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CENTRAL SOMA

PLAN & IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

Open Space

EXISTING CONDITIONS

neighborhood strengths

Diversity of Residents and Jobs

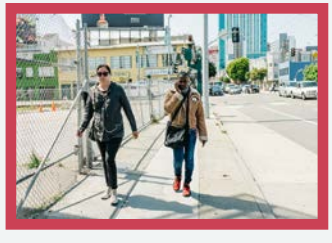
Transit-Served Central Location

Diversity of Buildings and Architecture

Culture and Nightlife

neighborhood challenges

Rents



Conditions for People Walking and Biking

Lack of Parks and Open Space

Inefficient Use of Land

WHAT IS ADOPTED

OBJECTIVE 5.1	Maximize the benefit provided by existing parks and recreational facilities
OBJECTIVE 5.2	Create new public parks
OBJECTIVE 5.3	Create new public recreational opportunities
OBJECTIVE 5.4	Utilize the street right-of-way for additional green spaces, gathering and recreational opportunities
OBJECTIVE 5.5	Augment the public open space and recreation network with privately-owned public open spaces (POPOS)
OBJECTIVE 5.6	Ensure the neighborhood's parks and recreation offerings function as a network and complement the facilities of the broader SoMa area

WHAT IS ADOPTED

OBJECTIVE 4.1	Provide a safe, convenient, and attractive walking environment on all the streets in the plan area	Transportation
OBJECTIVE 4.2	Make cycling a safe and convenient transportation option throughout the plan area	
OBJECTIVE 6.4	Support biodiversity, access to nature, and a healthy ecosystem	Sustainablity
OBJECTIVE 6.5	Improve air quality	
OBJECTIVE 6.6	Ensure a flood resilient neighborhood	
OBJECTIVE 7.3	Ensure the neighborhood's tangible and intangible industrial and arts legacy is not lost	Cultural Heritage

NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTER

OBJECTIVE 8.3

Reinforce the character of central soma as a mid-rise district with tangible "urban rooms"

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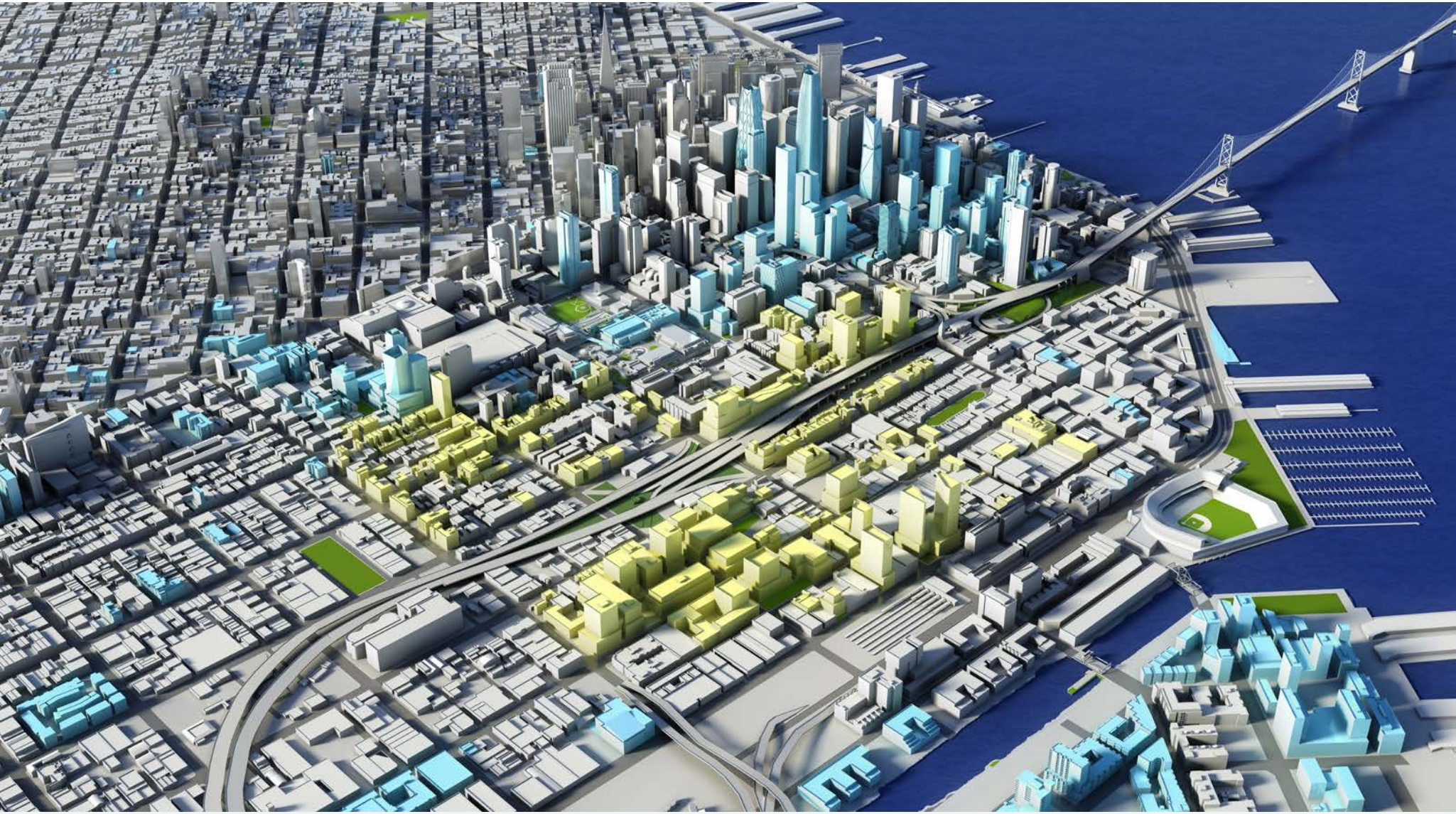
NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTER

