

BETTER STREETS PLAN IMPLEMENTATION



Presentation to Market and Octavia CAC

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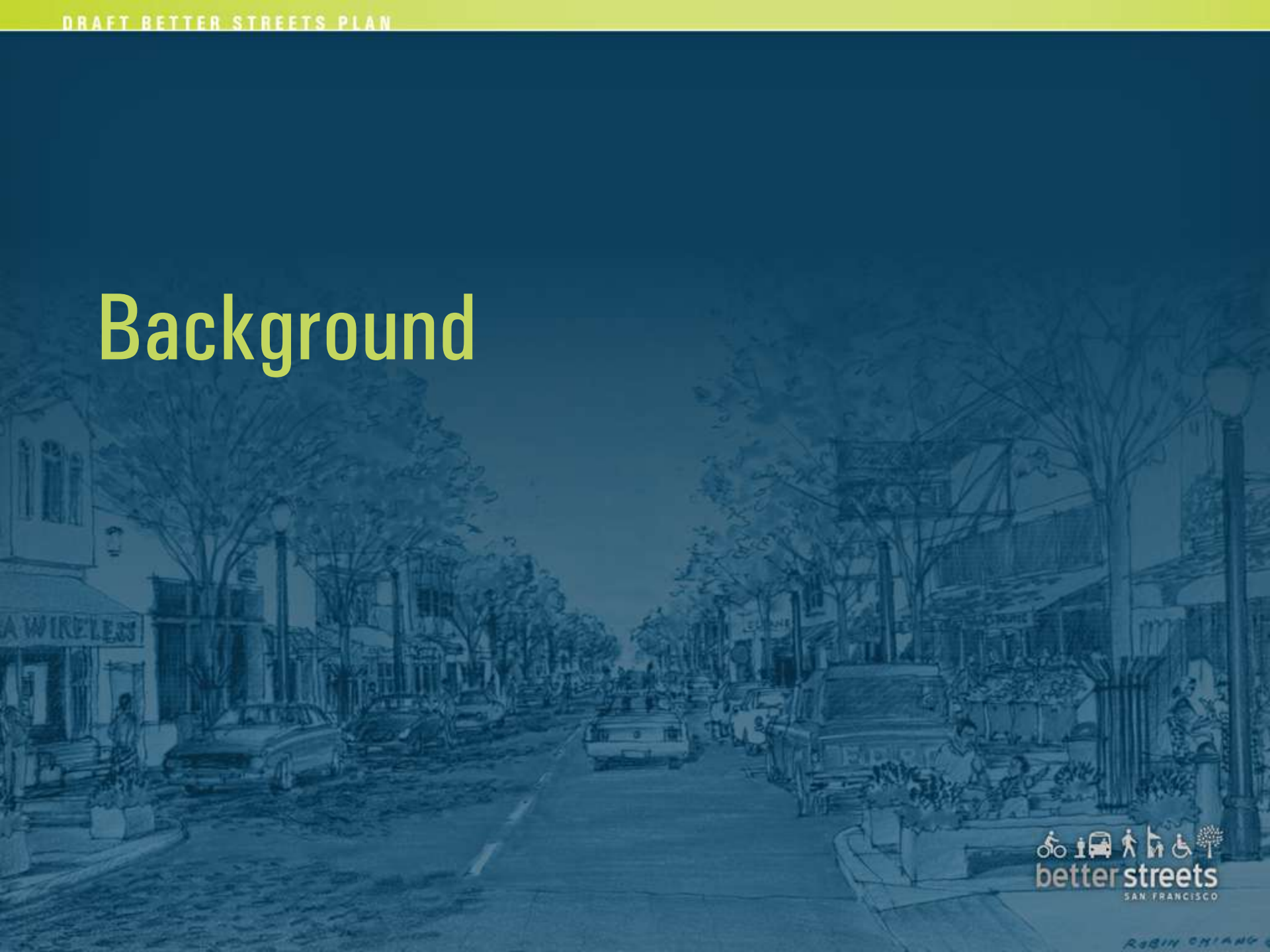
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Background



