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Date:	January 10, 2019
Case No.:	2015-004568PRJ
Project Address:	10 SOUTH VAN NESS AVENUE
Zoning:	C-3-G (Downtown – General Commercial) District
	Van Ness & Market Downtown Residential SUD
	120-R-2, 120/400-R-2 Height and Bulk District
Block/Lot:	3506/004
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Recommendation:	None – Informational Only

BACKGROUND

In April 2015, the Project Sponsor filed a Preliminary Project Assessment (PPA) application with the Planning Department ("Department") to demolish the existing, approximately 50,000 sf auto dealership building, and construct a new 40-story, 400-foot tall mixed-use building with two residential towers over a 12-story podium. Concurrently, the Project Sponsor filed an Environmental Evaluation application for the proposed Project. On January 20, 2016, the Project Sponsor filed an application requesting approval of a Downtown Project Authorization pursuant to Section 309 of the Planning Code.

On December 6, 2018, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on the Draft Environmental Impact Report ("DEIR"), at which, opportunity for public comment was given, and public comment received on the DEIR. The period for commenting on the DEIR ended on December 11, 2018.

The DEIR evaluated both the proposed project and a project variant, as well as five project alternatives to the project and variant. The Project Site is located within both the Downtown Area Plan and the Market-Octavia Area Plan. Additionally, the Project Site is also located within the pending Hub Area of Market-Octavia. As part of the Hub Area Plan and associated rezonings, the Project Site will be upzoned to allow for greater heights than permitted under current zoning controls. Working in coordination with the Department, the Project Sponsor has developed a variant to the proposed project that would include a single, 590-foot tall tower, which would be consistent with the anticipated Hub Plan. The Project Sponsor has identified the single-tower variant to be the preferred project. Today's presentation will provide additional information on this proposed variant, which the Department supports.

CURRENT PROPOSAL – SINGLE-TOWER DESIGN

The proposed variant to the project (hereinafter "Project") would involve construction of one 590-foot tall tower with 55 stories over a podium structure. The Project would contain 984 dwelling units and approximately 30,450 square feet of ground floor commercial space. The Project would not exceed a parking ratio of 0.25 spaces per dwelling unit, provided across two levels of underground parking.

As the Project anticipates the rezonings associated with the Hub Area Plan, the Project would require amendments to the Planning Code and General Plan in order to allow for the greater height development.

REQUIRED COMMISSION ACTION

There is no required Commission action on this item at today's hearing; it is for informational purposes only and to gather preliminary feedback from the Commission related to the proposed design, public realm and community benefits.

RECOMMENDATION: None – Informational Only

Attachments:

Project Sponsor Presentation

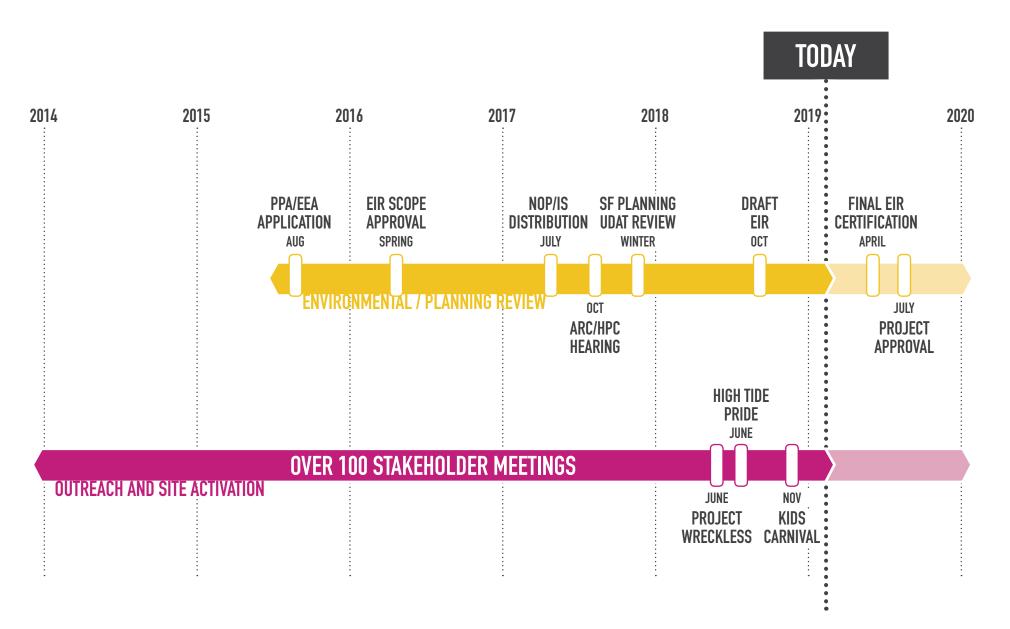


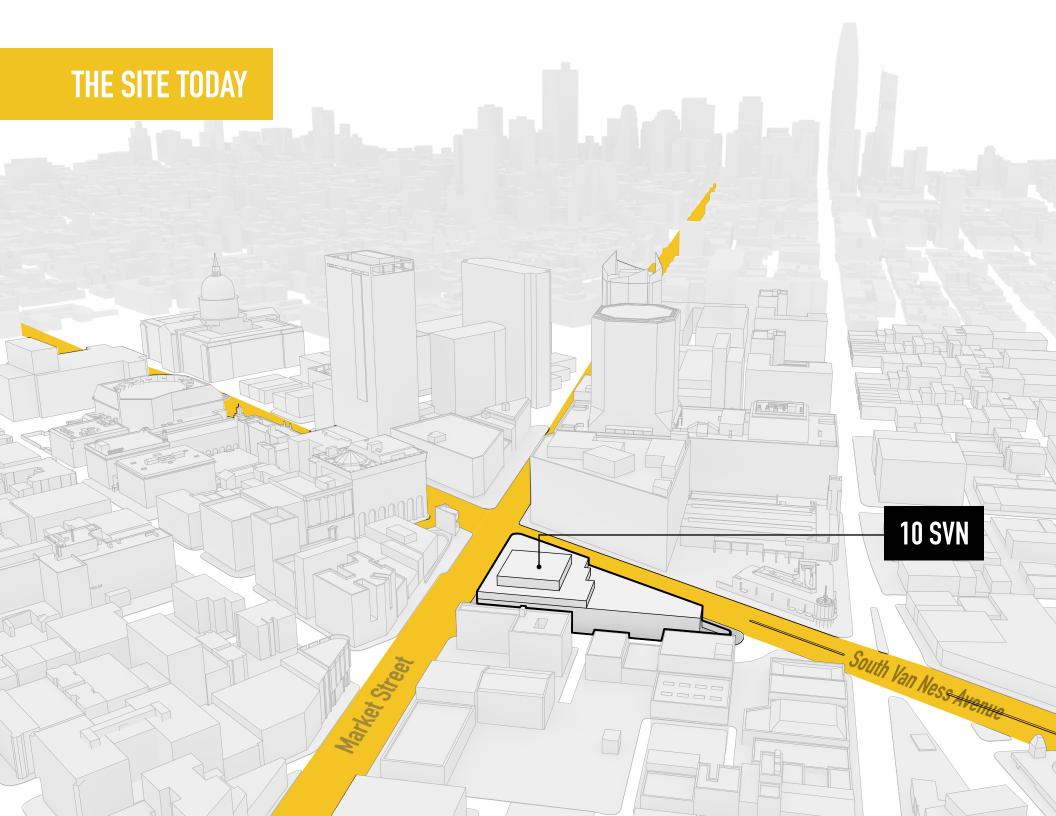
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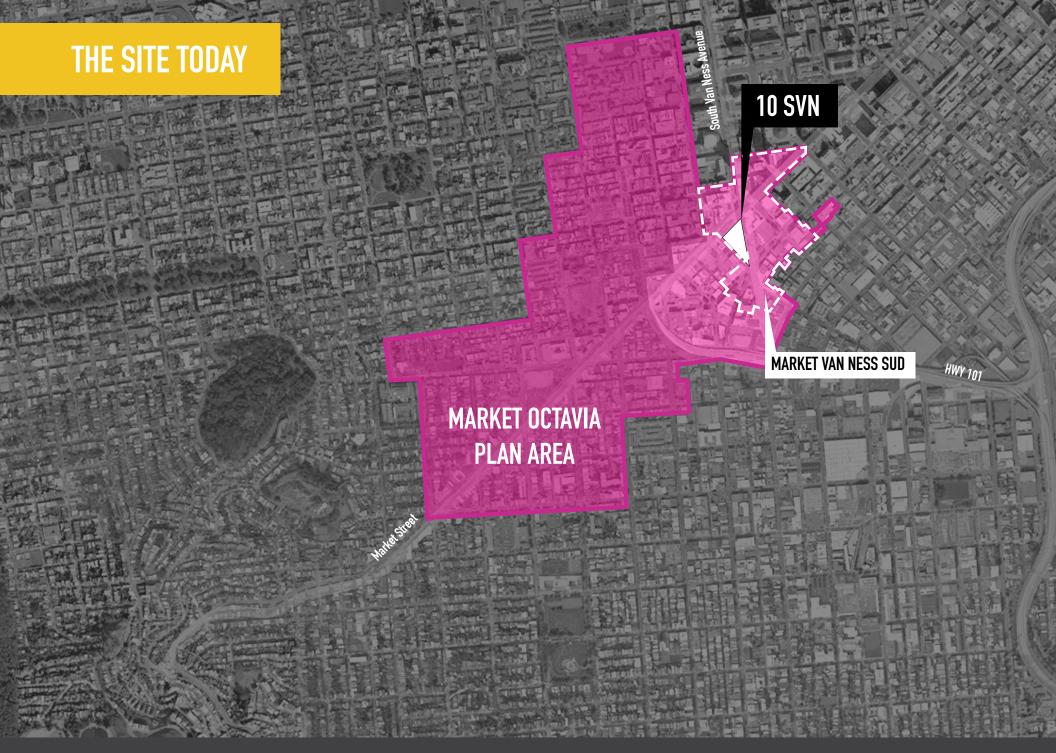




WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING







Market Van Ness Special Use District (2008) encouraged upzoning within the district and downzoning the remaining area.