Implementation Measure 5.6
Ensure the neighborhood's parks and recreation offerings function as a network and complement the facilities of the broader SoMa area

This is a comprehensive, community-based approach to support neighborhood activities.

A GROWING NEIGHBORHOOD



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A WALK THROUGH A GROWING NEIGHBORHOOD

SOUTH PARK RENOVATION

OWNED
PUBLIC

PROVIDED BY
PUBLIC
NONPROFIT

STATUS
COMPLETE

AGENCY
REC & PARK

ACTIVITIES
SEATING
TABLES
PLAYGROUND
OPEN GREEN

FLETCHER DESIGN STUDIO

NEW MID-BLOCK CROSSING
Park St
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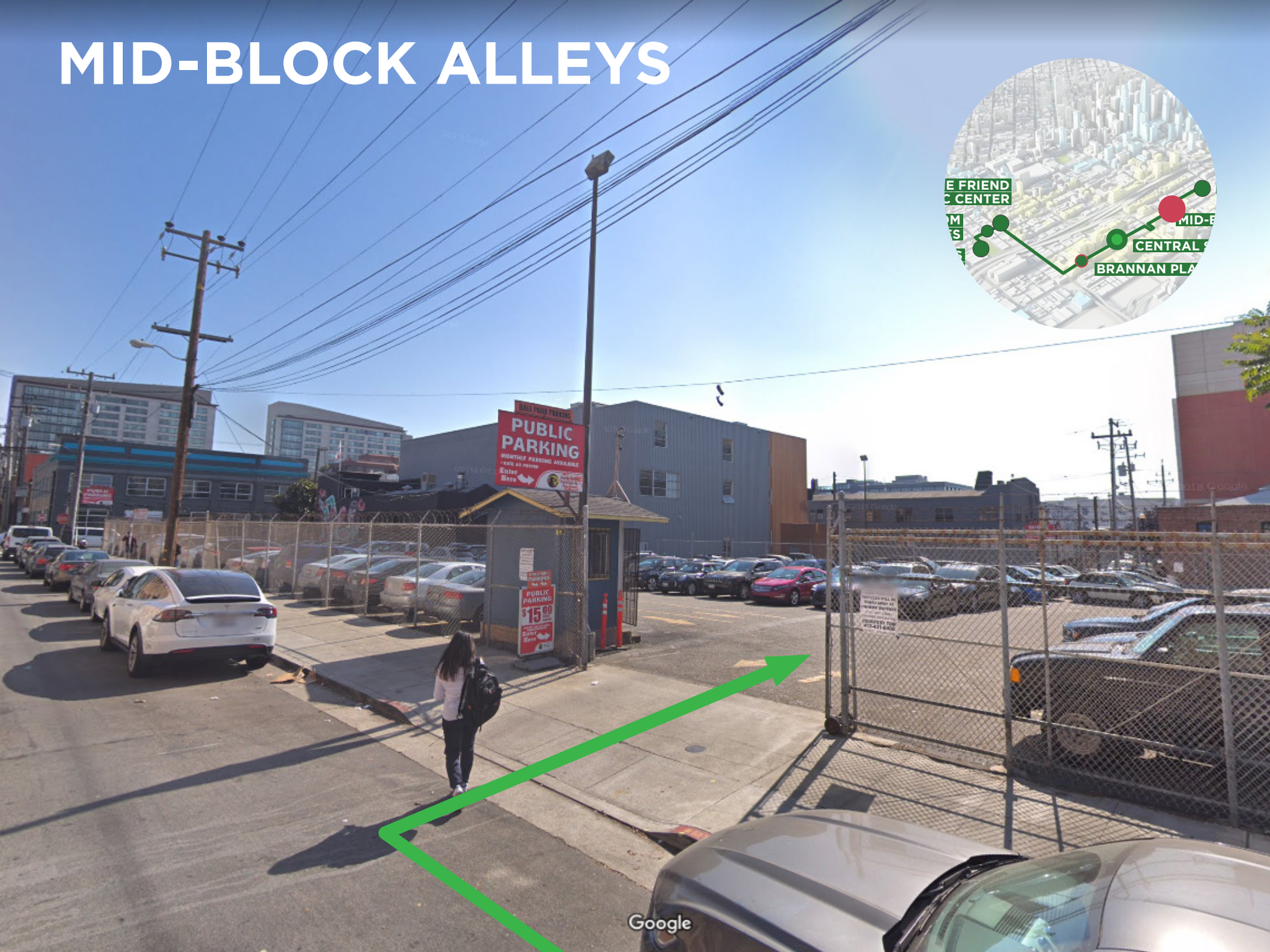
MID-BLOCK ALLEYS



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PRIVATE	PRIVATE	PRIVATE	REQ BY CODE	PLANNING

ACTIVITIES

SUPPORT
NEARBY USES
REQ BY CODE
OPEN 24/7