Key Dates

Spring 2007	Better Streets Plan kick-off meeting
Spring 2008	Draft Plan released; public meetings
Fall 2009	Plan revisions released; info hearings
Summer 2010	Final Draft released
Dec 2010	BSP adopted

Significant Public and Agency Review and Comment

Public Outreach

- ✓ 5 rounds of outreach with over 100 community meetings
- ✓ Monthly meetings with CAC over two years
- ✓ 1,000 surveys received
- ✓ Over 100 comments on the Draft Plan

Agency Review

- ✓ 10 rounds of agency review and comment
- ✓ Technical Advisory Committee to resolve issues
- ✓ Over 50 staff from 15 agencies involved in review





Private parcels:

57% of city land

Parks:

18% of city land
42% of public land

Streets:

25% of city land
58% of public land

Complete Streets

“Complete Streets are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users. Pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities must be able to safely move along and across a complete street.”

- National Complete Streets Coalition

Follows Adopted City Policies

Transit First Policy (SF City Charter Section 8A.115)

“Decisions regarding the use of limited public street and sidewalk space shall encourage the use of public rights of way by pedestrians, bicyclists, and public transit...”

Better Streets Policy (SF Admin Code Section 98)

“... all City departments shall coordinate their various determinations regarding the planning, design, and use of public rights-of-way...”

“Complete Streets” Policy (SF Public Works Code Section 2.4.13)

“...a project involving the planning, construction, reconstruction, or repaving of a public right-of-way, such project shall include ... transit, pedestrian, and bicycle improvements...”

Renewed Emphasis on Public Space



Ecological Potential of Streets



Link Between Livable Streets and Physical Activity



Enhancement of Pedestrian Safety and Accessibility





SAN FRANCISCO BETTER STREETS PLAN POLICIES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE PEDESTRIAN REALM



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Pedestrian realm:
Areas of public right-of-way where people walk, sit, shop, play, and interact—outside of moving vehicles

Street Types



Commercial

Downtown
Throughway
Neighborhood



Special

Parkway
Park edge
Boulevard
Ceremonial (Civic)



