



# LAUREL VILLAGE

CALIFORNIA STREET | STREETScape PROJECT



## CONSTRUCTION IS COMING!!

JOIN CITY STAFF FOR A COFFEE AND TO REVIEW THE PROJECT PROPOSAL AND CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE

Friday, March 9th  
9:00 - 11:00am -AND- 4:00 - 6:00pm

Saturday, March 10th  
9:00 - 11:00am

Locust Street Plaza (fronting Books, Inc. & Toss)

### Project Schedule

Public Outreach / Planning  
Design  
Contract Bid & Award  
Construction

March 2015 - April 2016  
May 2016 - June 2017  
June 2017 - January 2018  
March - November 2018

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

#### Q. How will this project be funded?

A. The Laurel Village Streetscape Improvement project was selected as part of the 2011 Road Repaving & Street Safety Bond to include improvements to the stretch of California Street fronting the Laurel Village Shopping Center. The project budget was set at \$1.25 million with the goal of improving safety and providing a more attractive pedestrian environment. **San Francisco Public Works** has partnered with the **San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency** to include Muni Forward transit improvements and traffic signal upgrades, as well as the **San Francisco Public Utilities Commission** to include critical sewer system upgrades. All of which helps to minimize future disruptions after construction. After the planning and design phases, and inclusion of additional City Agency Partners, the total project construction budget is approximately **\$4 million**, resulting in a much larger investment for the neighborhood than originally planned.

#### Q. What should I expect during construction?

In addition to the streetscape (illustration on reverse) and sewer improvements from Laurel to Spruce streets, the project includes repaving the roadway on California Street from Laurel to Cherry streets. The sewer on Locust Street from California to Sacramento streets will also be replaced and the road repaved. There may be noticeable noise, vibration, dust, and parking and travel lane closures in the work zone and disruption of normal neighborhood activity at times during the **9-month construction duration**. Work will generally be completed between the hours of **8:00am and 6:00pm**.

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) contd.

#### Q. How will these improvements affect parking and traffic circulation?

A. The new transit and pedestrian bulbs do not reduce traffic lanes. The transit bulbs, approved by the SFMTA Board of Directors on August 16, 2016, will make Muni more reliable by reducing the need for buses to pull in and out of bus zones, improving overall circulation. This facilitates smoother, safer, and quicker passenger loading. Moving the bus stop allows Muni to travel through intersections without stopping twice - once to load passengers and again if the light turns red. With these proposals, transit travel time will decrease.

The bulbs, which function as sidewalk extensions, do require the re-purposing of some parking spaces. Six parking spaces fronting Starbucks will convert to a new transit bulb at the southeast corner of Spruce, with four parking spaces to be removed for the northwest transit bulb. Six new parking spaces will be created fronting Walgreen's on the southwest corner and the parking lot on the northeast corner of Spruce, resulting in a net loss of four spaces at the intersection. Additionally, the removal of the Maple Street bus stop will create three new parking spaces one block west of Spruce Street. Two parking spaces will convert to an expanded pedestrian space at Locust Street, and four spaces will be removed for the new transit bulb at Laurel Street on the southeast corner. For more details on the Muni Forward improvements, please visit the project website at: [www.sfpublishworks.org/laurel-village](http://www.sfpublishworks.org/laurel-village)

#### Q. How are safety concerns addressed by this project?

- The steep cross-slope in front of the Cal-Mart will be leveled for safer and more comfortable walking.
- All curb ramps will be upgraded to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance.
- The transit and pedestrian bulbouts will extend the sidewalk to increase the visibility of pedestrians and shorten crossing distances across California Street.
- Planted medians will be used as a traffic calming measure along California Street at the Spruce Street and Locust Street intersections.
- Pedestrian light fixtures will be placed along the south side of California Street from Spruce to Laurel streets, enhancing visibility and creating a safer environment at night.
- Any proposed benches will have intermediate armrests to deter people from sleeping on them.

#### Q. Will landscaping improvements occur on both sides of the street?

A. In addition to the planted medians, Public Works will be adding four smaller olive trees to infill the existing trees on the north side of California Street between Spruce and Laurel streets.

#### Q. How does the City of San Francisco plan to maintain the landscaping?

A. The design improvements include an automatic irrigation system in order to deliver water to the new plants and trees. The City will also be working to add Laurel Village to a separate landscape maintenance contract after construction. After three years, the maintenance of trees will fall to Public Works Bureau of Urban Forestry.

