

# RAIL ALIGNMENT AND BENEFITS (RAB) STUDY IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE



San Francisco  
**Planning**

Planning Commission  
October 21, 2021

# AGENDA

1. RAB Study Overview & Review for Racial & Social Equity
2. Southeast Rail Station Study (SERSS)
  - Background
  - Station Alternatives
  - Outreach
3. 4th & King Railyards Planning
  - Interagency Working Group
  - Caltrain/Prologis Preliminary Business Case

# RAB STUDY OVERVIEW

RAB STUDY COMPONENT		CURRENT IMPLEMENTATION EFFORTS
1	Rail Alignment into the Salesforce Transit Center	Pennsylvania Avenue Extension + Southeast Rail Station Study
2	Railyard Reconfiguration / Relocation	Railyards project
3	Urban Form and Land Use Considerations	Railyards project
4	Transit Center Extension/Loop	Potential consideration by others
5	Boulevard I-280	On hold

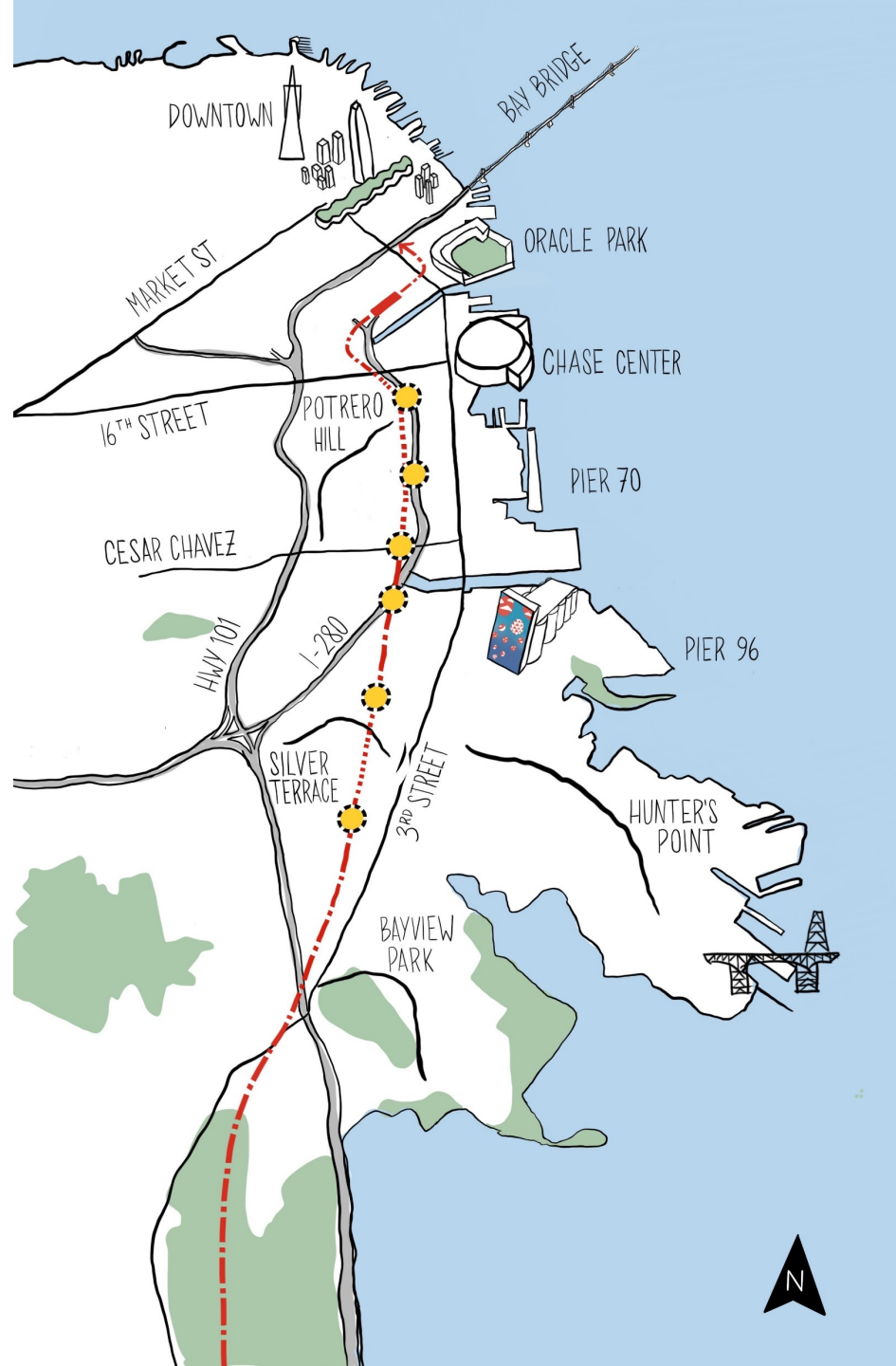


# RACIAL AND SOCIAL EQUITY

- Following the passage of Commission Resolution No. 20738, staff conducted a review of the RAB Implementation work program.
- Finding room for improvement, we:
  1. Drafted equity evaluation memo to be issued for the RAB.
  2. Amended the scope of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Station Location Study to include the new Bayview station concept.
  3. Advocated successfully with Caltrain for pilot program for means-based fares for low-income riders and for permanent discount fare.