Residential

Downtown
Throughway
Neighborhood

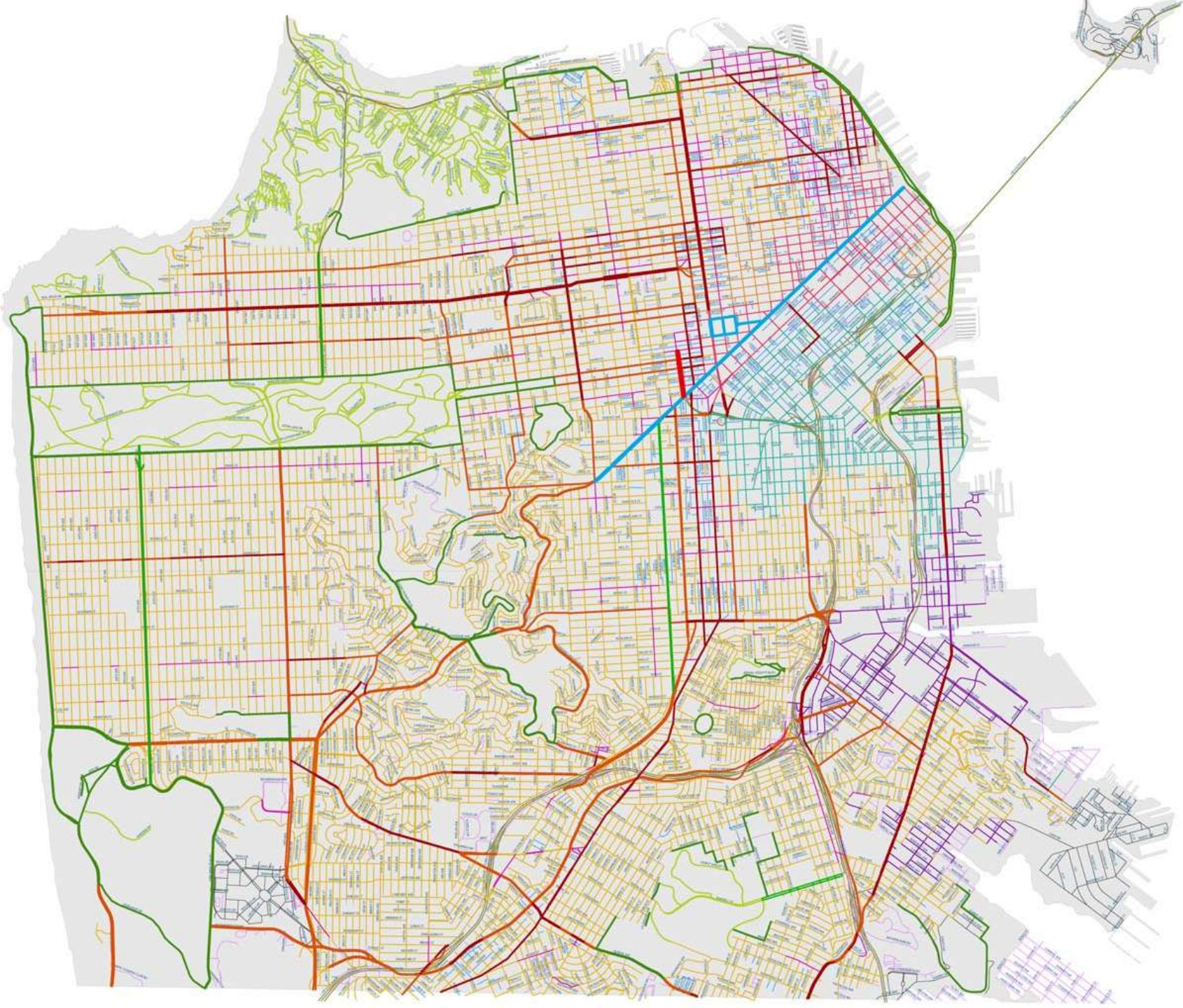


Small

Alley
Shared public way
Paseo

Other

Industrial
Mixed-use



Standard Improvements

(by street type - per guidelines)

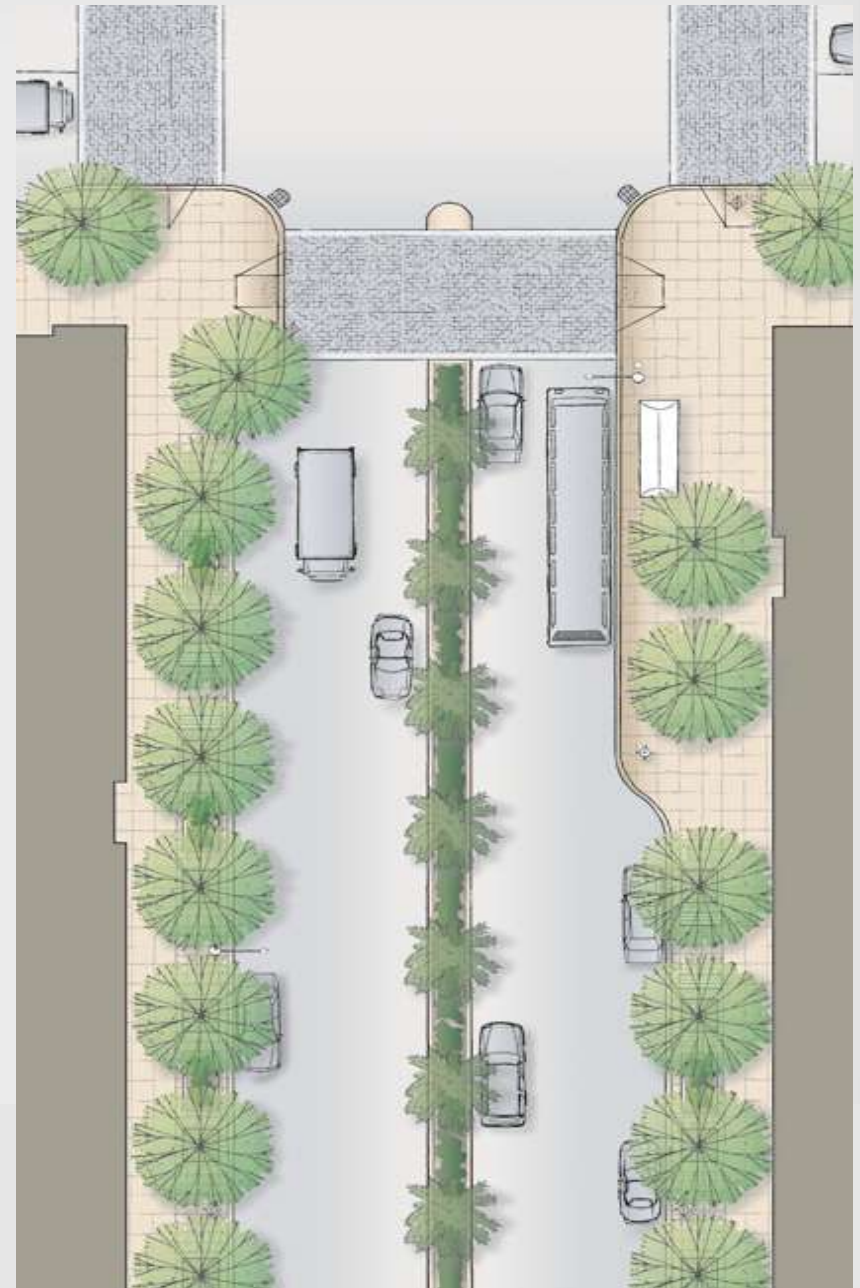
- Curb ramps (BSP Section 5.1)
- Marked crosswalks (5.1)
- Ped signals (5.1)
- Corner bulb-outs (5.3)
- Street trees (6.1)
- Street tree furnishings (6.1)
- Sidewalk landscaping (6.1)
- Stormwater features (6.2)
- Pedestrian lighting (6.3)
- Special paving (6.4)
- Site furnishings (6.5)