#### Q. Will anything be done to the rear parking lot of Laurel Village?

A. No, the parking lot located in the rear of the Laurel Village shopping center is private property. Any improvements to the parking lot and passageway at Locust Street must be done by the property owners. However, the sidewalks at the driveway entry/exit on both Laurel and Spruce streets will receive upgraded curb ramps.

#### Q. If I have more questions, whom should I contact?

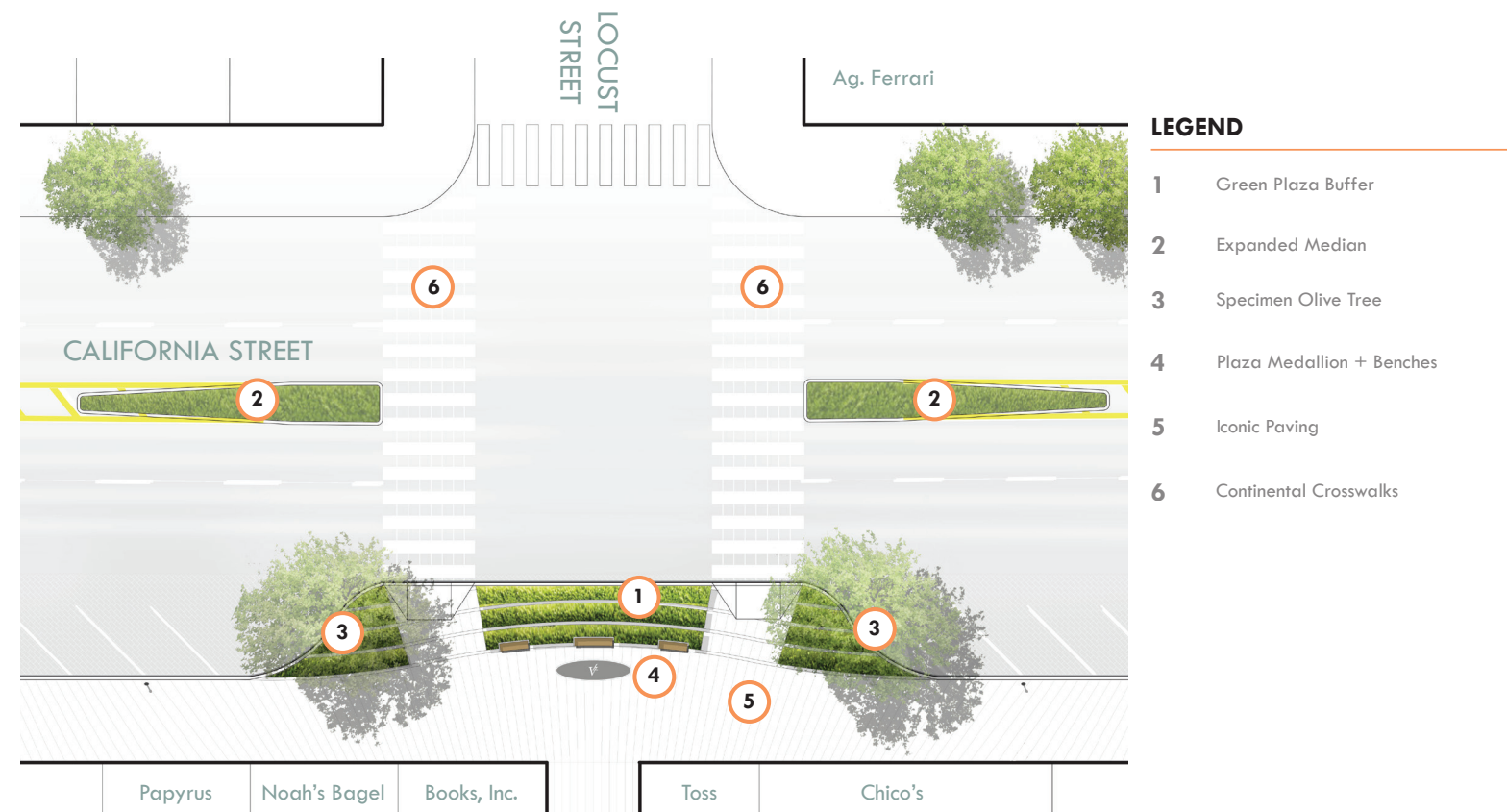
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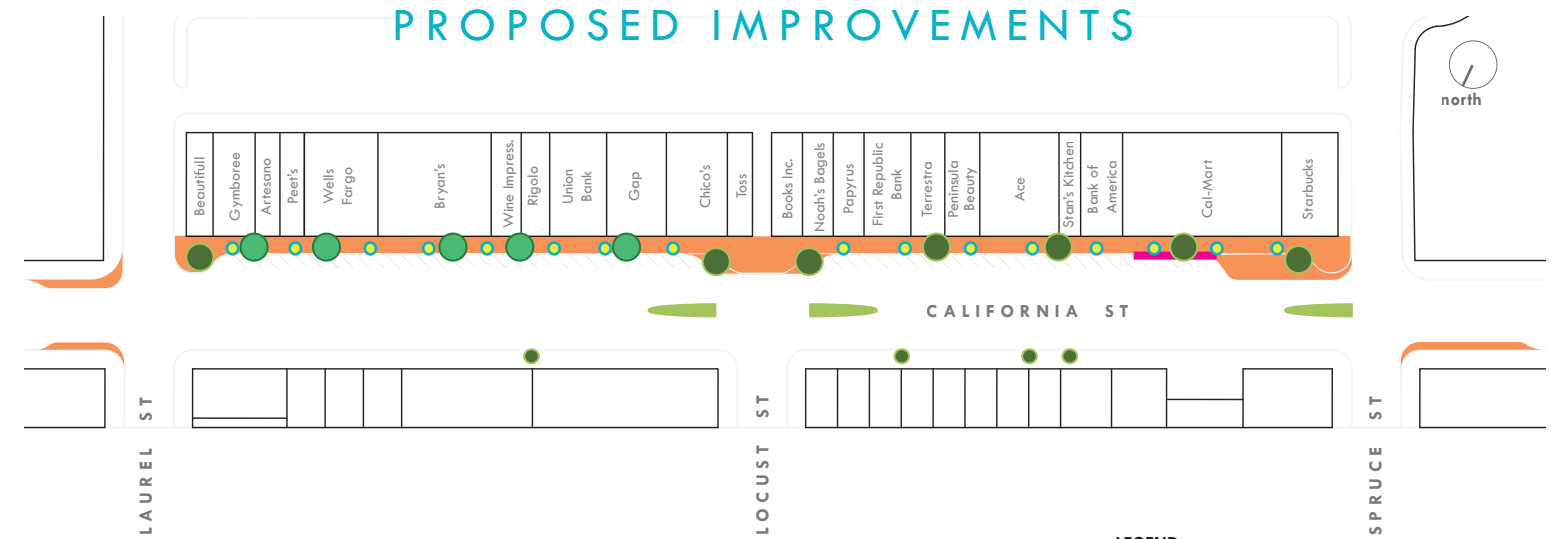
# CALIFORNIA LAUREL VILLAGE STREETScape