# SOUTHEAST RAIL STATION STUDY (SERSS) UPDATE




# POTENTIAL STATION LOCATIONS

22<sup>nd</sup> Street Zone – Station Options

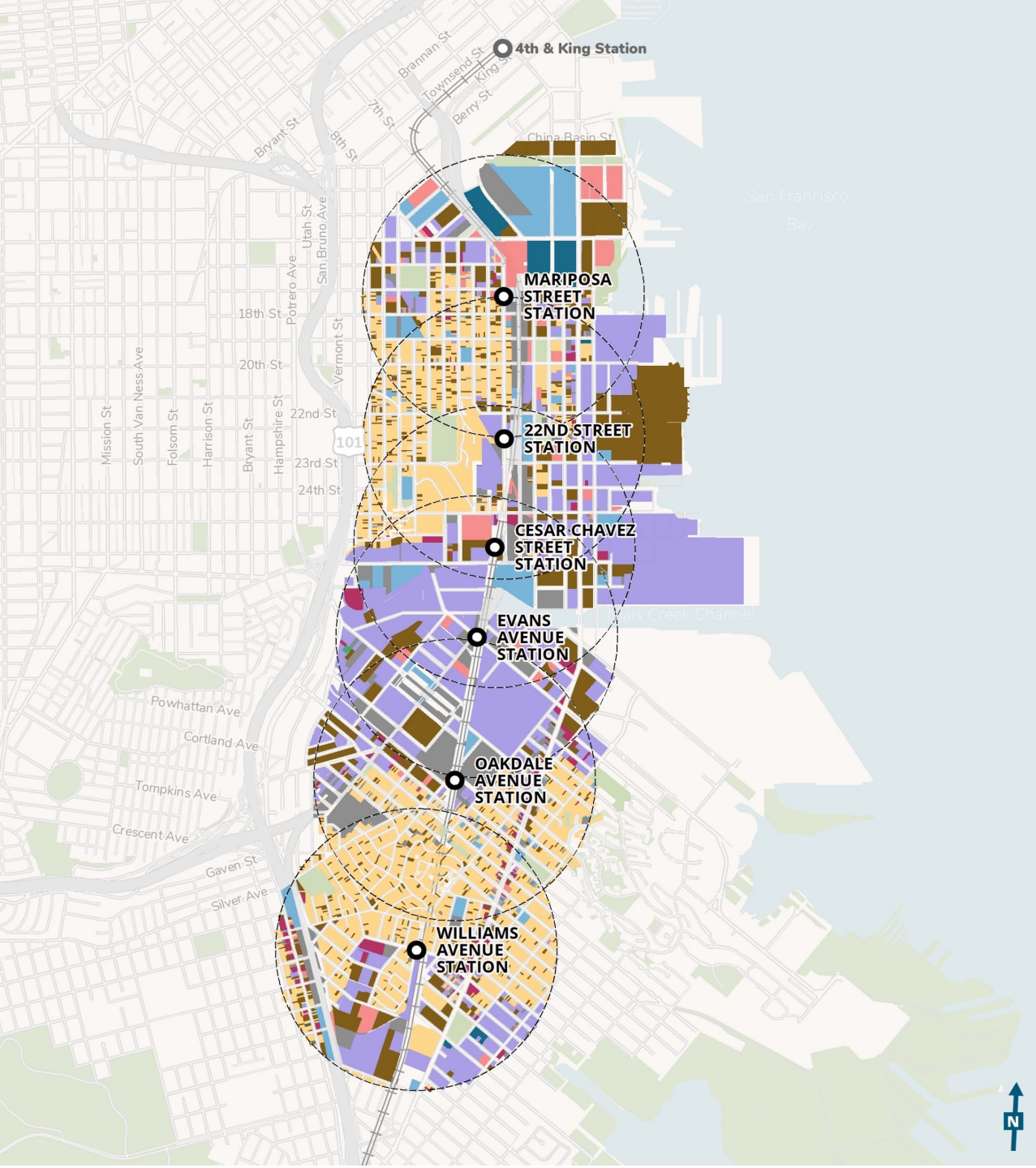
Bayview – Station Options