TO FERRY BUILDIN



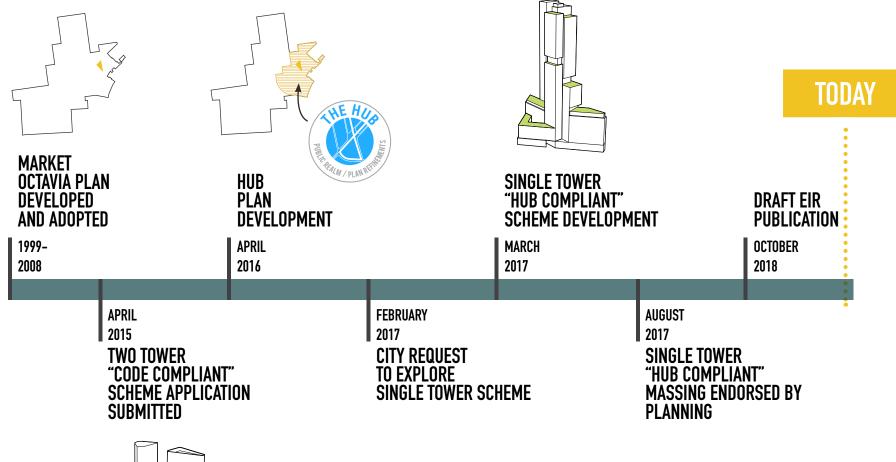
Source: Adapted from SF Planning, The HUB Workshop 1, April 13, 2016

The Market Van Ness SUD became the foundation for the Hub.

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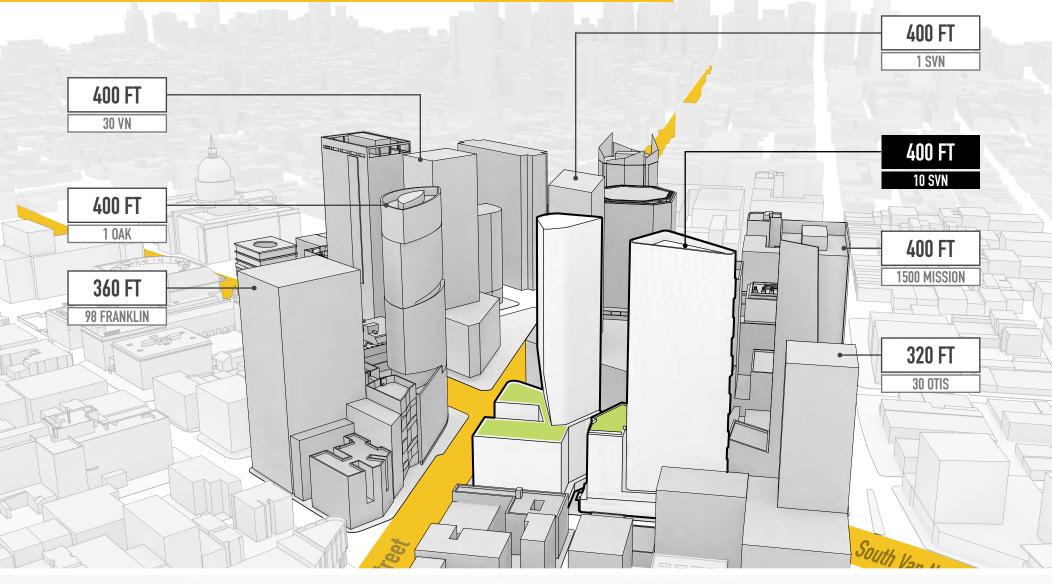
NEIGHBORHOODS

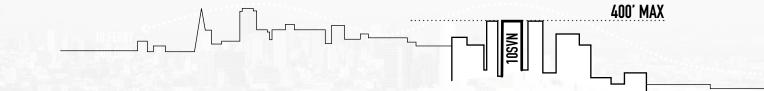
PROJECT PROGRESSION



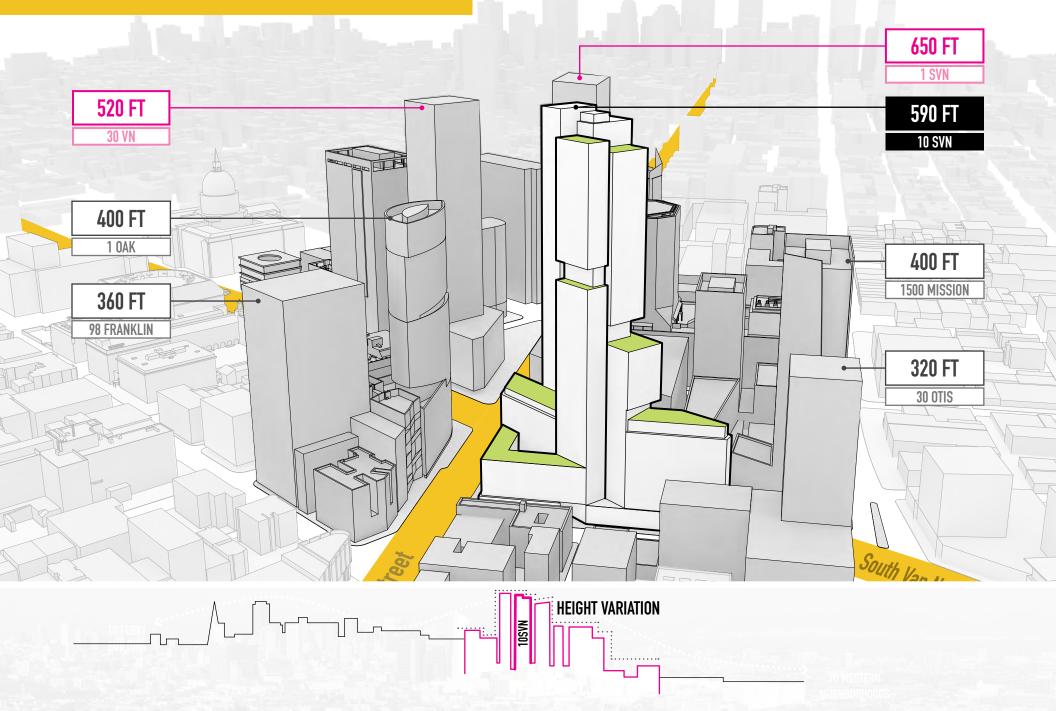


MARKET OCTAVIA PLAN COMPLIANT DEVELOPMENT





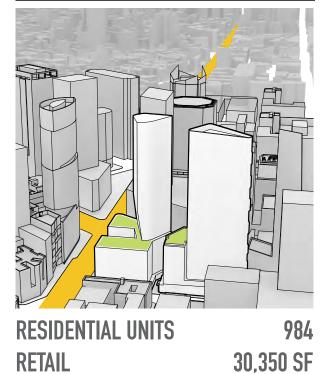
HUB COMPLIANT DEVELOPMENT



PROJECT COMPARISON

HEIGHT

MARKET OCTAVIA PLAN Compliant project



400'