SOUTH OF MARKET COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK IN COLLABORATION WITH CHRISTINA ANTIPORDA OF CAMO STUDIO

4TH STREET RAILWAY
Freelon St
ONE WAY
CUSTOMER PARKING ONLY
Google

CENTRAL SOMA PARK

OWNED	PROVIDED BY	STATUS	AGENCY
PUBLIC	CSOMA	APPROVAL READY	PLANNING REAL ESTATE

ACTIVITIES

EVENTS
DOGPARK
PLAYGROUND
FILM SCREENING
OPEN GREEN
CHILDCARE
SEATING

AFFORDABLE HOUSING SITE

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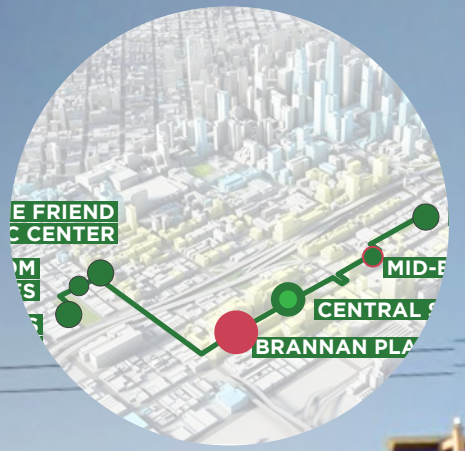
PRIVATELY OWNED PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

POPOS



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PRIVATE	PRIVATE	PRIVATE	APPROVAL READY	PLANNING

ACTIVITIES

ART
DOGPARK
SHOPPING
ALLEY
CHILDCARE
SEATING

WIDER SIDEWALK

5TH STREET PROTECTED BIKE LANE

610 BRANNAN SPONSOR

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What makes Central SoMa POPOS different?

POPOS must comply with the Urban Design Guidelines.