## MAP LEGEND

 Station Options



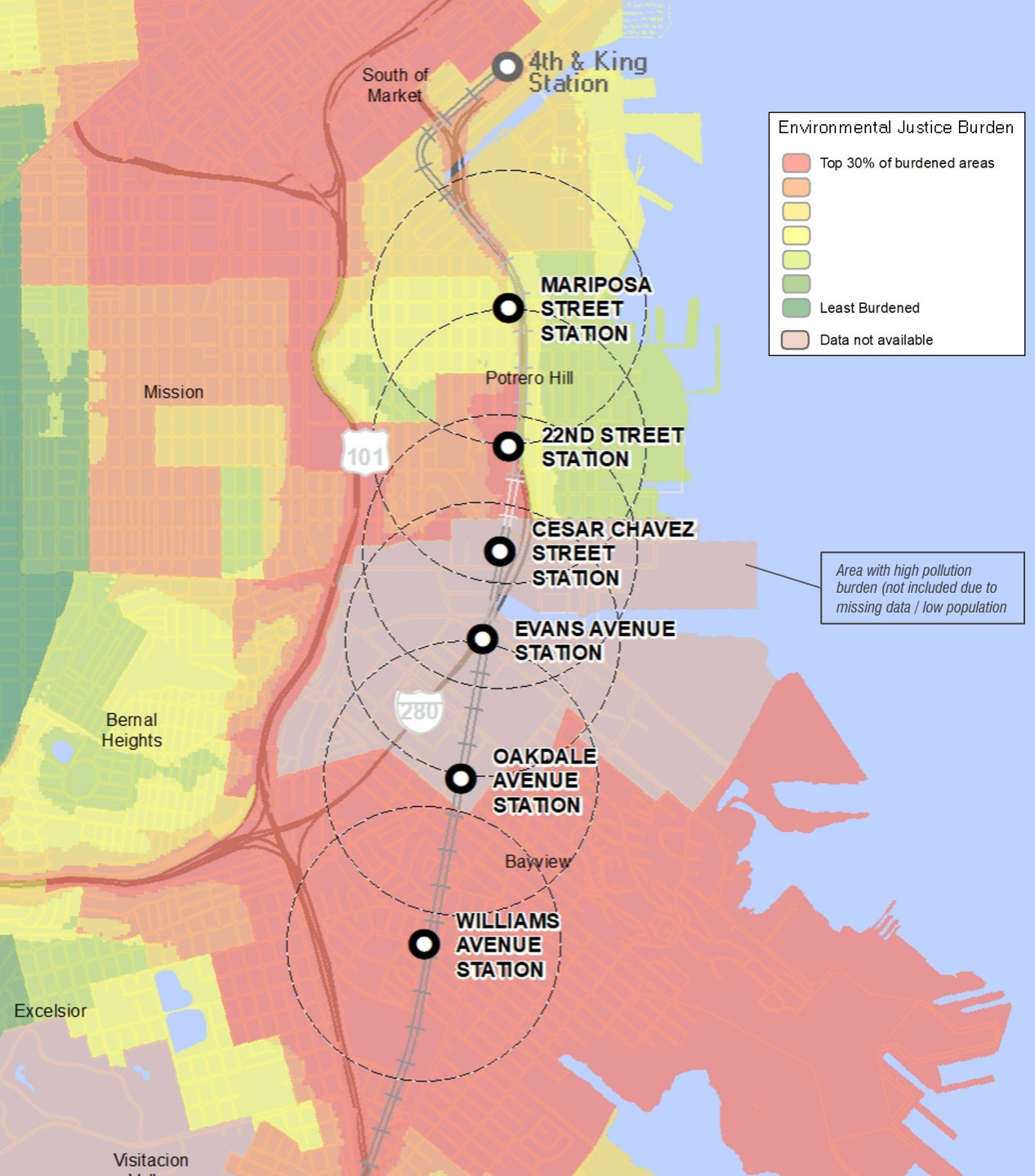
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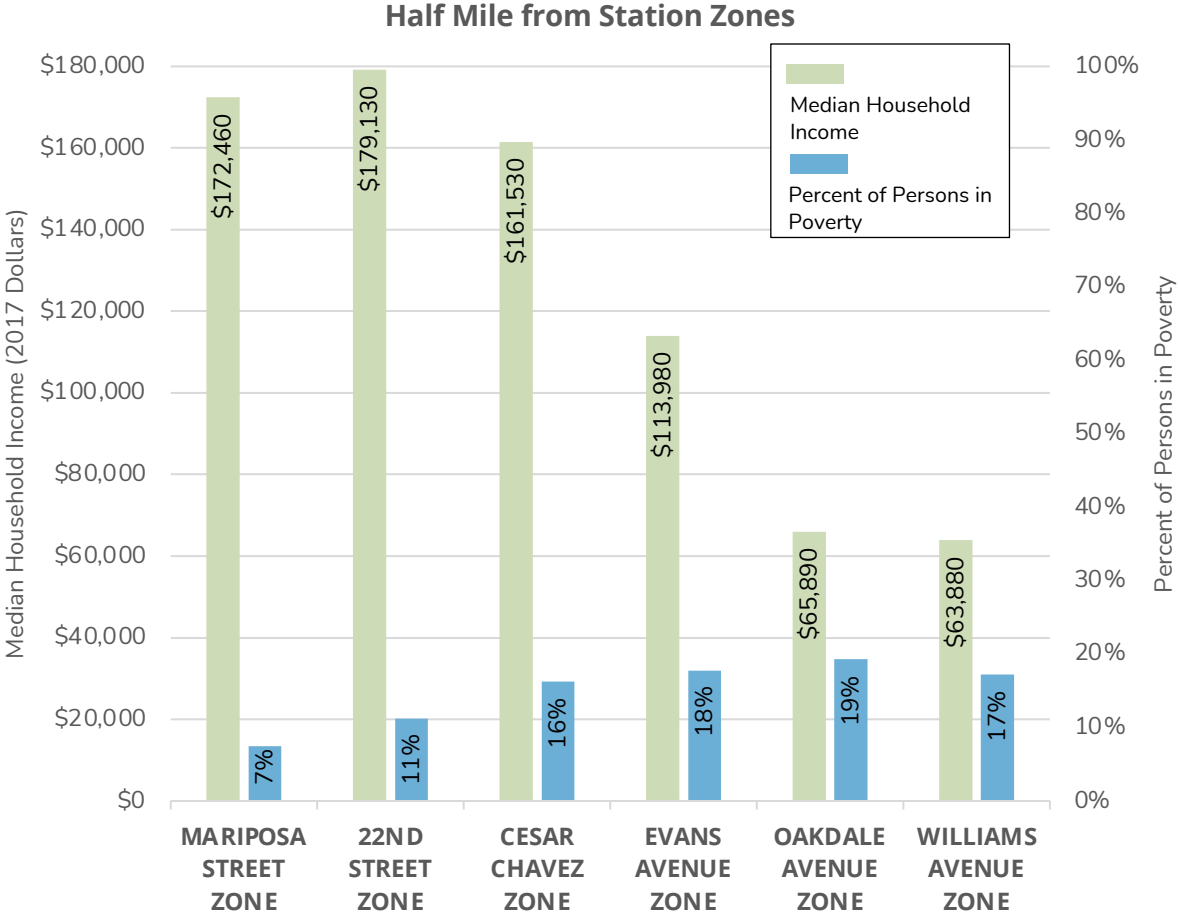
## Land Use Categories

