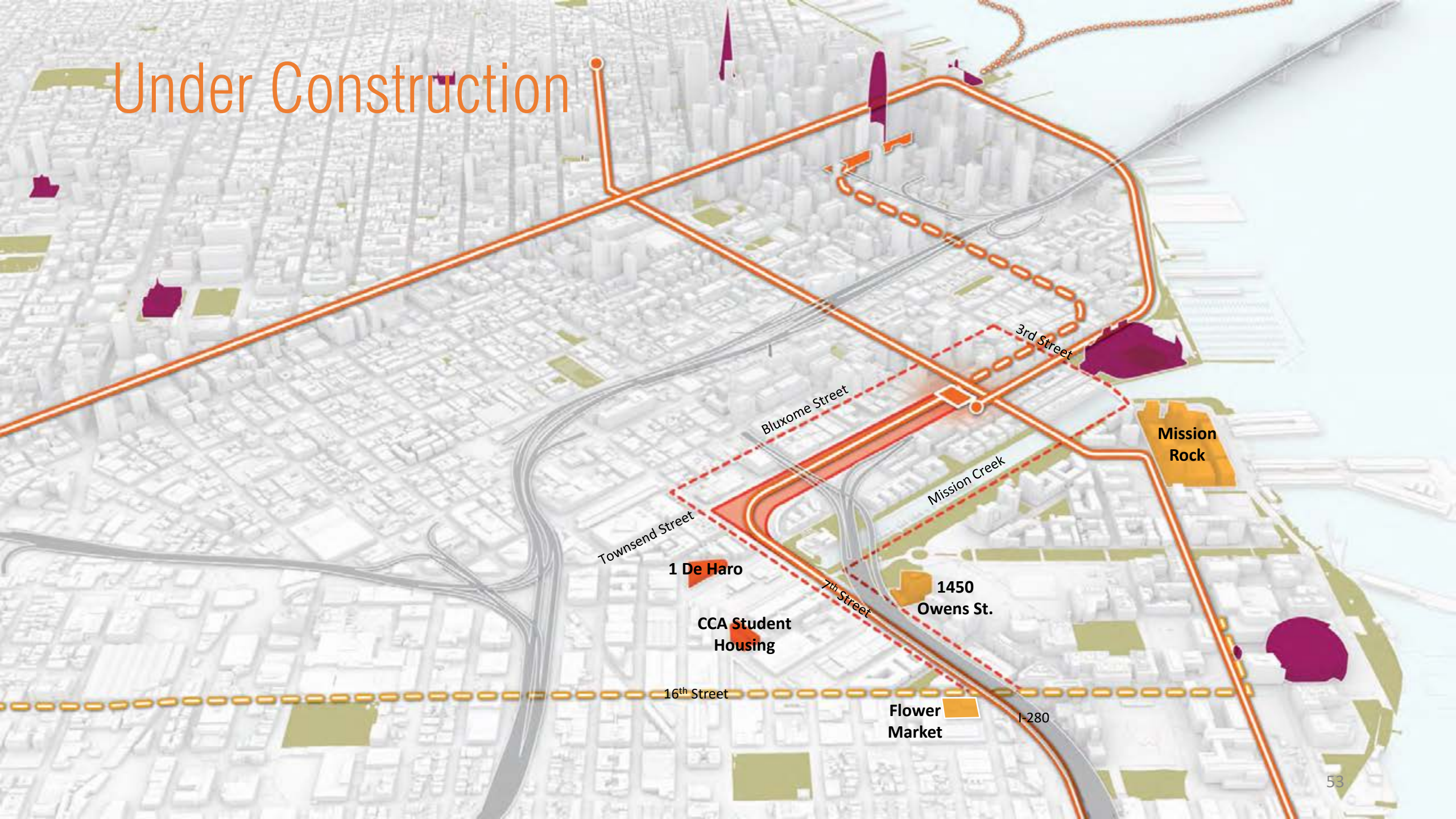
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