HUB COMPLIANT PROJECT (PREFERRED) 1034 17 **RESIDENTIAL UNITS** 984 30,450 SF RETAIL **HEIGHT 590'**

CONTEXT



BRIDGING THREE CONTEXTS

SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOODS, SCALES & MATERIALS

HAYES VALLEY









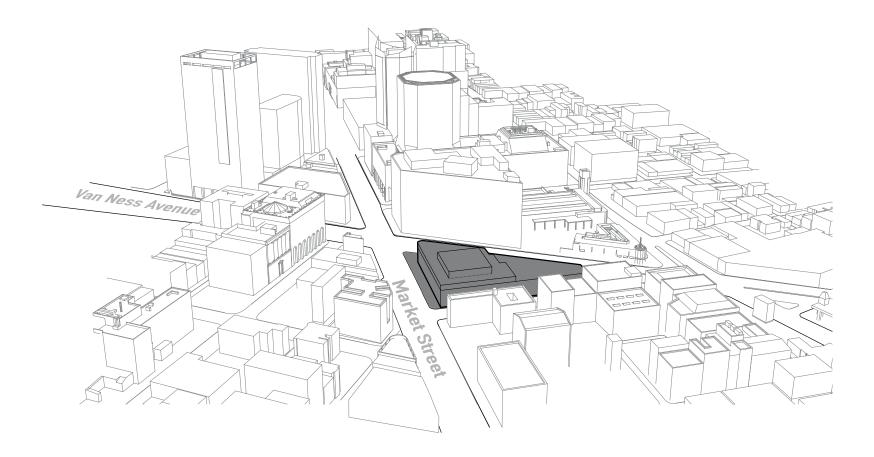
Cable Car Lines

Light Rail Lines **Bus Routes**

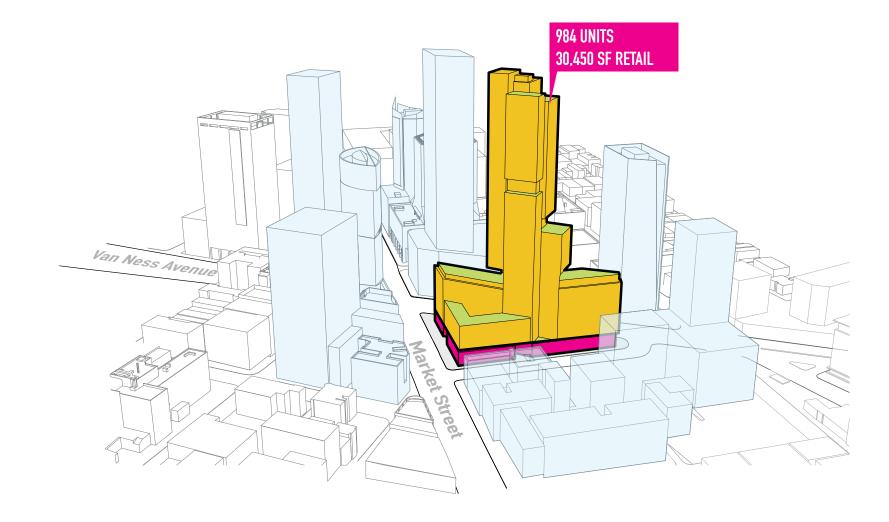
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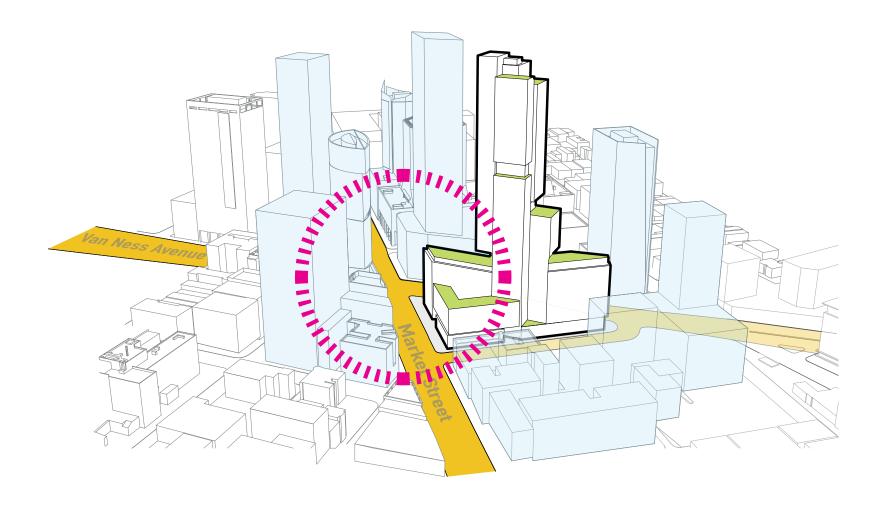
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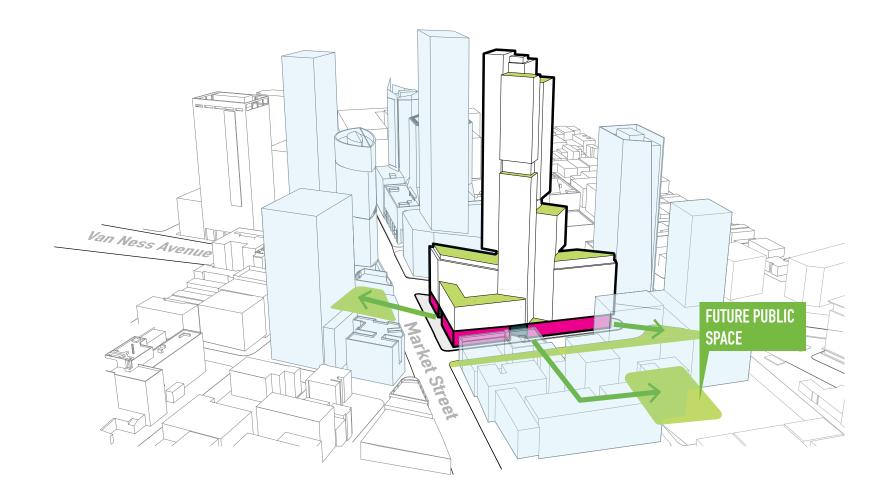
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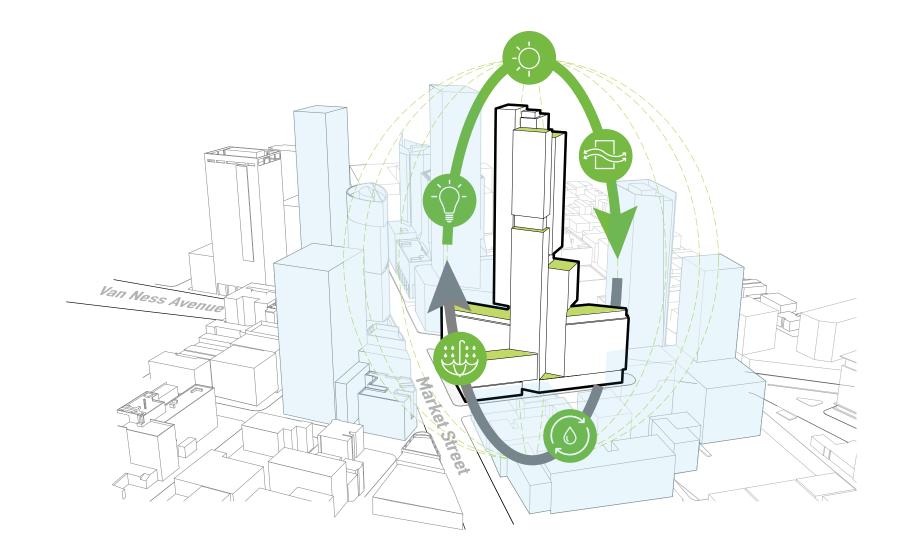
2 BRING HIGH DENSITY TO A TRANSIT-RICH KEY INTERSECTION



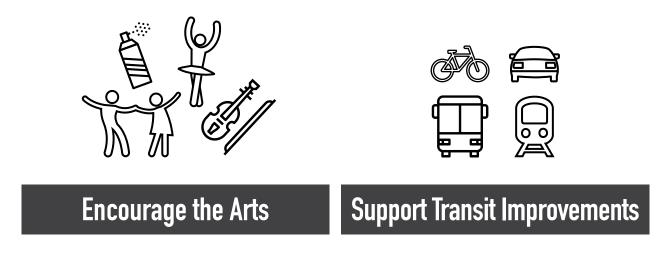
3 ACTIVATE THE SITE THROUGH THE CREATION OF A RICH PUBLIC REALM



4 CREATE THE FIRST CARBON-NEUTRAL HIGH RISE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN SAN FRANCISCO







IMPROVE URBAN FORM

PROJECT OVERVIEW

DESIGN CONCEPTS

- 1. RESPOND TO SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOODS, SCALE, AND MATERIALS.
- 2. INTEGRATE NATURE WITH URBAN CONTEXT.
- 3. BREAK DOWN MASSING TO RESPOND TO SITE & CONTEXT.
- 4. ENHANCE & SUPPORT PUBLIC REALM, AND CULTIVATE COMMUNITY & CULTURE.

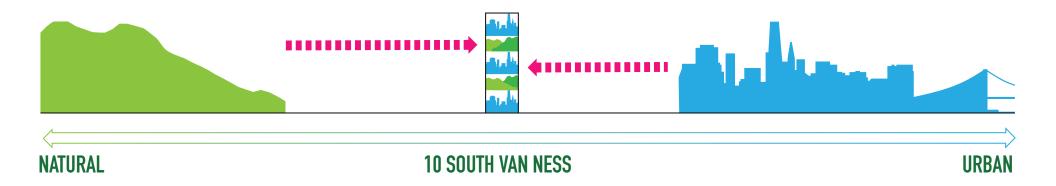
PROJECT OVERVIEW

URBAN FORM DIAGRAM



PROJECT OVERVIEW

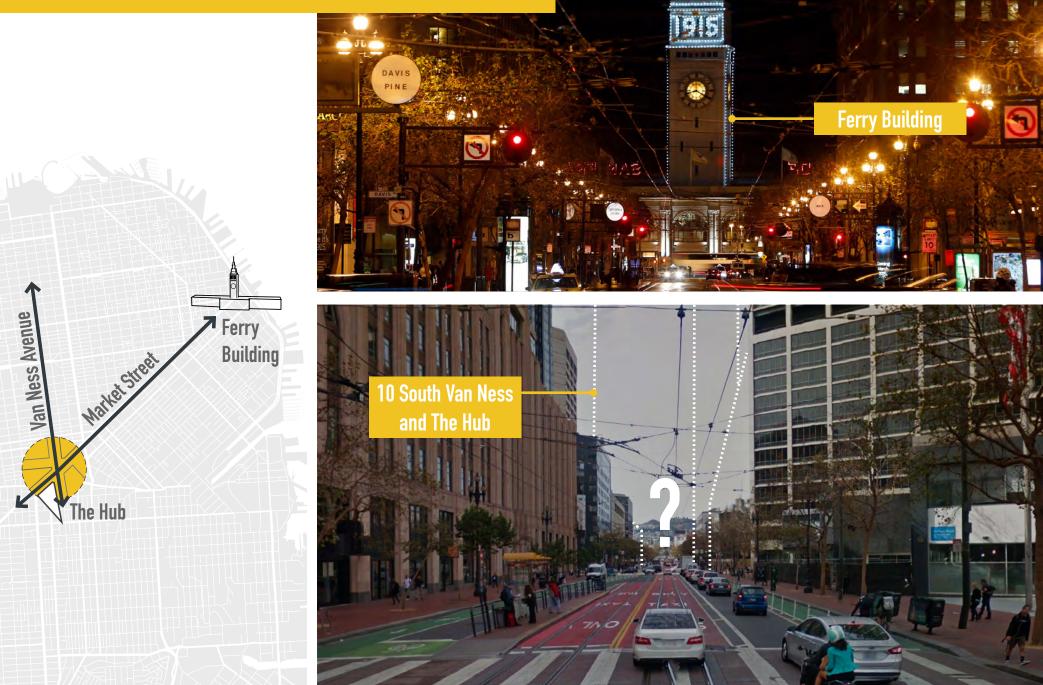
INTEGRATE NATURE



10 SOUTH VAN NESS IS LOCATED IN A UNIQUE POSITION BETWEEN TWIN PEAKS AND THE FINANCIAL DISTRICT

THE PROJECT SYNTHESIZES BOTH: THE TOWER BUNDLES REPRESENT THE URBAN ELEMENT WHILE SKY GARDENS INTRODUCE NATURE ONTO THE SKYLINE

A COUNTERPOINT TO THE FERRY BUILDING

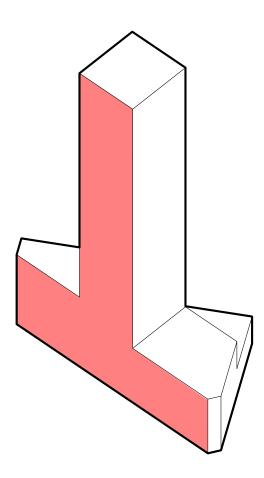


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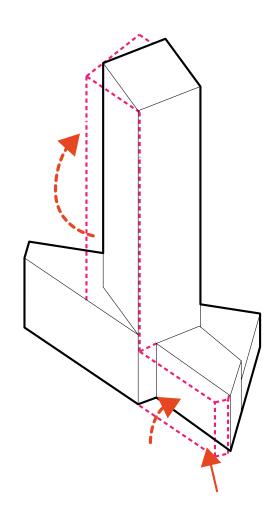
THE BUILDING

MASSING



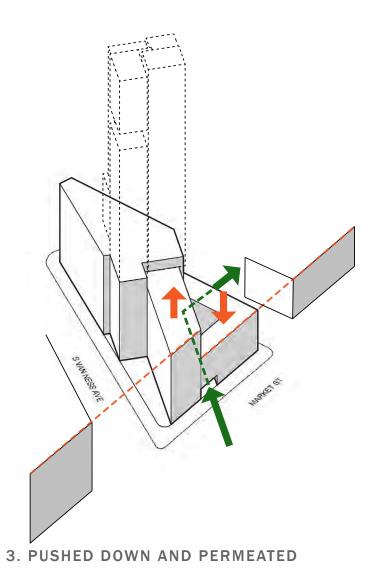
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MASSING