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| Residential              | Cultural, Institutional, Educational                    |
| Mixed Uses               | Industrial (Production, Distribution, Repair)           |
| Retail, Entertainment    | Office (Management, Information, Professional Services) |
| Hotels, Visitor Services | Open Space  |
| Medical                  | Vacant  |

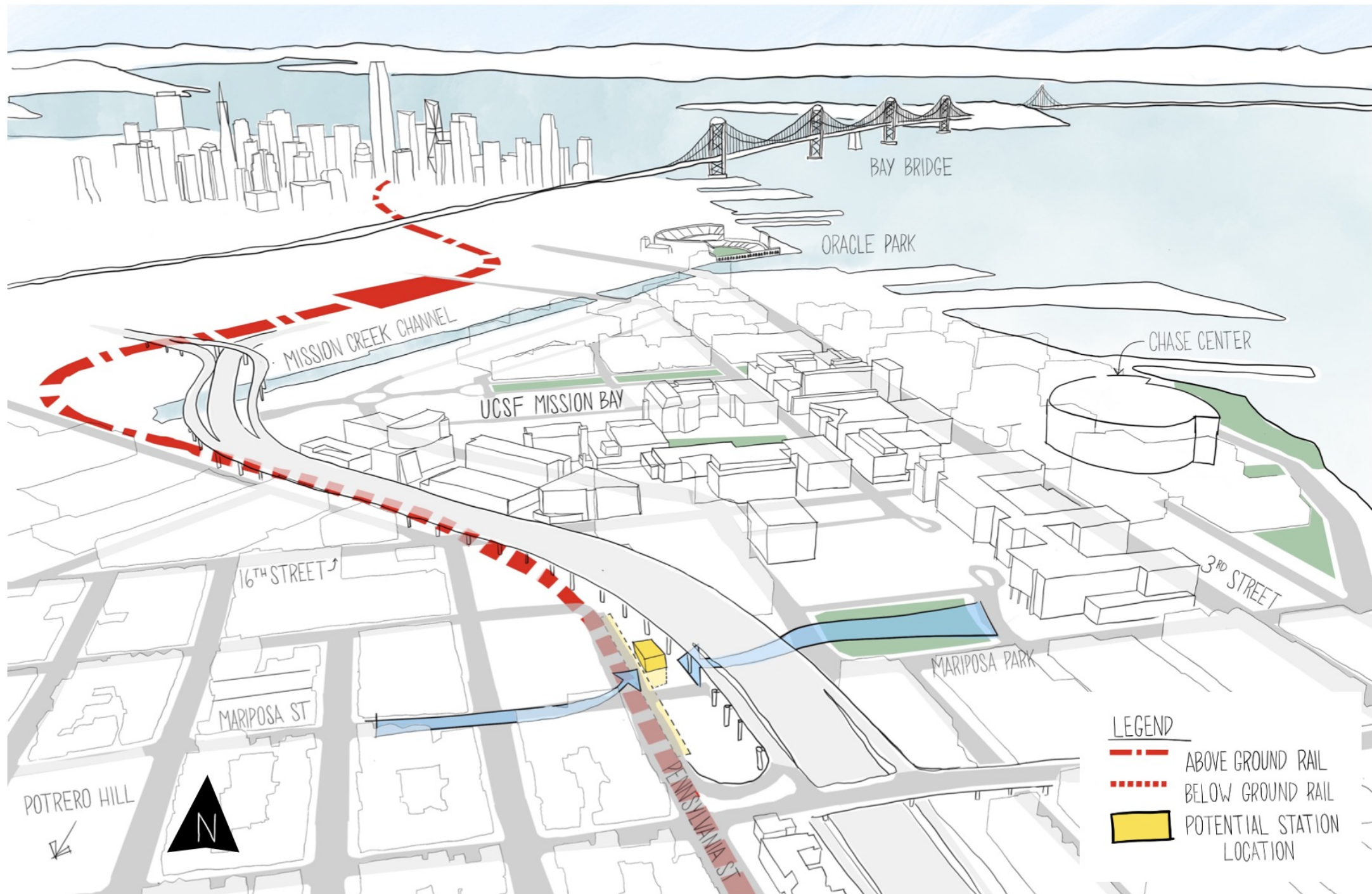




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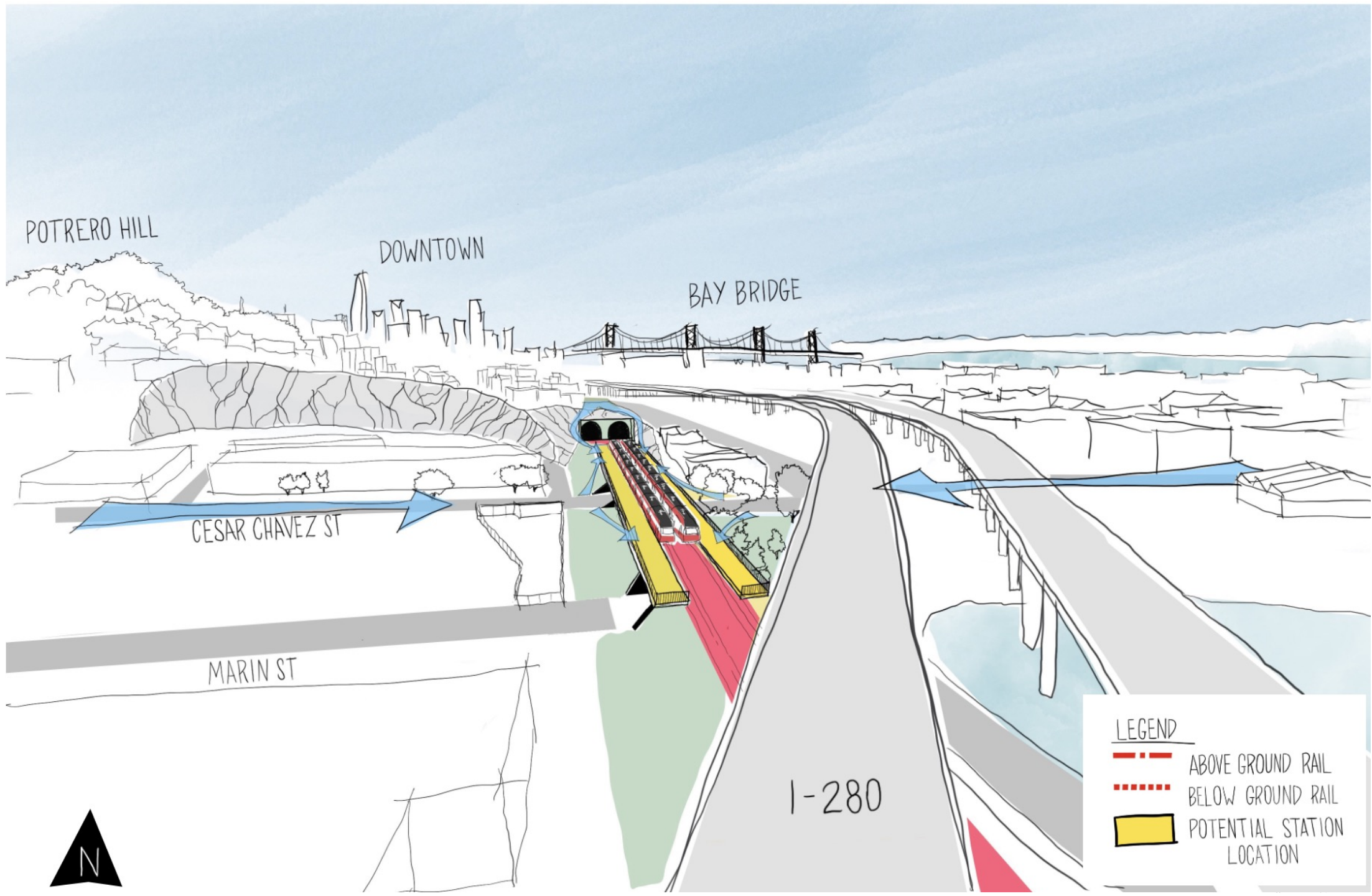