Requirements for POPOS to be at ground and open to the sky.

Emphasis on neighborhood-serving activities.

CAC review and advisory role for POPOS.

Conditions of approval for monitoring for public use over time.

P PUBLIC REALM

P1 Design Public Open Spaces to Connect with and Complement the Streetscape

P2 Locate and Design Open Spaces to Maximize Physical Comfort and Visual Access

P3 Express Neighborhood Character in Open Space Designs

P4 Support Public Transportation and Bicycling

P5 Design Sidewalks to Enhance the Pedestrian Experience

P6 Program Public Open Spaces to Encourage Social Activity, Play, and Rest

P7 Integrate Sustainable Practices into the Landscape

DESIGN GUIDELINES

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P3 EXPRESS NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTER IN OPEN SPACE DESIGNS

The public realm of every neighborhood should serve and express its unique character and culture.

Open spaces should be inclusive, interactive, and accessible.

- Consider neighborhood needs in programming and arranging spaces and amenities that support distinct and neighborhood activities and events.
- Find specific qualities of open space or landscape that express the culture or history of the community.
- Provide places that support positive and spontaneous activities or events.
- Engage local residents, businesses, and cultural leaders to design and program activities and events.
- Respect neighborhood patterns of materials and public space.
- Provide dedicated spaces for children's play and separate spaces for dogs.
- Incorporate art, murals, and local artifacts as key public features, located with attention to visibility and educational opportunities.

Simple changes can mark specific places.

Parklets are temporary programmed uses of a public parking space that can express a neighborhood use.

Local initiatives create unique places and foster stewardship.

Materials and textures can both support expression and play.

Architectural elements in open space can help express neighborhood identity.

FANTASTICO!
6th St
Google

GENE FRIEND RECREATION CENTER RENOVATION

OWNED	PROVIDED BY	STATUS	AGENCY	ACTIVITIES
PUBLIC	CSOMA	APPROVAL READY	REC & PARK	GYM SPORT COURTS OPEN GREEN COMMUNITY SPACE
	NONPROFIT		TPL	

WRNS STUDIO

FOLSOM AND HOWARD BIKE LANES

OWNED PROVIDED BY	STATUS	AGENCY
PUBLIC CSOMA	APPROVAL READY	MTA

ACTIVITIES

PROTECTED CYCLE TRACK
STORMWATER GREENING
TREES

MTA

VICTORIA MANALO DRAVES PARK

OWNED PROVIDED BY

PUBLIC

STATUS

CSOMA

IMPROVEMENTS

AGENCY

REC & PARK

ACTIVITIES

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A WALK THROUGH A GROWING NEIGHBORHOOD

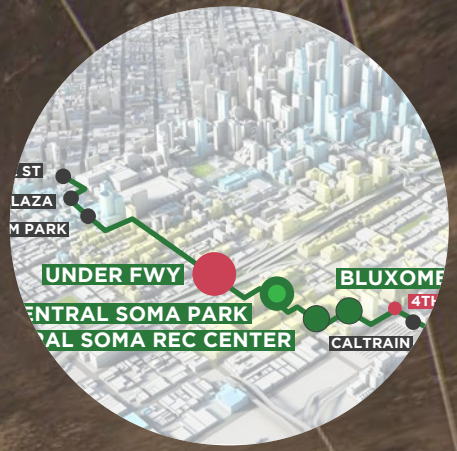
POWELL & MARKET

MINT PLAZA

5M PARK

5TH STREET PROTECTED BIKE LANES

UNDER FREEWAY PUBLIC SPACE



420 5th St

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PUBLIC	CSOMA	IN CONCEPT	PLANNING/OEWD