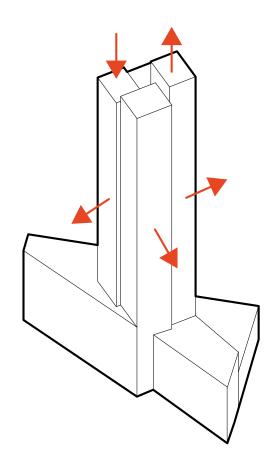


2. ROTATED & SET BACK TO REDUCE STREET FRONTAGE

MASSING

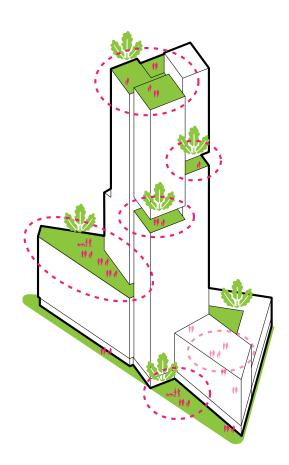


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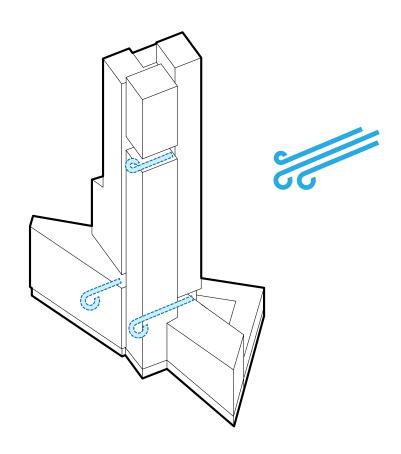
4. BUNDLES SLIM THE TOWER REDUCING ITS PERCEIVED BULK ON THE SKYLINE

MASSING



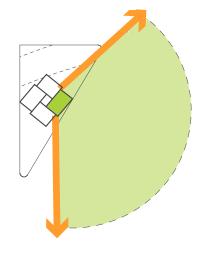
5. VOIDS ARE INTRODUCED THROUGHOUT THE TOWER.THE CUT-OUTS PROVIDE GREEN OUTDOOR SPACES THAT POPULATE THE BUILDING VERTICALLY

MASSING

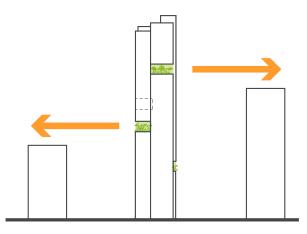


6. CUT-OUTS HELP DECELERATE PREVAILING WINDS BY REDUCING THE BROAD FACES EXPOSED TO DIRECT GUSTS

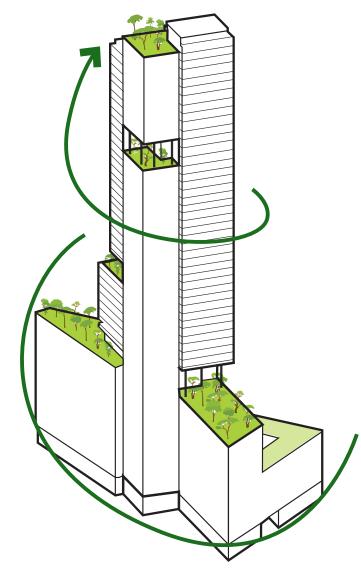
BREAK DOWN MASSING



EACH SKY GARDEN RELATES TO DIRECTIONAL VIEWS



THE SKY GARDENS ARE POSITIONED TO RELATE TO SURROUNDING CONTEXT AND GIVE SCALE



EACH BUNDLE SPONSORS A SKY GARDEN

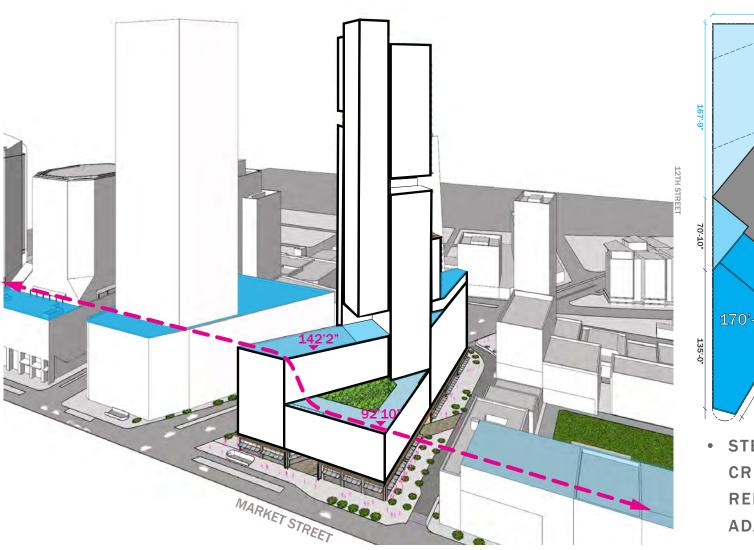
THE SKY GARDENS ARE ARRANGED IN A SPIRAL STEPPING UP THE TOWER

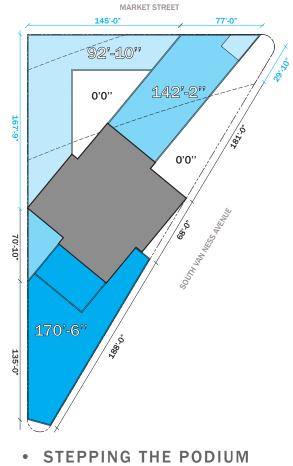
THE SKY GARDENS ARE LOCATED AT HEIGHTS THAT PROMOTE A CONNECTION TO THE SURROUNDING CONTEXT



SITE DESIGN, MASSING, AND PUBLIC SPACE

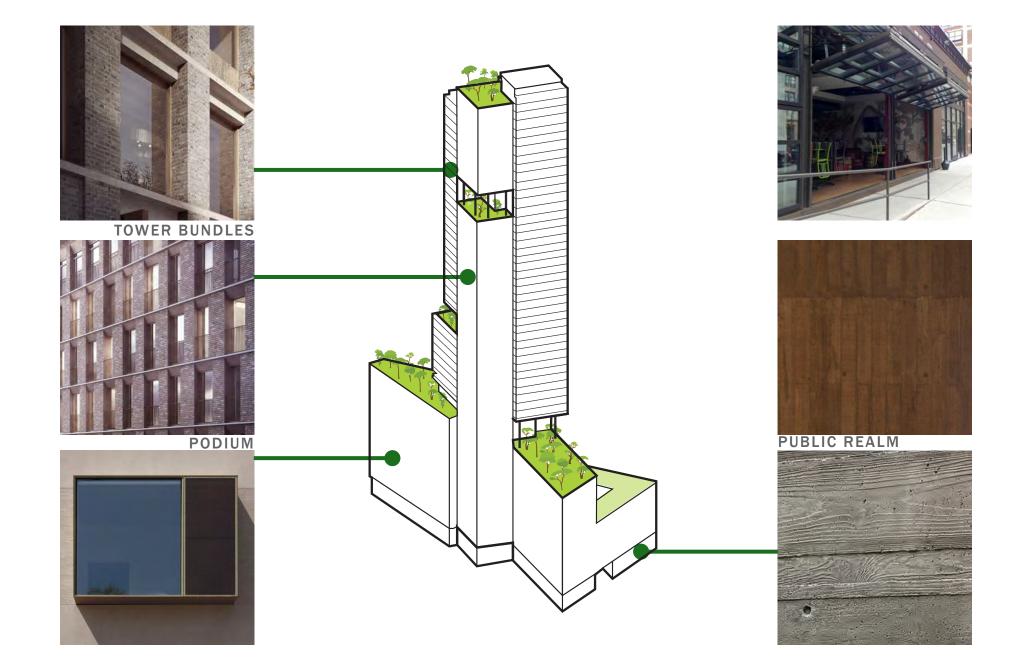
PODIUM HEIGHT – AVERAGE FRONTAGE HEIGHT





STEPPING THE PODIUM
 CREATES BETTER
 RELATATIONSHIP TO
 ADJACENT CONTEXT

FACADE



THE PUBLIC REALM

PROJECT PUBLIC REALM COMPARISON

MARKET OCTAVIA PLAN COMPLIANT PROJECT

Code Compliant 20' Mid-Block Passage to South Van Ness

MARKET ST

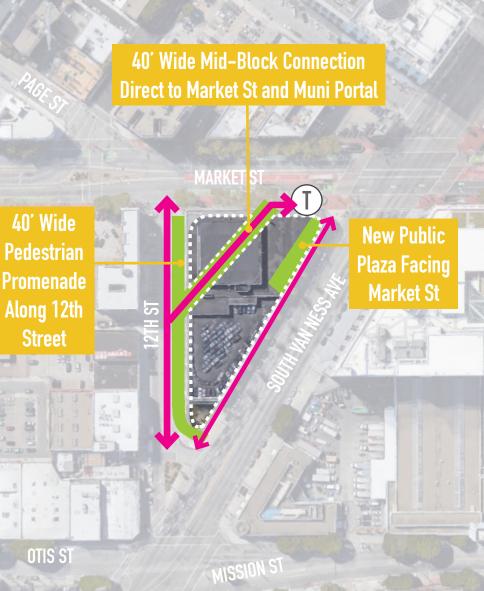
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21' Wide Sidewalk Along 12th Street

No Open Space Along South Van Ness Ave

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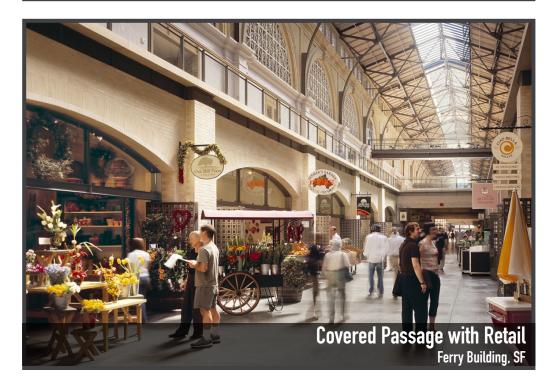
SINGLE TOWER VARIANT PROJECT