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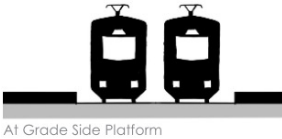
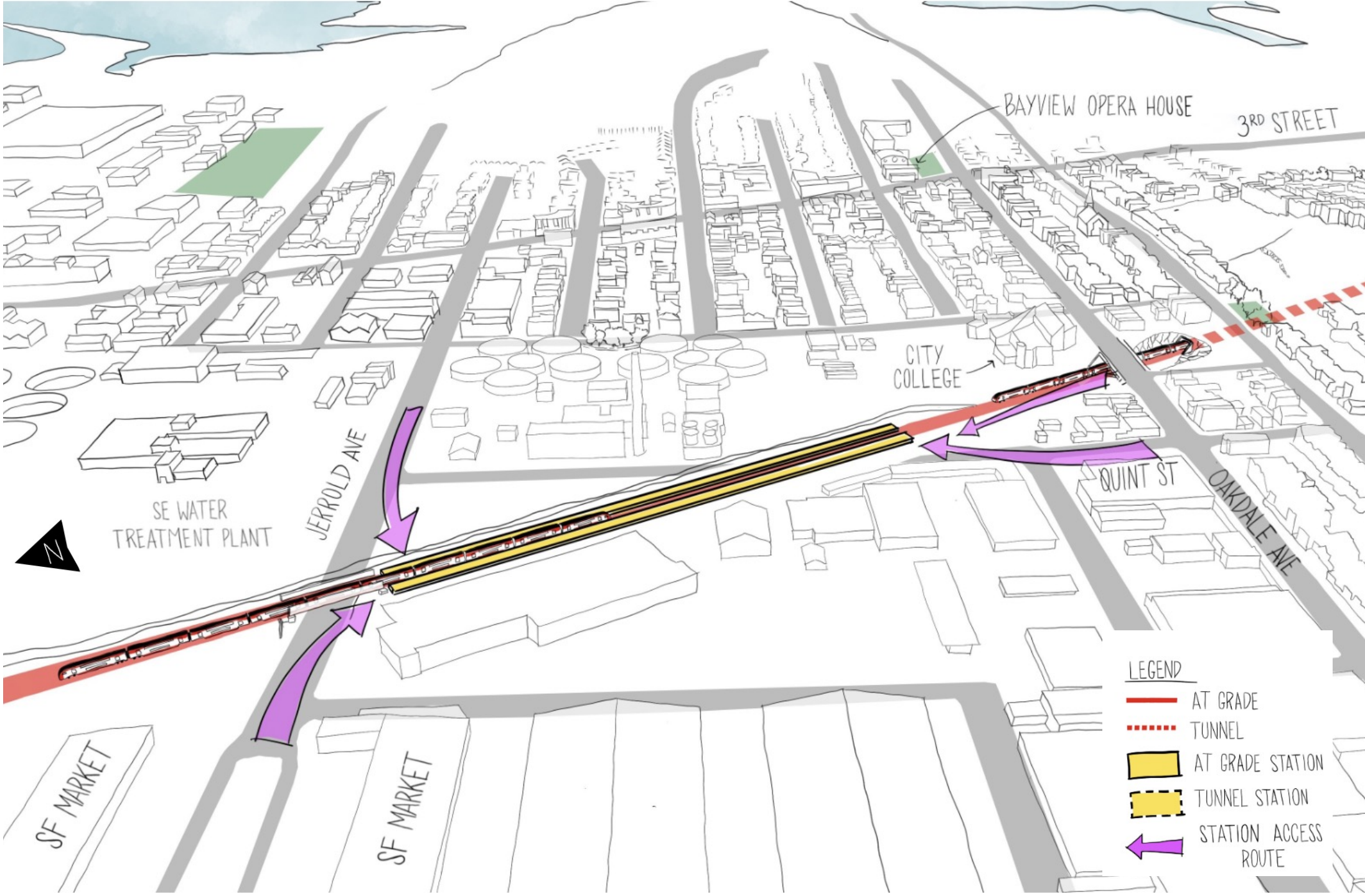