Case-by-Case Additions

(by street type – per guidelines)

- High-visibility crosswalks
- Special crosswalk treatments
- Mid-block crosswalks
- Raised crosswalks
- Extended bulb-out
- Mid-block bulb-out
- Center median
- Pedestrian refuge island
- Transit bulb-out/boarding island
- Perpendicular/angled parking plazas
- Flexible use of parking lane
- Parking land planter
- Chicane
- Traffic circle
- Pocket park
- Boulevard treatment
- Shared public way
- Pedestrian-only treatment



Better Streets PLAN – Policies and Guidelines



- Provides policy direction re: street design priorities
- Provides framework for locating individual elements in overall streetscape
- Guides design of features in the public right-of-way, including:
 - Pedestrian safety and traffic calming
 - Greening and stormwater
 - Innovative public space treatments
 - Other streetscape elements



Better Streets **LEGISLATION** – Code Requirements



- **All users** – Administrative code Section 98.1:
 - For streetscape elements included in BSP, must conform with BSP guidelines
 - New streets must include all standard streetscape elements and recommended sidewalk width
- **Private Development** – Planning Code Section 138.1:
 - Street trees (pre-existing requirements)
 - Standard streetscape elements
 - Sidewalk widening (recommended width for street type)

Implementing Better Streets in San Francisco



Who builds Better Streets improvements



■ City-sponsored capital improvements

- DPW: Great Streets projects
- MTA: transit, traffic calming, ped, bike, etc.
- Pavement to Parks program



■ Private development

- Required streetscape improvements (Planning Code Section 138.1)
- New streets as part of major developments (e.g. CP/HPS)
- In-kind agreements
- Public realm mitigations



■ Community initiatives

- Sidewalk landscaping
- Median greening
- Parklets

Funding for Better Streets improvements

- Prop B – Roadway Bond (paving, streetscape, bike, ped)
- Prop K – Transportation Sales Tax (variety of eligible project types)
- Prop AA – Vehicle License Fee (ped, transit)
- Development impact fees
- Federal and State Grant sources (e.g. One Bay Area)
- See [SFCTA funding sources matrix](#)

Community Resources

[Community Challenge Grants](#)

[Sidewalk Landscape Permit](#) (DPW)

[Parklets](#)

[Traffic Calming Requests](#) (SFMTA)