ACTIVITIES

EVENTS
LIGHTING
RECREATION
STORMWATER
GREENING

SOMAWEST SKATEPARK

TRANSBAY UNDER-RAMP PARK

5TH STREET PROTECTED BIKE LANES

SUPPORTING ECO-DISTRICT

STORMWATER GARDENS

4TH STREET

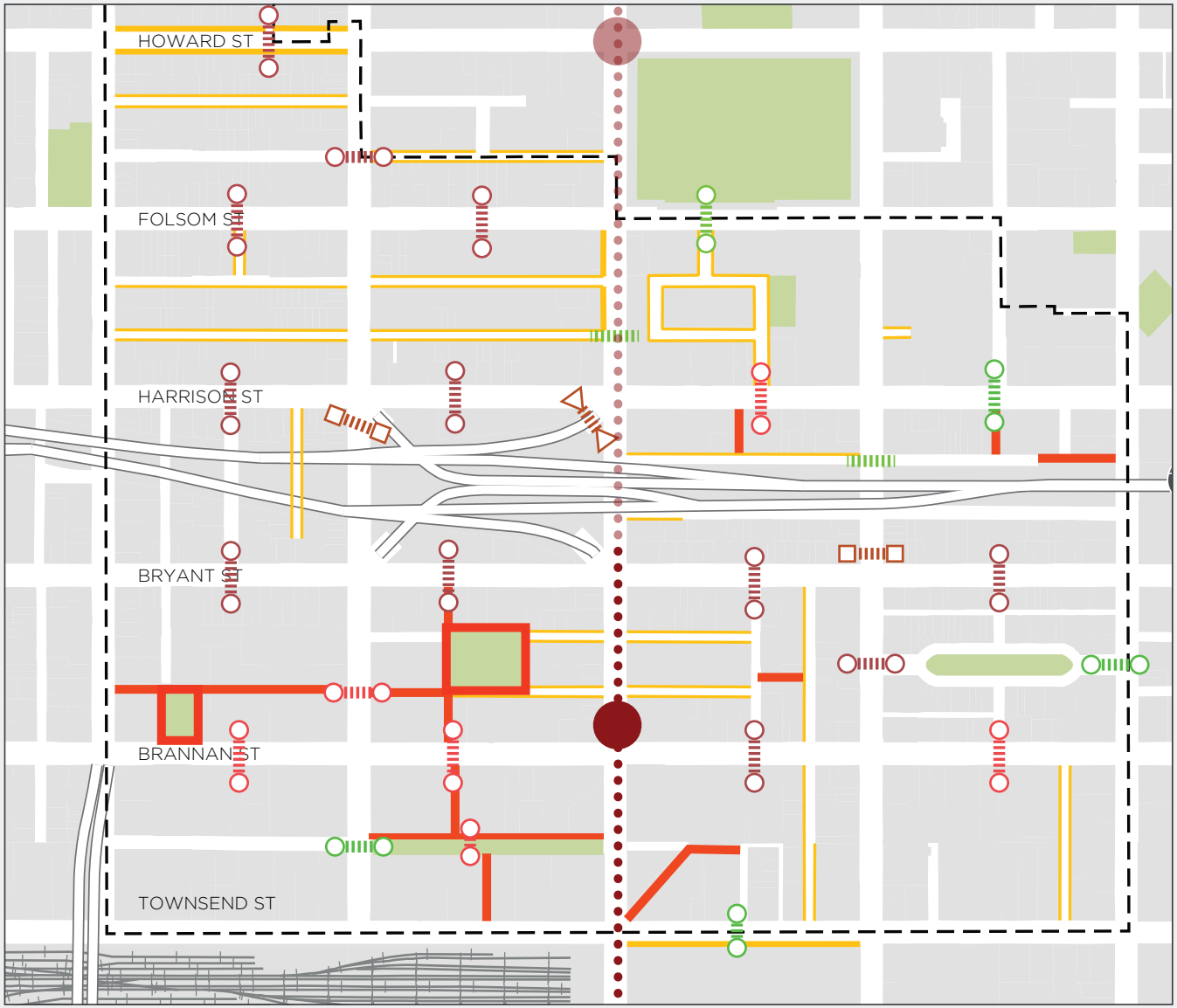
6TH STREET

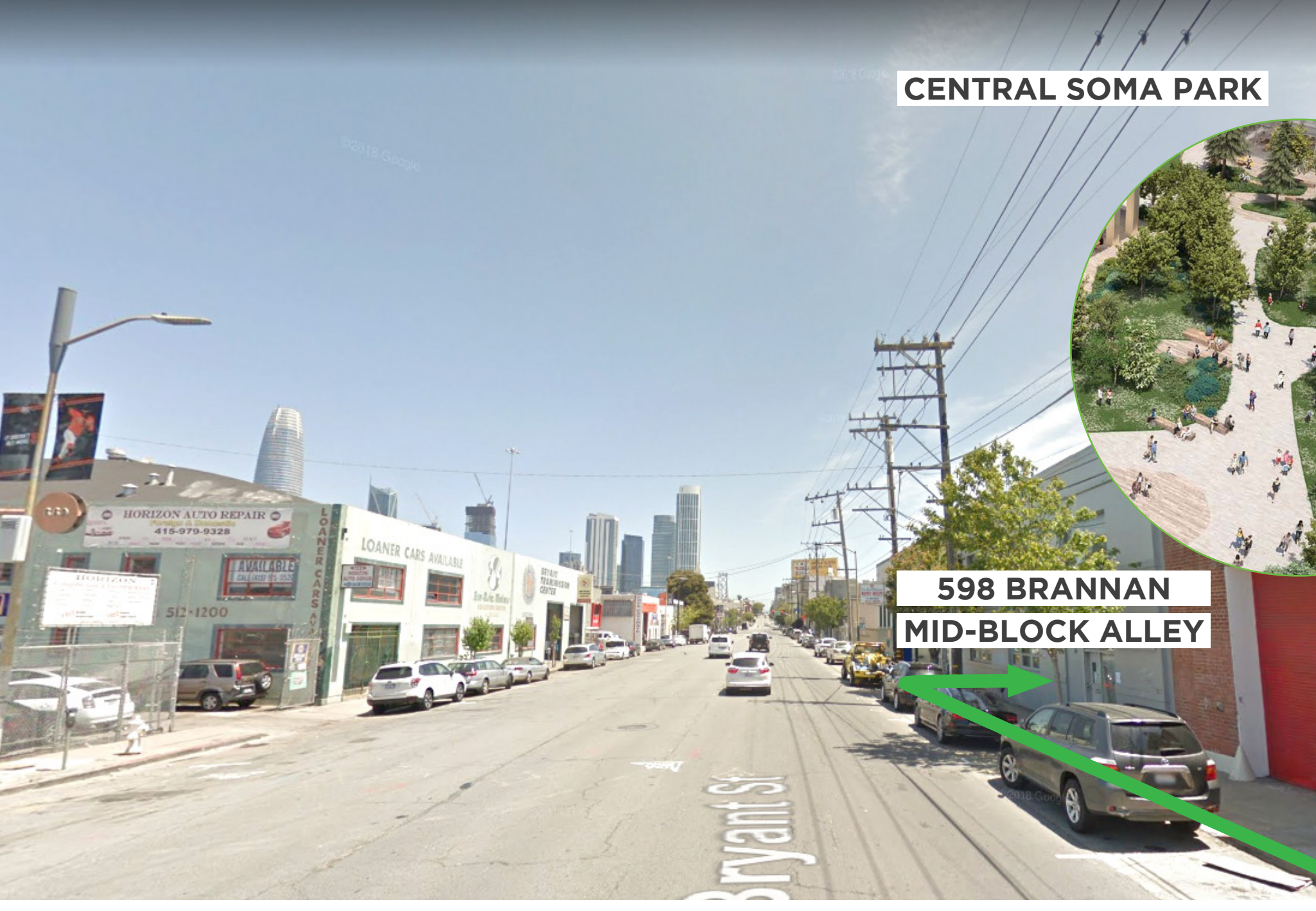
TREE BUFFERS

ALLEYS & MID-BLOCK CROSSING

EXISTING ALLEYS

BULK CONTROL PROTECTIONS