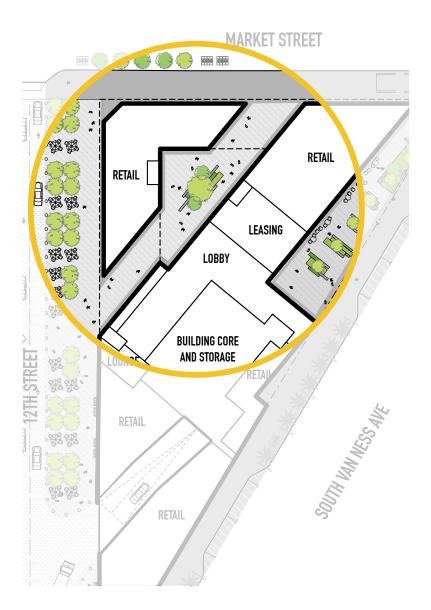
AN ENHANCED PUBLIC REALM







A NEW CONNECTION TO MARKET STREET



POTENTIAL PROGRAMMING

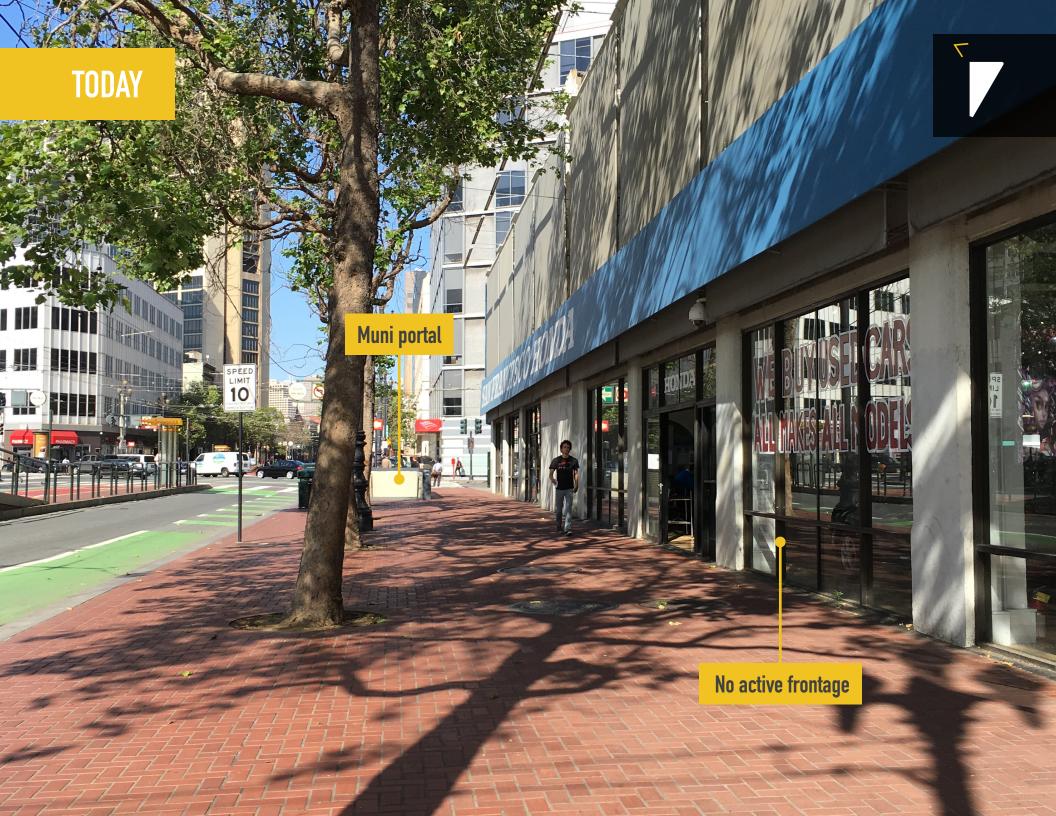
NEIGHBORHOOD AMENITIES



POTENTIAL PROGRAMMING

CREATIVE AND CULTURAL ELEMENTS





A NEW CONNECTION TO MARKET STREET

Program at multiple levels

Garage style doors to retail spaces

Potential public art installations

Improved pedestrian connection to Muni portal

A NEW CONNECTION TO MARKET STREET





A NEW PUBLIC PLAZA

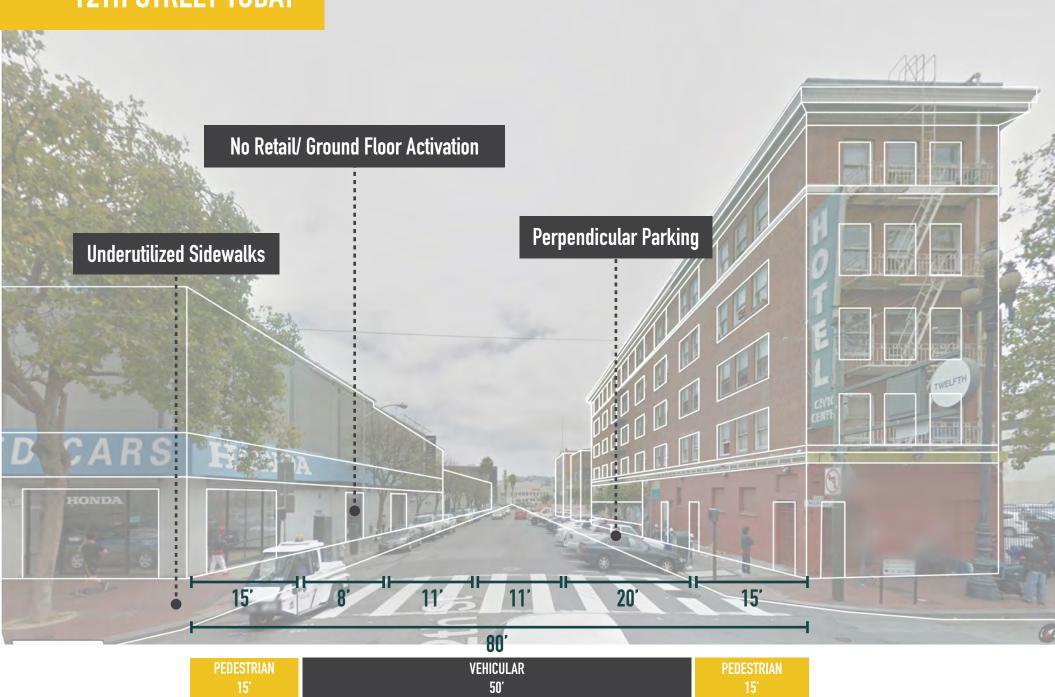
Mix of complementary materials

Prominant residential lobby and plaza

Widened sidewalk for seating and landscaping

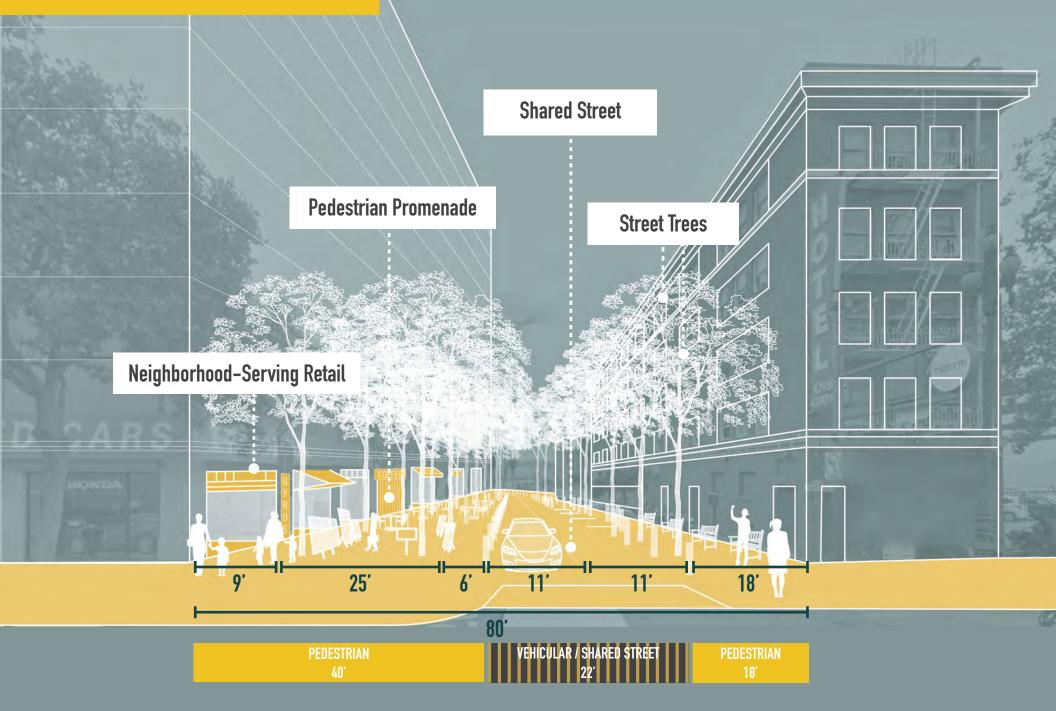
Anchor tenant at key intersection

A NEW PUBLIC PLAZA



12TH STREET TODAY

12TH STREET PROPOSED







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Metered Loading Space

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SUPPORT TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS

TDM: LEARNING FROM NEMA



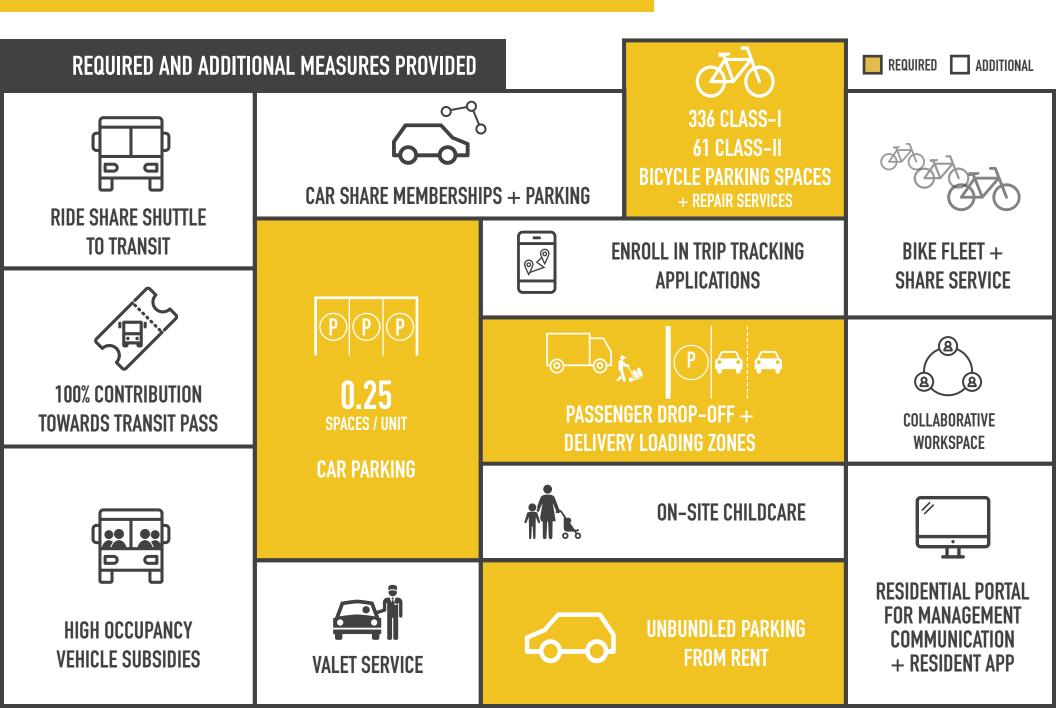








TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT (TDM)