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# IMPORTANT DATES & OUTREACH

## OCTOBER

- 10/7 and 10/9 Public Workshops Round 1
- 10/20 Caltrain CAC
- 10/21 Planning Commission
- 10/26 TA Board
- 10/27 TA CAC

## NOVEMBER

- 11/4 and 11/6 Public Workshops Round 2





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# TRANSPORTATION CONTEXT

- In 2019, 4th & King accounted for 20% of Caltrain's weekday ridership
- Caltrain's 2040 Service Vision: 180,000 riders/day, 8 trains per peak hour in each direction
- High-Speed Rail: 4 trains per peak hour in each direction
- Central Subway adjacent on 4th Street
- Downtown Extension adjacent on Townsend Street, connects to Salesforce Transit Center
- Pennsylvania Avenue extension (PAX), via 7th Street and Pennsylvania Ave
- Multiple freeway ramps
- Caltrain corridor electrification under way



# LAND USE CONTEXT

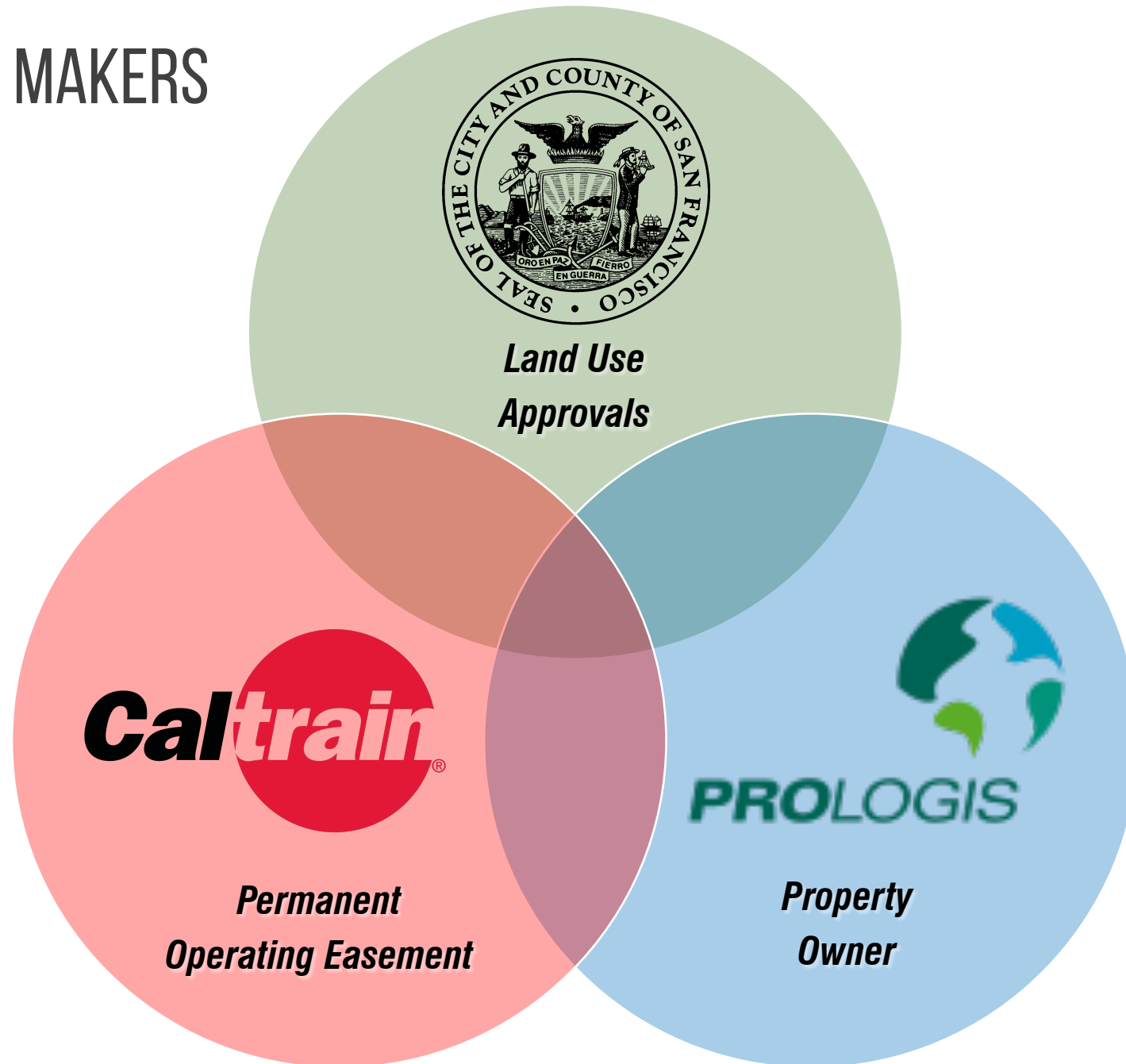
- 19-acre site with active rail operations
- Railyards is a physical barrier
- Central SoMa plan: 8,800 units & 32,000 jobs
- Complex subsurface conditions: brownfield, landfill, utilities
- Future 5th Street bike/ped connection across Mission Creek
- Proximity to major event destinations
- Sea Level Rise inundation zone; action planning underway