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598 BRANNAN
MID-BLOCK ALLEY
HORIZON AUTO REPAIR
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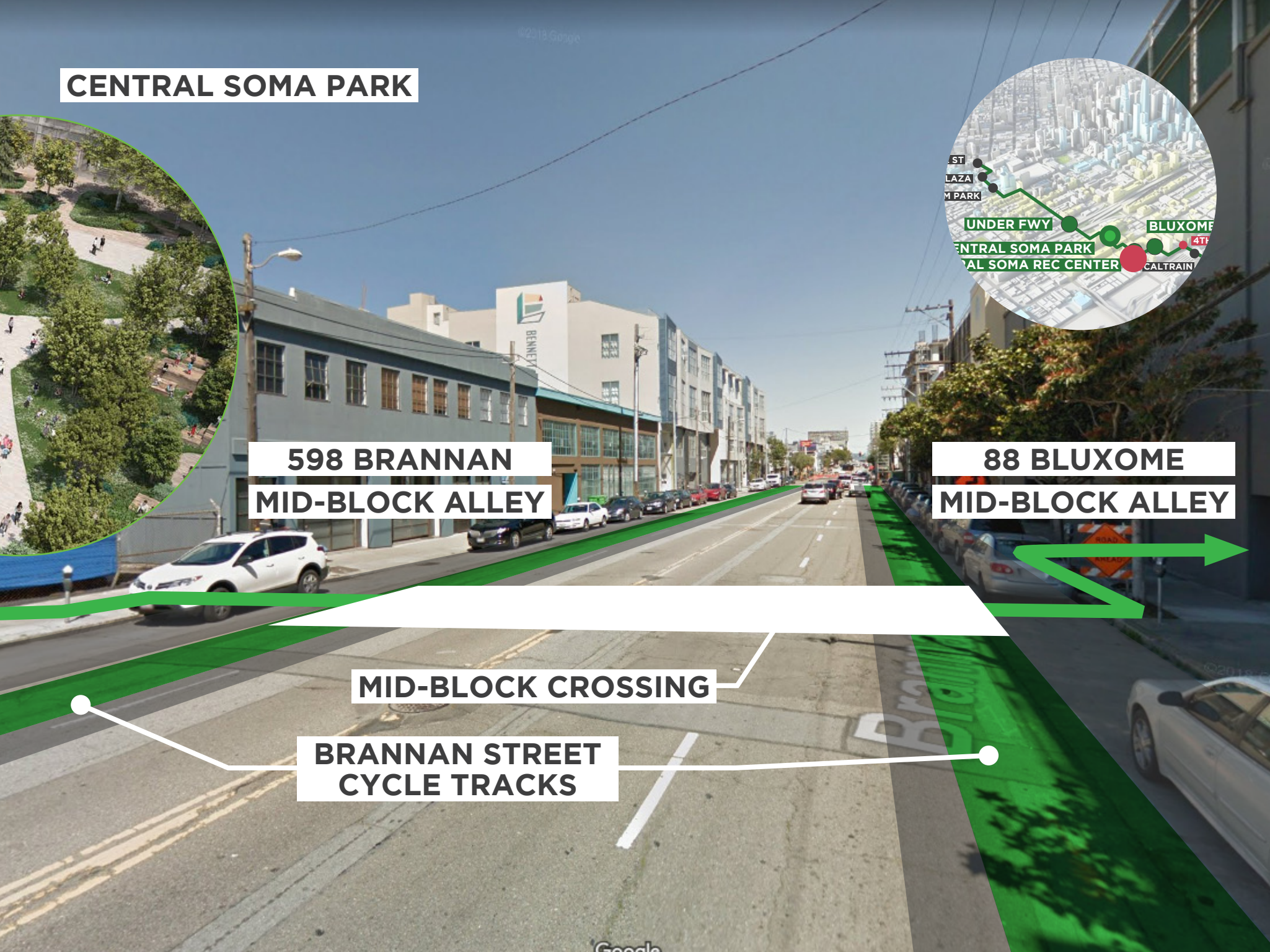
512-1200
Bryant St


CENTRAL SOMA PARK
598 BRANNAN
MID-BLOCK ALLEY
88 BLUXOME
MID-BLOCK ALLEY
MID-BLOCK CROSSING
BRANNAN STREET
CYCLE TRACKS
UNDER FWY
CALTRAIN

CENTRAL SOMA REC CENTER & BLUXOME PARK

OWNED	PROVIDED BY	MAINTAINED	STATUS	AGENCY
PUBLIC	CSOMA	PUBLIC	APPROVAL READY	REC & PARK

ACTIVITIES

POOL
EXERCISE
COMMUNITY
SPACE
CHILDCARE

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

88 BLUXOME SPONSOR

OWNED	PROVIDED BY	MAINTAINED	STATUS	AGENCY	ACTIVITIES
PUBLIC	CSOMA	PUBLIC PRIVATE	NEAR APPROVAL	PUBLIC WORKS	TREES DOGPARK STORMWATER EXERCISE GREENING SEATING

