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## **Family-Fun Celebration to Mark Completion of 22nd Street Green Connection Improvements Make Dogpatch Neighborhood Safer, Greener and More Beautiful**

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**San Francisco, CA** – San Francisco Public Works, along with District 10 Supervisor Malia Cohen, Assessor-Recorder Carmen Chu, City Attorney Dennis Herrera and the Dogpatch Neighborhood Association, will host a community celebration to commemorate the completion of the transformative 22nd Street Green Connection at the annual Dogpatch Block Party on Nov. 3, 2018.

In addition to a ceremonial ribbon cutting and speaking program, the event's family-friendly festivities include a puppet show and musical performance.

**What:** Dogpatch community celebration and ribbon cutting

**Date:** Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018

**Time:** 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; ribbon cutting takes place at noon

**Location:** Woods Yard Park at 22nd Street at Minnesota Street

**Who:** Supervisor Malia Cohen, Assessor-Recorder Carmen Chu, City Attorney Dennis Herrera, members of the Dogpatch Neighborhood Association and the City project team

The 22nd Street Green Connection, located in the City's historic Dogpatch neighborhood, provides a verdant and inviting connection from Illinois Street – home to the Blue Greenway, Bay Trail and future housing and parks – to the 22nd Street Caltrain station, with a planned future connection to the Potrero Hill Recreation Center.

"The 22nd Street corridor is one of the greatest neighborhood corridors in San Francisco," said Supervisor Malia Cohen, who represents the area. "It's a community destination with great places to eat and catch up with neighbors. These streetscape improvements enhance the vibrant Dogpatch neighborhood and provide a comfortable and enjoyable connection for people walking, cycling and taking transit."

San Francisco Public Works, in partnership with the San Francisco Planning Department and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, worked with the Dogpatch Neighborhood Association and members of the community for input on their shared goal to improve all modes of transportation and beautify the corridor that runs along 22nd Street, from Pennsylvania Street to Illinois Street.

“We worked closely with the Dogpatch Community to create an even more welcoming and lively corridor,” said Public Works Director Mohammed Nuru. “At the end of the day, this is a great example of refreshing a neighborhood through greening and thoughtful design. With the support of proactive neighborhoods groups, we have been able to improve safety and beautify our shared public spaces not just on 22nd Street, but in neighborhoods across San Francisco.”

The project broke ground in January 2018 and introduced numerous improvements and upgrades, including decorative high-visibility crosswalks at six intersections, new street trees, hundreds of low maintenance drought tolerant plantings, new pedestrian lighting fixtures, benches, bike racks, painted bike route markings (sharrows) and new trash receptacles.

The \$3.6 million neighborhood improvement project was funded by development impact fees, as well as the Public Works Paving Program.

“Improvements to Dogpatch’s 22nd Street are a textbook collaboration: Neighbors and local designers conceived the project. Public Works adopted the project and built it as part of the City’s Green Connections program. The Eastern Neighborhood Citizens Advisory Committee allocated development impact fees from Eastern Waterfront projects to help fund the renovations,” said Bruce Kin Huie, president of the Dogpatch Neighborhood Association.

Huie noted that the commitment to cleaning and greening the neighborhood will continue, thanks to the support of local neighbors and merchants, and the ongoing efforts of the Dogpatch and Northwest Potrero Hill Green Benefit District, the first of organization of its kind in the City.

About San Francisco Public Works: The 24/7 City agency cleans and resurfaces streets; plants and nurtures City-maintained street trees; designs, constructs and maintains City-owned facilities; inspects streets and sidewalks; builds curb ramps; eradicates graffiti; partners with neighborhoods; trains people for jobs; greens the right of way; and educates our communities.

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