PLANNING FOR ADAPTATION

K. A.M

TYPICAL GARAGES

10'-12' FLOOR TO FLOOR HEIGHT

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THE RECTORNEY

ADAPTED GARAGES

10SVN: 21' FLOOR TO FLOOR HEIGHT

MAKING HISTORY

THIS PROJECT WOULD BE THE FIRST

RESIDENTIAL HIGH RISE IN SAN FRANCISCO TO HAVE NET ZERO GREEN HOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

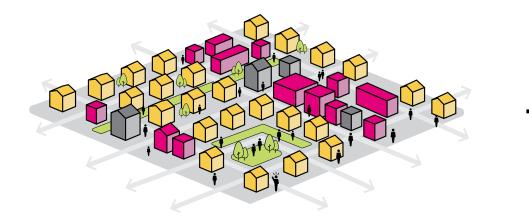
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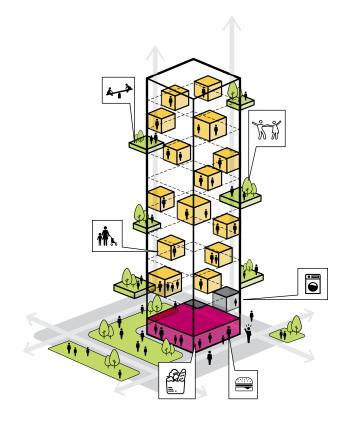
ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (ELDP) CERTIFICATION



VERTICAL VILLAGE

RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT FOR REDUCED CARBON FOOTPRINT





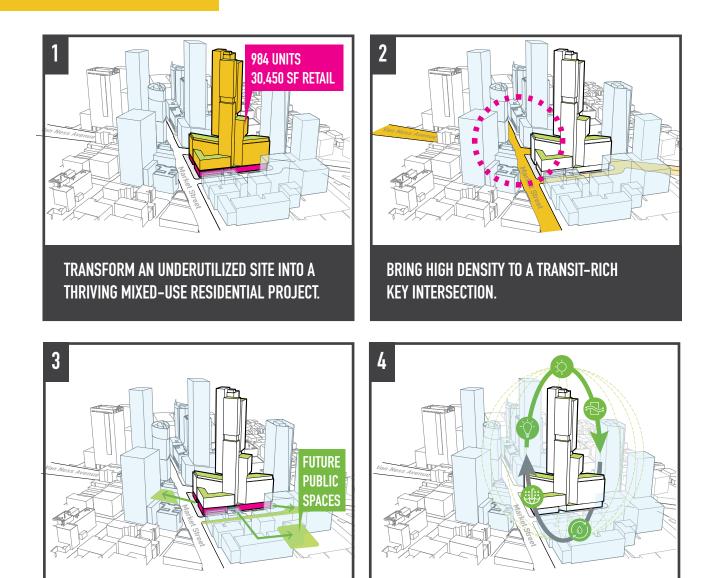
COMPACT URBAN

MEDIUM DENSITY

SUMMARY

PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES

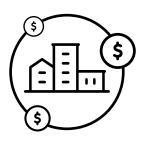
RICH PUBLIC REALM.

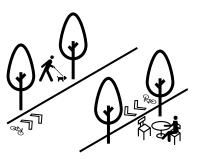


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HUB + PROJECT GOALS







Improve Urban Form

» Create Compelling Architecture to Anchor the HUB on the Cityscape

Increase Affordable Housing

 » Contribute Affordable Housing and Other Benefits to the Neighborhood

Enhance the Public Realm

- » Create a Safe, Active, and Walkable Public Realm
- » Create a Pedestrian-Focused Experience on 12th Street



Encourage the Arts

 Integrate the Social History of the Site as part of the Ground Plane Activation Strategies

Support Transit Improvements

» Locate Housing Density Near Concentration of Transit



APPENDIX

10 SOUTH VAN NESS HISTORIC INTERPRETATION OPPORTUNITIES



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CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

10SVN was home to the now-legendary music venue, Fillmore West, established by the nationally significant San Francisco music promoter and impresario, Bill Graham.







Source: Historic Resources Evaluation, September 2016

10 SOUTH VAN NESS

ARCHITECTURAL INTEGRITY

THEN NOW





Range of exterior signage and material treatments at entrance portal



The building has gone through many exterior and interior alterations over the last few decades.

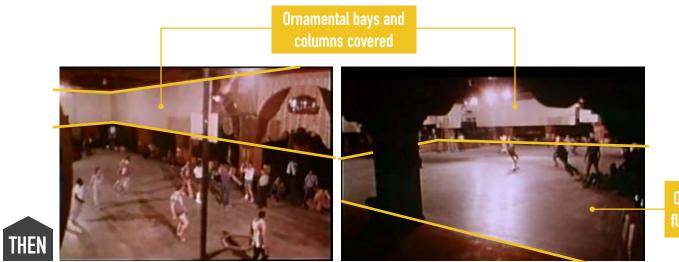




Former entrance portal with original signage and material removed

Source: Historic Resources Evaluation, September 2016

10 SOUTH VAN NESS



Original parquet flooring removed

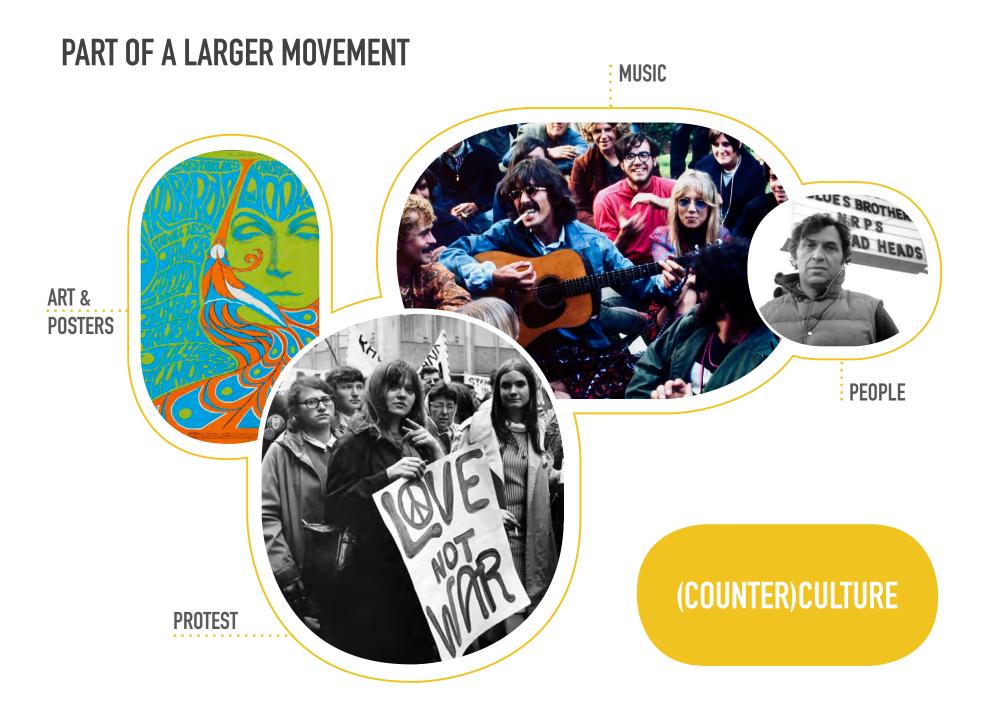
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Ballroom floor conditions after Honda moved ou

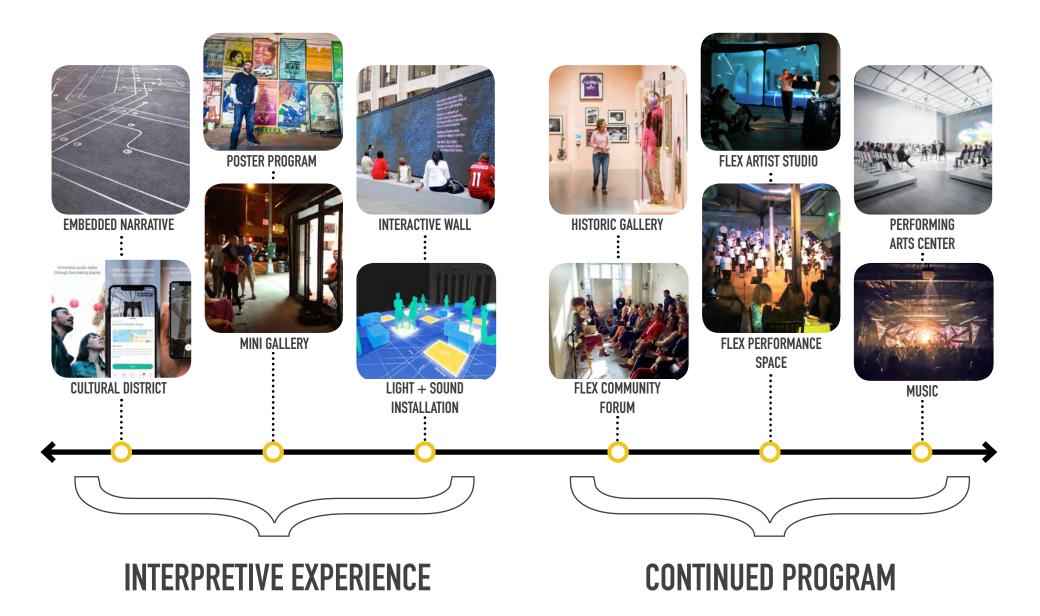


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CONTINUING THE LEGACY OF THE FILLMORE WEST



mmersive audio walks rough fascinating places

Walk alongside the best local & expert narrators

Ken Burns' Brooklyn Bridge

Location-aware audio that guides you every step of the way Go alone or sync audio with friends

CULTURAL DISTRICT

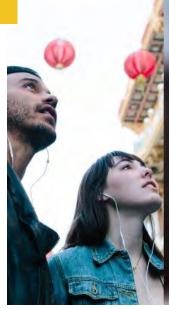
PROJECT: Bose (Fo

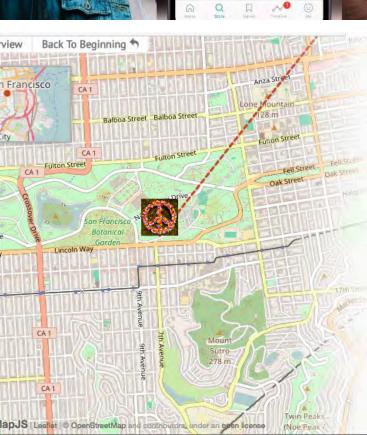
Bose (Formerly Detour)

- » Immersive and interactive audio tour of various city neighborhoods with geolocated markers to signify key places. Stories told by locals and professional organizations. Plans to be implemented into augmented reality platform.
- » Opportunity to tell story of Bill Graham and The Fillmore West by partnering with local organizations to create a "counterculture district" within San Francisco.