[Urban Watershed Stewardship Grants](#) (SFPUC)



Signage:
Planning

Street trees:
DPW (Bureau of Urban Forestry)
or property owner

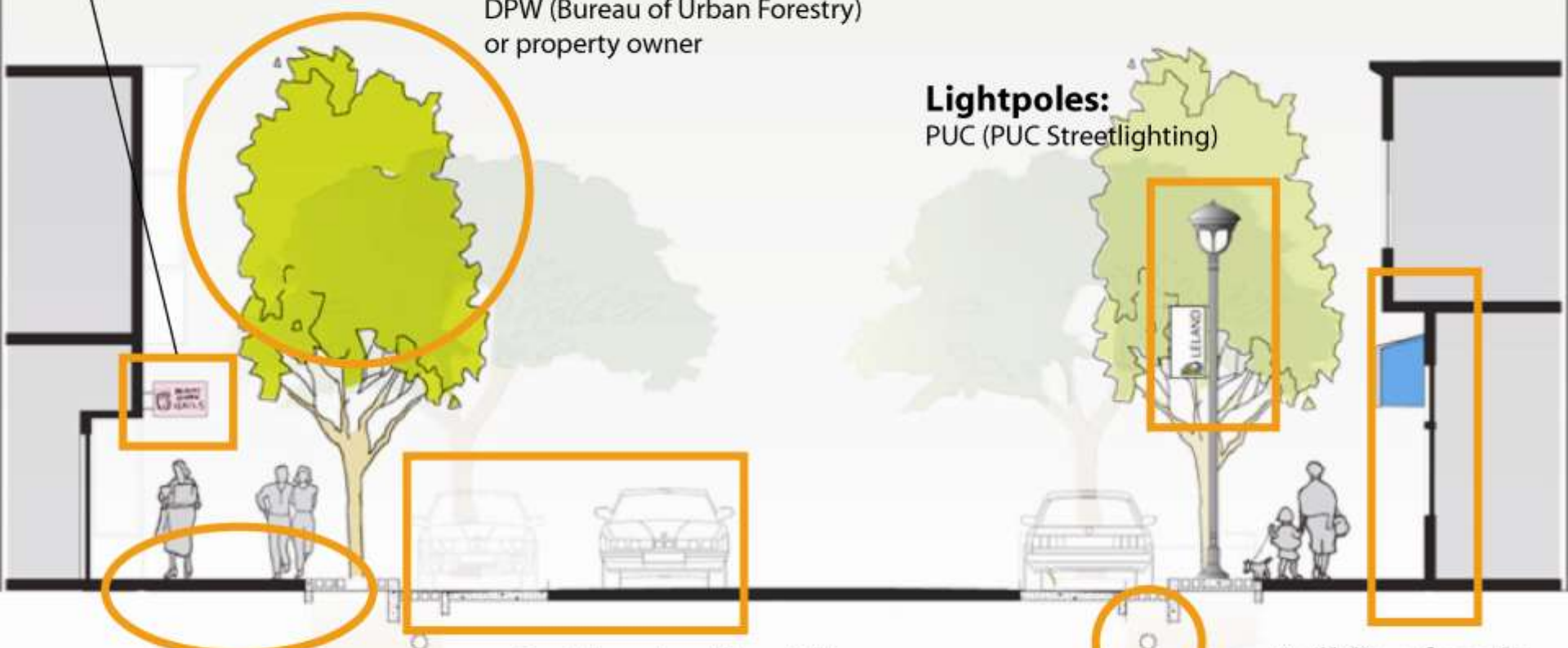
Lightpoles:
PUC (PUC Streetlighting)