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FUTURE SPONSORS

MISSION CREEK PARK

MISSION ROCK PARK

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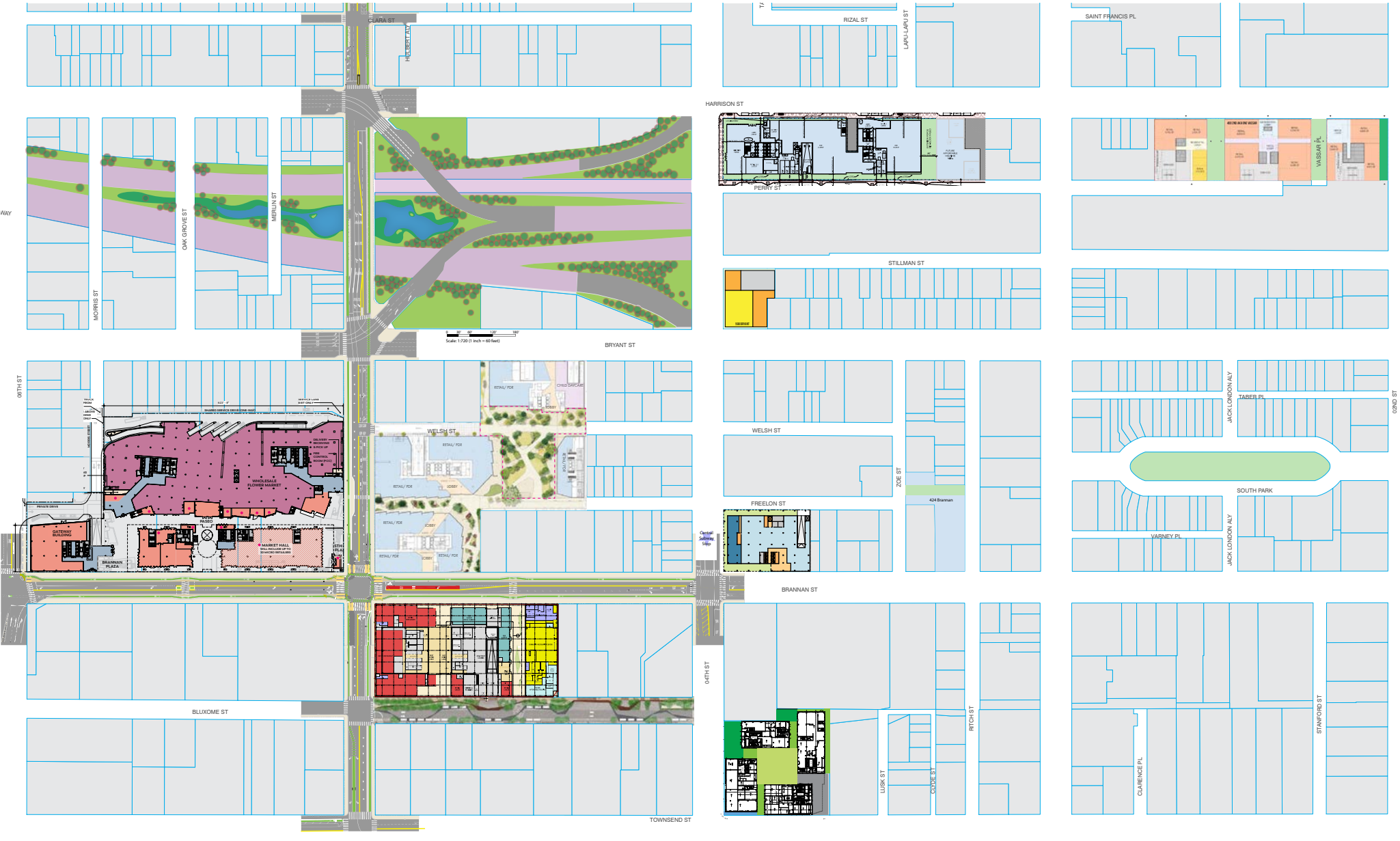
OPEN SPACE FRAMEWORK



CENTRAL SOMA OPEN SPACE