10 SOUTH VAN NESS









http://www.foundsf.org/index.php?title=The_Freeway_Revolt

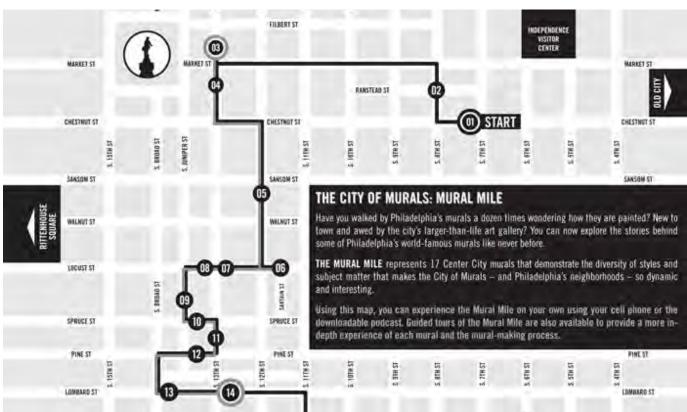
"Malvina Reynolds sings her anti-freeway ballad at the May 17, 1964 rally to save the Panhandle in Golden Gate Park."

1960S: PACIFIC HEIGHTS + COUNTER-CULTURE + ENVIRONMENTALISM

COMMISSIONED POSTER PROGRAM

- **PROJECT**:
- Mural Arts Program Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- » Mural Arts established as part of the Philadelphia Anti-Graffiti Network.
- » MuraLAB is a subset think-tank which organizes public events and exhibitions, residences for artists and curators, and special projects.
- » Opportunity for 10SVN to become a part of a "mural mile" within the neighborhood or of a larger "counterculture" district.





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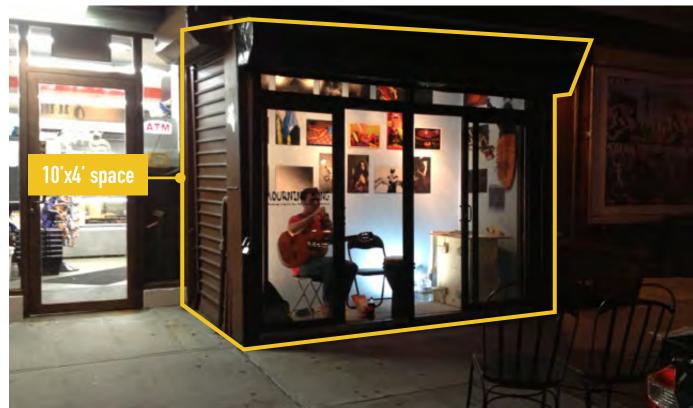
POP UP PERFORMANCE SPACE

PROJECT:The Stand, New YorkSIZE:±40 SF

- » Pop Up gallery in a bodega's beer storage to showcase artwork and performances, host community dinner parties and poetry slams, to promote and celebrate both street and anonymous artists.
- » Opportunity to build in flexible microspaces on the ground floor of 10 SVN to enhance public realm and pedestrian experience.







INTERACTIVE WALL

- **PROJECT**:
 - IBM Think Exhibit (Above)
 Lincoln Center, New York
 Strike a Pose (Below)
 The Palladium, Los Angeles
- » IBM Think Exhibit: Digital data wall utilizing 360° film and interactive experience to celebrate 100 years of innovation and to showcase IBM's vision for a smarter planet.
- Strike a Pose: Proposal and prototype by Second Story for the historic interpretation at the Los Angeles Palladium. Visitors strike a pose in front of reflective surface to unlock a video clip of historical icon. After each video, text appears to tell a story behind the clip.

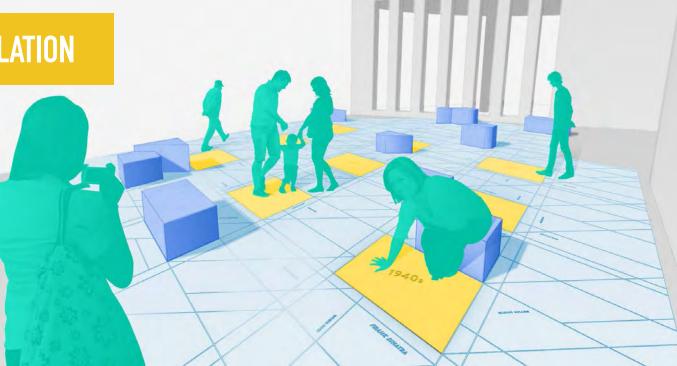




Image source: Second Story proposal for the LA Palladium ULI LE BALL ULI LE BALL

INTERPRETIVE ART INSTALLATION

- **PROJECT:** Sound Time Machine The Palladium, Los Angeles
- Proposal and prototype by Second
 Story for the historic interpretation at
 the Los Angeles Palladium.
- » Visitors step into an interactive installation to activate sound spots and listen to songs of various decades and past shows at the Palladium. Illuminated day and night.



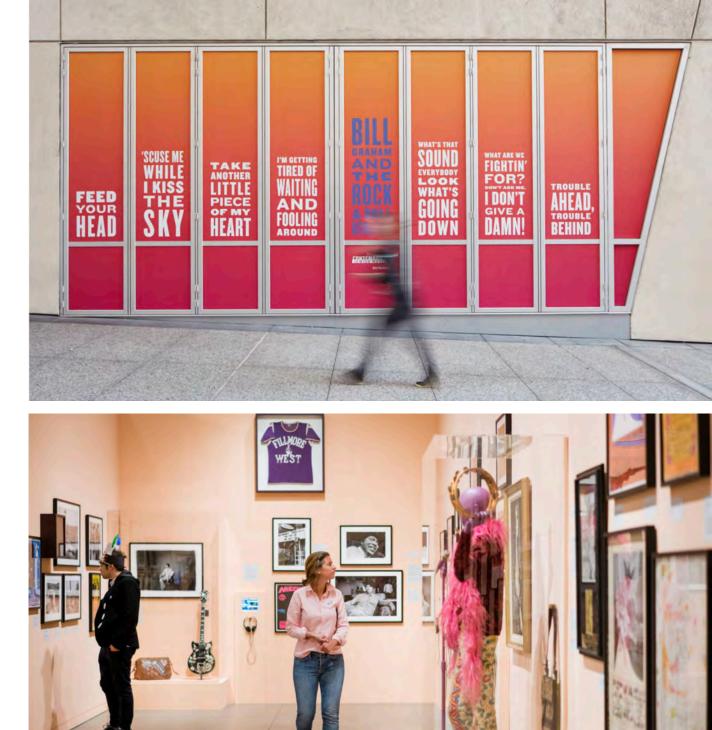




HISTORIC GALLERY

- PROJECT:Bill Graham ExhibitCJM, San FranciscoSIZE:±5,000 SF (lobby only)
- Travelling exhibit of art and memorabilia of the counterculture era.
- Includes audio tour walking visitors through Bill Graham's life and the Rock and Roll Revolution, as told by Bill Graham in his own words.





FLEXIBLE EVENT SPACE – SMALL

PROJECT:StoreFront LabMission, San FranciscoSIZE:±530 SF

- » A place for dialogue and public engagement, supporting particpatory projects that bridge disciplines and prompt discussion.
- » Host experiments lasting from a day to a month in forms of salons, interactive and performative installations, lectures, film screenings, workshops, pop-ups etc.







FLEXIBLE EVENT SPACE – MEDIUM

PROJECT:Third Angle, Studio 2 @N.E.W.Portland, Oregon

SIZE: ±2,000 SF

- » Intimate flex-space hosting Third Angle, a contemporary music ensemble organization that performs, records, and commissions new works in order to promote music of the era to a diverse audience.
- » Performance programs incorporate artistic design environments that blend and synchronize with the music.







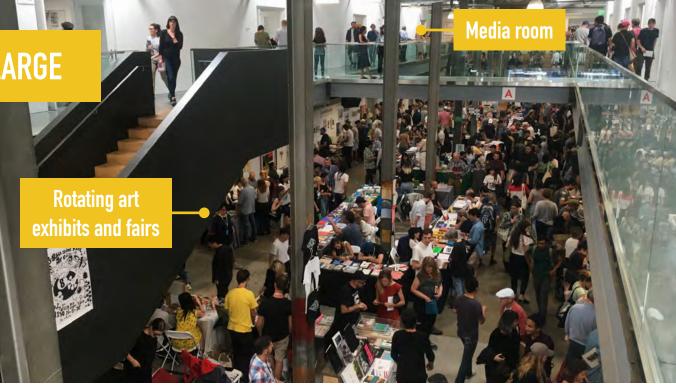


FLEXIBLE EVENT SPACE – LARGE

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- PROJECT:
- **Minnesota Street Project Dogpatch, San Francisco** SIZE: \pm 4,600 SF (central atrium only)
- Affordable spaces for art galleries **>>** and related non-profits.
- Hosted "World According to Sound » Experience", a travelling audio show partnered with the Centers for the Blind. Each episode is 90 seconds, containing stories about evocative and unusual sounds.
- Home of SFArtsED, offering young **》** students opportunity enter the arts and be mentored by working artists.









MULTI-PURPOSE CULTURAL CENTER

Flexible ceiling

PROJECT: SFMoMA White Box SOMA. San Francisco

SIZE: Unknown

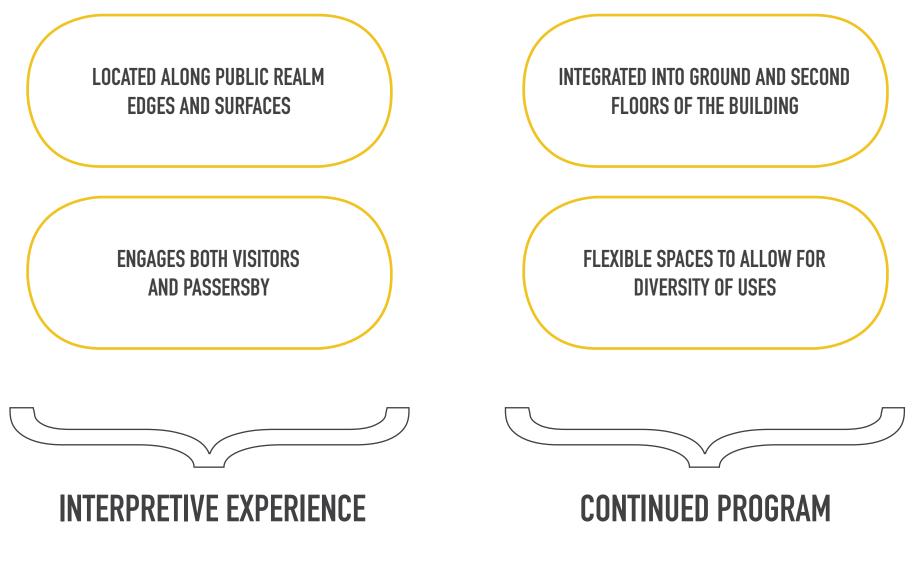
- The White Box in the SFMoMA >> houses a versatile, double-height multi-purpose gallery, education, performance, and event space focused around performance-based work.
- Key elements of the design are the » use of a flexible ceiling and movable podia and seating to accomodate theater-in-the-round configurations, multi-screen projections, and installations.