Sidewalk permits and maintenance:
DPW, property owner

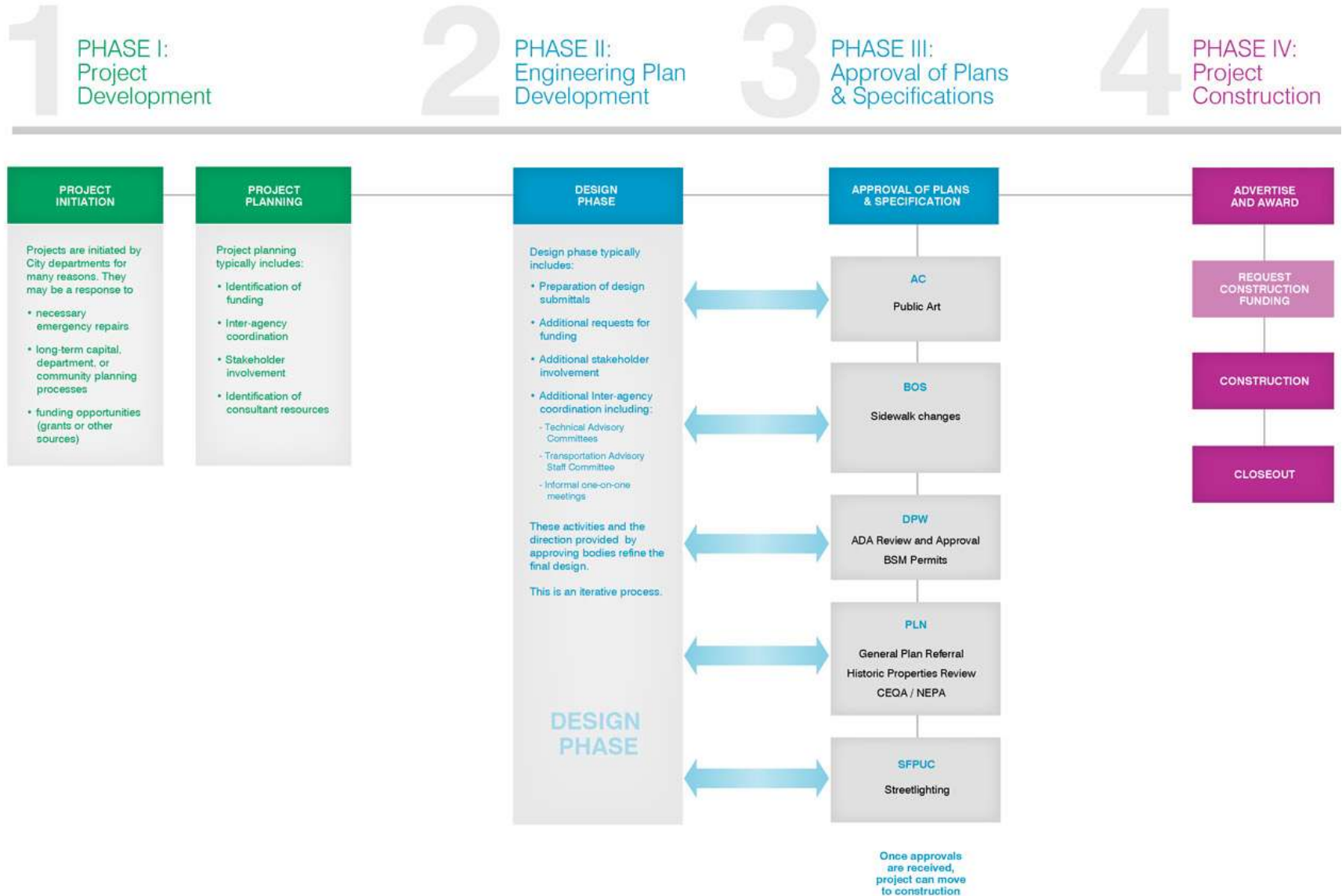
Parking, loading, bike, transit, traffic control:
MTA (DPT, Muni)

Storm drains, utilities:
PUC (Wastewater Enterprise)

Building facade, curb-cuts:
Planning



Existing City process



Controller's Office Better Streets Plan Study:

“Responsibilities for streetscape project planning, design, delivery and maintenance are shared by many City departments:

Although departments do coordinate, no formal framework exists to allow and encourage City departments to negotiate project design components and make necessary compromises (at the department level) to support citywide goals.”