- LEGEND**
- 1 Green Plaza Buffer
  - 2 Expanded Median
  - 3 Specimen Olive Tree
  - 4 Plaza Medallion + Benches
  - 5 Iconic Paving
  - 6 Continental Crosswalks



## CALIFORNIA LAUREL VILLAGE STREETScape PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS



- LEGEND**
- 'Heritage' Olive Trees (locations are approximate)
  - Existing Sycamore Trees to Remain
  - Standard Olive Trees (locations are approximate)
  - Pedestrian Lighting (locations are approximate)
  - ▬ Median Planting at Crosswalk
  - ▬ New Sidewalks/Bulbouts
  - ▬ Raised Curbs
- Laurel Village Pedestrian Improvements  
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**Heritage Olive Trees** are proposed to be planted along the south side of California Street. Standard olive trees will be planted on the north side.



**Boxwood Hedges** will be provided at the Locust street plaza to add greening and provide a buffer to California street traffic.



**New Pedestrian-scale Lighting** will provide a safer environment for pedestrians at night.



**New Sidewalks** will provide a safe and comfortable shopping experience for pedestrians, and will remedy the steep cross-slope near Cal-Mart and Starbucks.



**New Bus Stop Bulb** in front of Starbucks will make Muni more reliable by reducing the need to pull in and out of bus zones. It will also allow for additional pedestrian space and a more robust 'gateway' to Laurel Village.