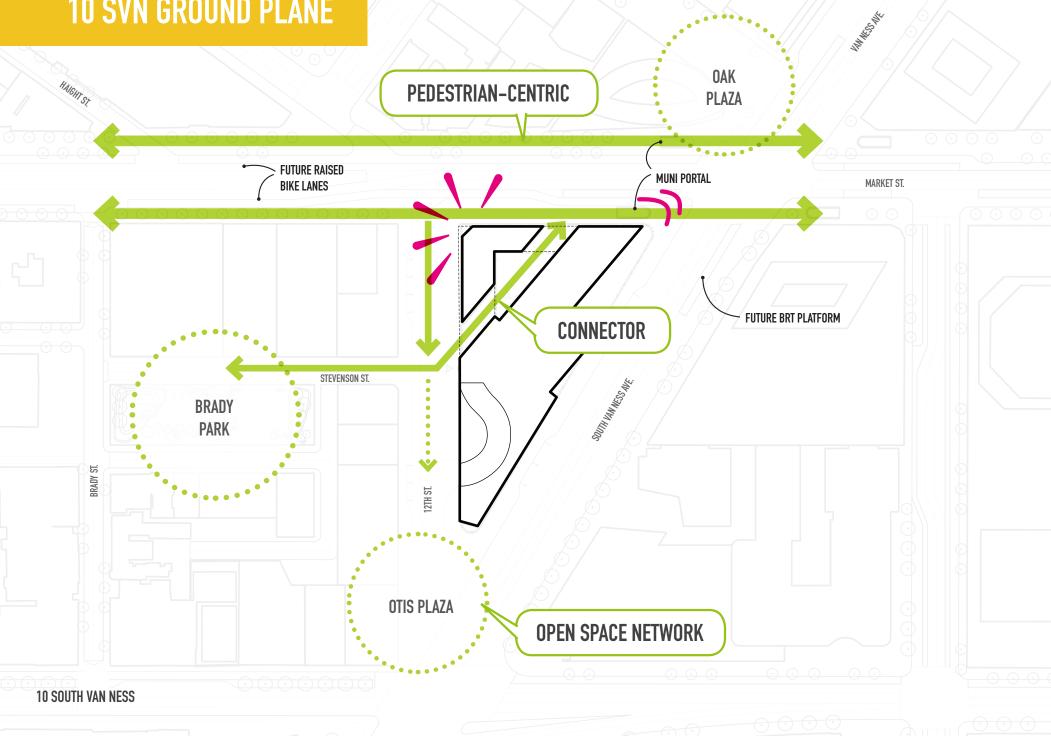




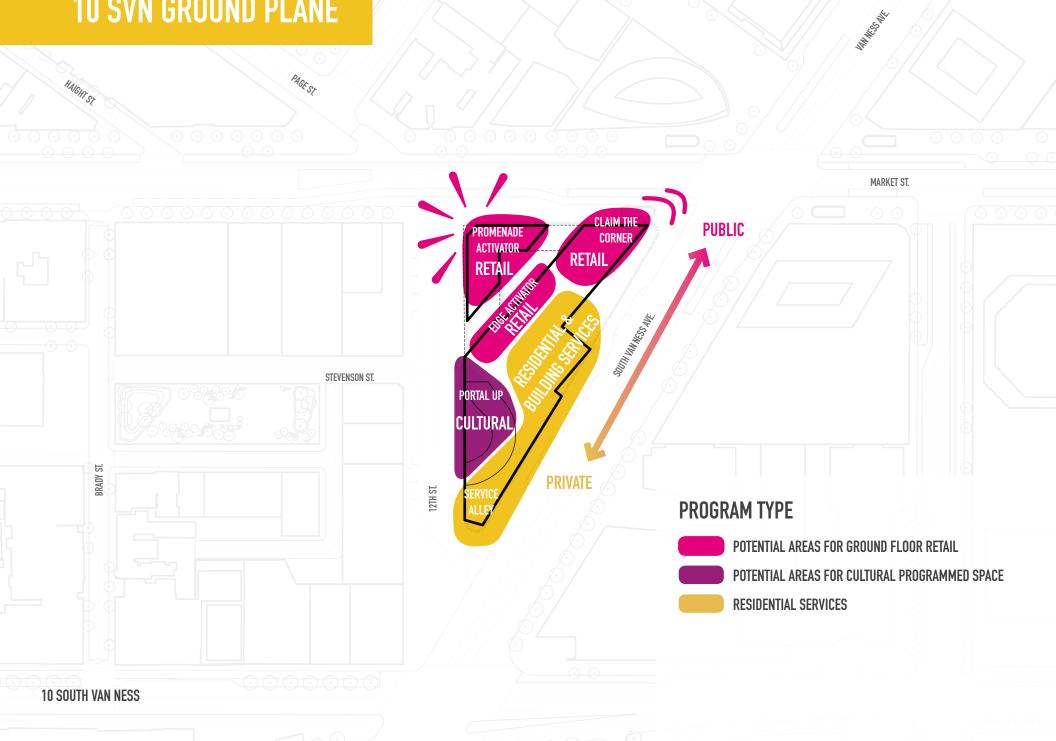
CONTINUING THE LEGACY OF THE FILLMORE WEST

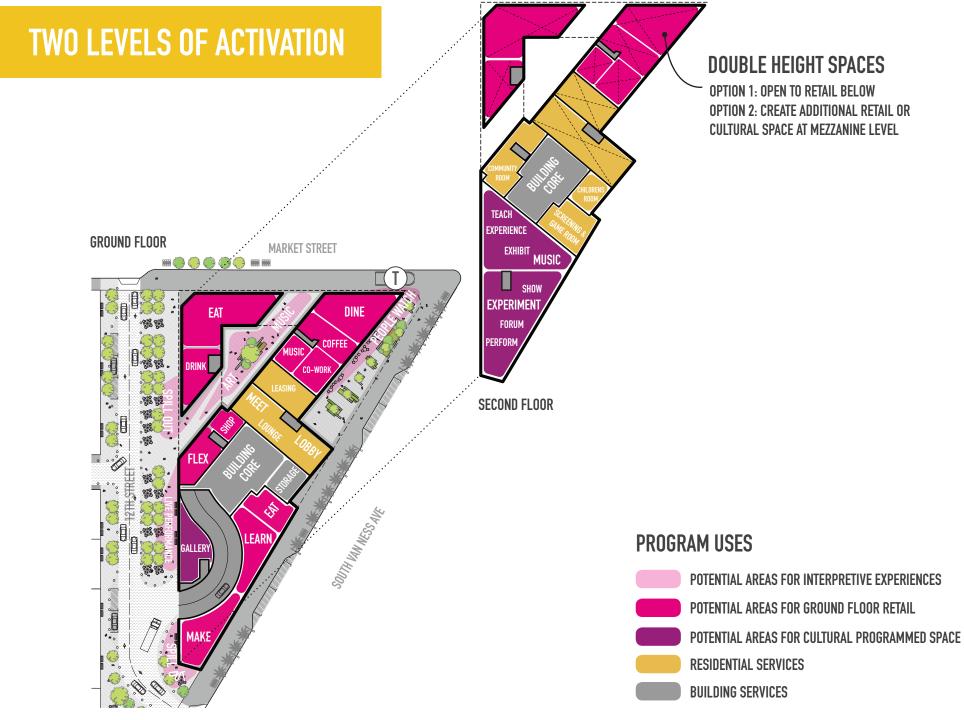


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What are the benefits?

ACTIVATE EMPTY SPACE **AND FRONTAGES**

TEST AND PROTOTYPE BEFORE CONSTRUCTION

BUILD EXCITEMENT WITHIN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW









Whiskey Festival

DURING CONSTRUCTION

Some ideas...

- Temporary installation inviting people to record their stories at the Fillmore West. Recordings can be broadcasted on a digital screen.
- » Vision booth to show "before and after" or display future activation strategies on site
- » Temporary "sound box" playing music from Fillmore West days
- » Pop-up recording studio inviting people to record and broadcast their favorite songs

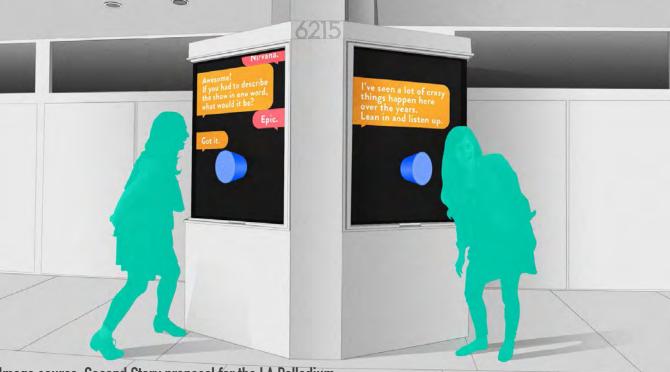
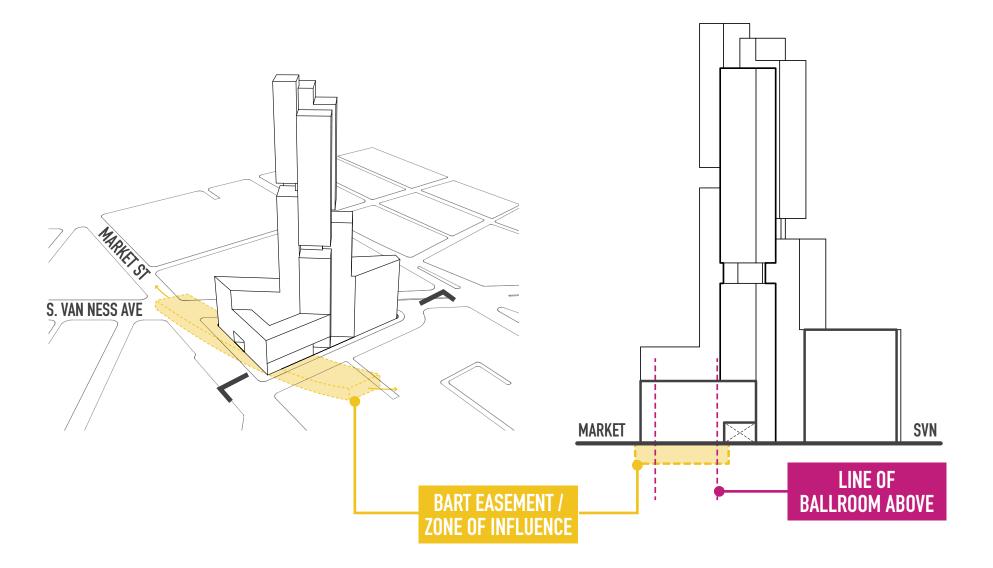


Image source: Second Story proposal for the LA Palladium





BALLROOM TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS



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