- *Better Streets Plan: Recommendations for Improved Streetscape Project Planning, Design, Review and Approval*, Office of the Controller – City Services Auditor, January 19, 2010

Controller's Office Better Streets Plan Study:

“Internal City challenges are amplified for members of the public interested in developing streetscape projects:

Those individuals with less experience and/or pursuing a relatively small greening project may become discouraged by the process; and even those with significant knowledge of the process may be dissuaded from proposing improvements or following through on building those improvements by the complexity of the process.”

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Controller's Office Recommendations

Citywide (Inter-agency) Recommendations

#	Recommendation
1	Create and institute a unified project design checklist
2	Increase the profile of design and cost (operations and maintenance) considerations
3	Pilot formally-framed interdepartmental collaboration groups (Capital and Design Review)
4	Consolidate meaningful streetscape planning and delivery resources into single location

Coordination of Street Projects

- Streets Capital Group
- DPW 5 year Plan
- Planned improvements database

for planning purposes only PLANNING PROJECTS

list only planning projects

Results:
 show all joint opportunities
 show planning joint opportunities only

2774 record(s) locations shaded in gray indicate NON-PLANNING projects sort direction Ascending Descending

street name	limits	utility	project	start date	end date	duration	location phase	flag
01ST ST	MISSION ST intersection	DCP	Mission Street				Planning	
01ST ST	HOWARD ST intersection	DCP	Howard Street				Planning	
01ST ST	FOLSOM ST intersection	DCP	Folsom Civic Boulevard				Planning	• moratorium ends 11/13/2014
01ST ST	FOLSOM ST intersection	DCP	1st Street Streetscape				Planning	• moratorium ends 11/13/2014
01ST ST	FOLSOM ST to GUY PL (300 - 336)	DCP	1st Street Streetscape				Planning	
01ST ST	GUY PL intersection	DCP	1st Street Streetscape				Planning	
01ST ST	GUY PL intersection	DCP	Guy and Lansing Streets Streetscape				Planning	
01ST ST	GUY PL to LANSING ST (301 - 363)	DCP	1st Street Streetscape				Planning	
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01ST ST	LANSING ST to HARRISON ST \ I-80 E ON RAMP (362 - 399)	DCP	1st Street Streetscape				Planning	
01ST ST	HARRISON ST \ I-80 E ON RAMP	DCP	Folsom Civic Boulevard				Planning	

[export search results to excel](#)
[add a new project](#)

filter by street name

- remove filter --
- 01ST ST
- 02ND ST
- 03RD ST
- 04TH ST
- 05TH ST
- 07TH ST
- 08TH ST
- 09TH ST

filter by project name

- remove filter --
- 12th Street Greening
- 16th and Irwin Public Pl
- 16th St at CalTrain Grad
- 16th St Green Connecto
- 16th Street Corridor Tra
- 19th Avenue/Parkmerce
- 1st Street Streetscape
- 20th St Green Connecto

SF Street Improvements Website (www.sfbetterstreets.org)

(under development)

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the 'sfbetterstreets' website. The page title is 'Find Project Types | sfbett...'. The URL in the address bar is 'sfbetterstreets.sfplanning.org/find-project-types/type/streetscape-elements/5'. The website header features the 'sfbetterstreets' logo and the tagline 'A Guide to Making Better Streets in San Francisco'. A navigation menu includes 'Why Better Streets?', 'Find Project Types' (highlighted), 'Learn The Process', and 'Design Guidelines'. A search bar is located in the top right corner.

The main content area is titled 'Find Project Types' and 'Streetscape Elements'. It includes a paragraph explaining that streetscape elements like lighting, special paving, and street furniture provide amenities for pedestrians. Below this, there are six categories of streetscape elements, each with a representative image and a link to an overview page:

- [Benches and Seating](#)
- [Paving](#)
- [Bicycle Racks](#)
- [Street Furniture Overview](#)
- [Permeable Paving](#)
- [Stormwater Overview](#)
- [Street Lighting](#)

The right sidebar contains a 'FIND PROJECT TYPES' section with a list of categories: 'Activating Street Space', 'Greening and Stormwater Management', 'Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Calming', and 'Reclaiming Roadway Space'. Below this are three featured sections: 'Streetscape Elements', 'Building Neighborhood Support', 'Merchant's Corner', and 'Developer Requirements', each with a brief description and a 'Read more...' link.

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