Photo source: Sergio Ruiz



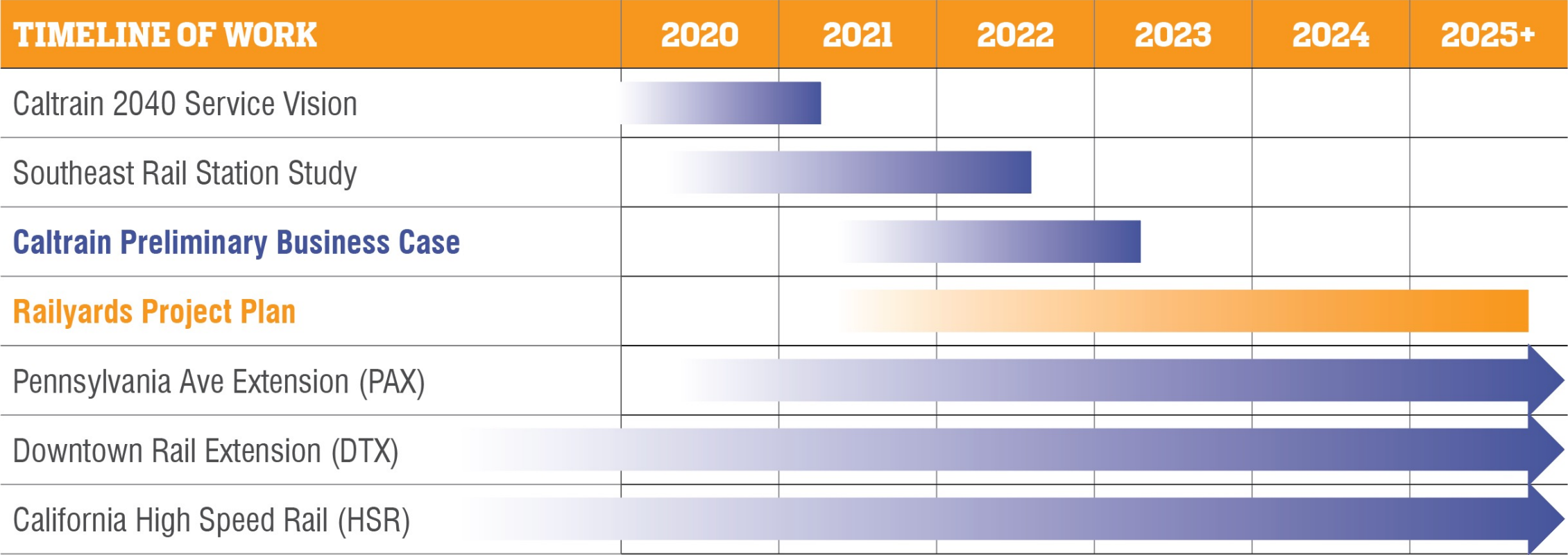


# LAND USE DECISION MAKERS





# COORDINATING PROJECTS ACROSS AGENCIES



# PRELIMINARY BUSINESS CASE

Led by Caltrain and Prologis



- International best practice focused on evidence-based decision making
- Focused on rail, transportation, and community needs
- Facilitates decision-making for complex issues
- Complete legal and economic analysis
- Supports San Francisco Development Agreement process

# RAILYARDS: KEY TAKEAWAYS

## 1. Major transportation projects are gaining momentum

**Currently underway** - Caltrain electrification

2022 - Central Subway opens

2022 - High-speed rail releases Northern CA final environmental documents

2023 - DTX goal for federal grant

## 2. This is a generational opportunity

to address transit inequities, station resilience, and fund community benefits through vertical development

## 3. We are working together like never before

multiple formal agreements between agencies to align goals and coordinate community engagement

## 4. The Preliminary Business Case process will prioritize transportation needs

at 4th & King, in order to maximize public benefits that follow

## 5. Public engagement will begin in 2022



# THANK YOU

## QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

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