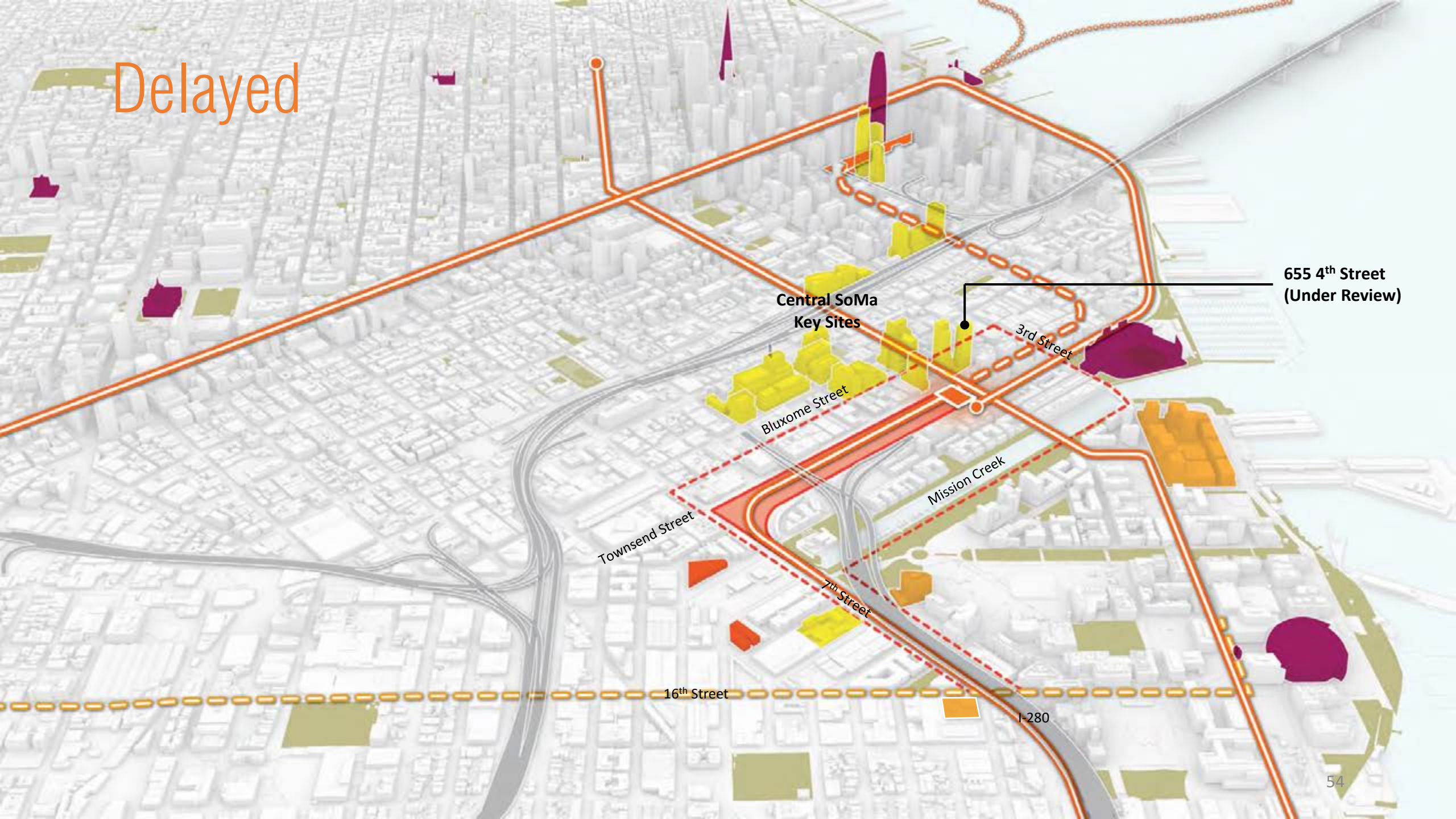
Transit Improvements



Under Construction



Delayed



Central SoMa
Key Sites

Bluxome Street

Townsend Street

7th Street

16th Street

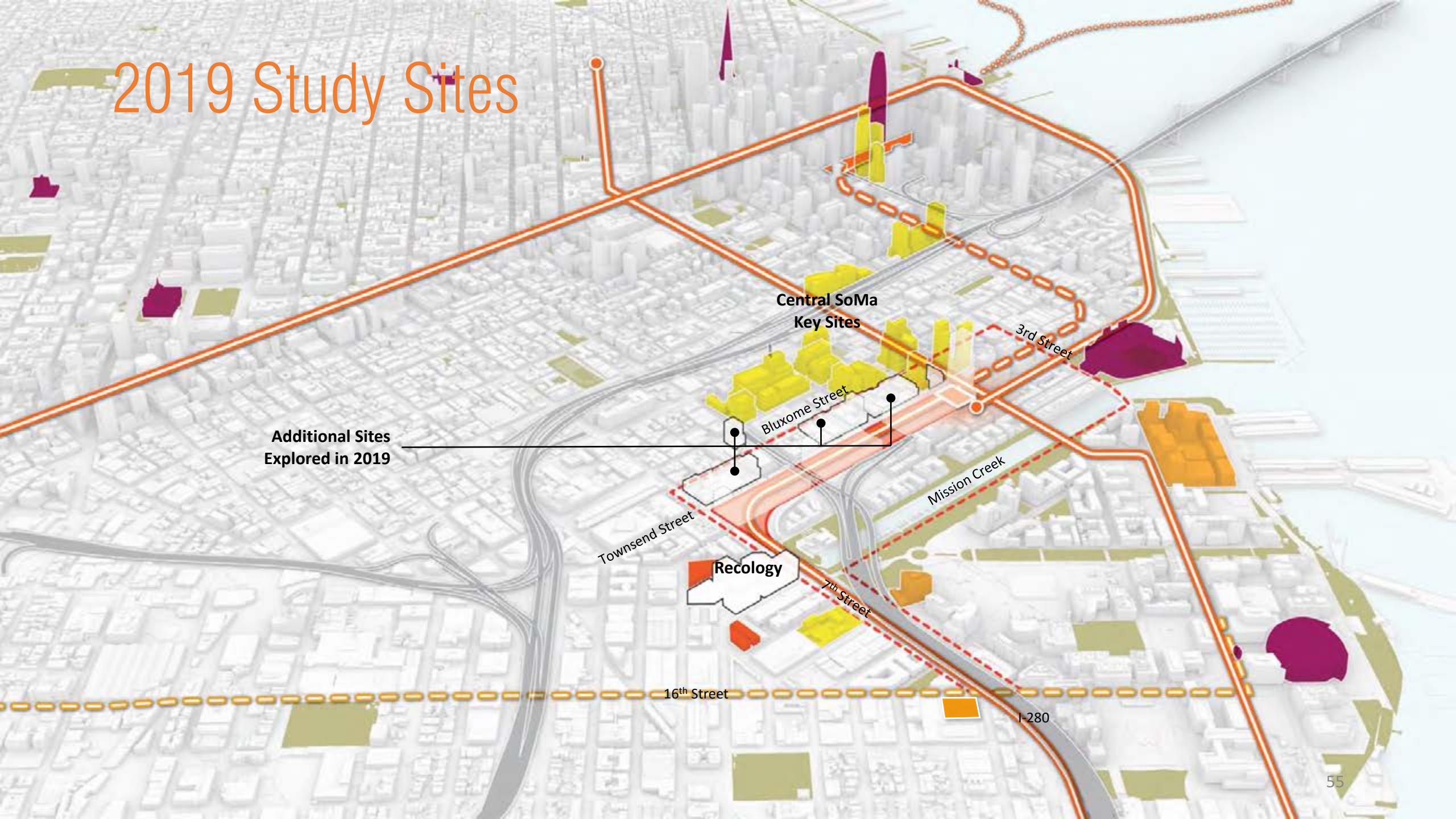
Mission Creek

3rd Street

655 4th Street
(Under Review)

I-280

2019 Study Sites



Additional Sites
Explored in 2019

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Moving Forward...

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Railyards Neighborhood Study Questions

COMMUNITY PRIORITIES	STUDY QUESTIONS
Provide open space, housing and other essential community benefits	What types of open spaces, housing and community services? Where? How much?
Integrate with and improve connections between neighborhoods	Which connections? Serving which transportation modes? How can this project complete the Public Realm network?
Address resilience and sea-level rise at this site	How will resilience planning integrate with and benefit the surrounding neighborhood?
Complement San Francisco's skyline	What is the composition and scale of buildings, heights, roof lines?
Compatibility with the Downtown Extension and Pennsylvania Avenue Extension	Phasing considerations? Intermediate conditions? Synergies?

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Public Participation

(Erika Uribe, Incommon)

Cofacilitator's role

- Process focus (how): meeting logistics, guiding discussion, summarizing next steps.
- Tracking and qualitative analysis of RWG input.
- Support collaborative agenda-setting process.
- Coordinating RWG requests for data, reports, consultation, and ensuring group has tools/ materials to solicit feedback.

Working Group themes (from our prior meetings)

Emerging themes

- Affordability and vitality
- Resilience, SLR, stormwater management & recent flooding
- Context and related projects

Underlying theme

- Community input and RWG Process

Public Participation Plan (draft)

- Focus on **local** stakeholder input
- Strategies following the Public Participation Spectrum:
inform >> **consult** >> **involve** >> (leading to) **collaborate** >> empower
- Coordinated with efforts by other project partners (Prologis/ Caltrain)

Strategies include:

- Railyards Working Group
- Small group conversations (neighborhoods CBO's and priority communities)
- Railyards Network (champions and advocacy groups)
- Digital efforts (website, newsletter)
- Public workshops & events (local and regional stakeholders)

Open discussion

- Asynchronous input
(i.e., emerging themes, Public Participation Plan draft, agenda-setting, other...)
- Group coordinators
- Anything else? Questions or thoughts?

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Next Steps

(All)

Next Steps



- **RWG Members:**
 - Review and comment on Public Participation Plan
 - Continue conversation and provide input on emerging themes
 - Attend and invite staff to community meetings



- **City Family:**
 - 2023 Q3 Meeting is scheduled for September 19th from 5:30pm to 6:30pm
 - Set up location to share Materials for RWG Feedback
 - City Family Consultants to begin work



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

Thank You

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