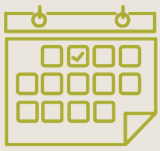


# in the works

October 2019



Lion dancers christen the new Trenton Street alleyway improvement project. See story inside.



# EVENTS



11/7

## [Excelsior Outer Mission Streetscape Design Guidelines Final Open House](#)

The Excelsior Outer Mission Streetscape Design Guidelines reflect a community vision for streetscape improvements on Mission Street, including trees, planting, lighting, paving materials, and other features designed to enhance the pedestrian experience and reflect neighborhood identity.

Led by SF Planning, City staff will present the draft guidelines and showcase the proposed streetscape designs based on community input. In addition, students from the Youth Art Exchange program will present their initial concepts for a temporary streetscape project on Mission Street.

The event is an opportunity to see the draft guidelines, share your feedback and speak with the designers.

6 - 9 p.m.

[x]space art hub  
5137 Mission St.



11/11

Veterans Day (Observed)



11/14

## [San Francisco's New Hazards and Climate Resilience Plan](#)

The City and County of San Francisco is wrapping up a new cross-departmental effort to improve the City's readiness for disasters, such as earthquakes, and to bolster its overall resilience in the face of long-term climate change. Learn from the plan's leaders about how this new initiative will make the City's residents safer and more prepared for heat, flooding, wildfires, sea level rise and more.

12:30 p.m.  
SPUR Urban Center  
654 Mission St.



11/16

## [Community Clean Team in District 7](#)

Community Clean Team is San Francisco Public Works' longest-running and largest volunteer program that keeps San Francisco beautiful through landscaping and gardening projects, graffiti removal and litter cleanup in our neighborhoods. Community Clean Team needs your help to keep our city clean and green. Join us and volunteer!

8:30 a.m. - registration  
9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - community projects  
Lowell High School  
1101 Eucalyptus Dr.



11/28 and 11/29

Thanksgiving Holiday (Observed)

[SFPUBLICWORKS.ORG](http://SFPUBLICWORKS.ORG)



# Healthy BONES

we have a total of

# 206

bones in our body

our bone structure:

**50%** water **50%** solid matter

only **35%**

of American adults consume the recommended daily allowance of calcium

# 1.5 million

individuals estimated to suffer a fracture due to bone disease every year

# 12 weeks

the average time for broken bone to heal

Eat foods rich in Calcium and Vitamin D such as:



Dairy



Greens



Soy



Nuts

Avoid foods that could affect calcium absorption and bone loss:



High-Sodium



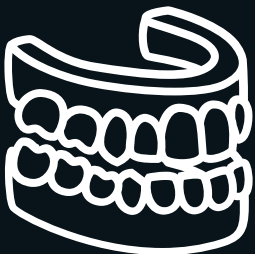
Caffeine



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Alcohol



## Don't forget your teeth!

Bone in the jaw supports and anchors the teeth. When the jawbone becomes less dense, tooth loss can occur, a common occurrence in older adults.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Your funny bone isn't actually a bone. Running down the inside part of your elbow is a nerve called the ulnar nerve. It lets your brain know about feelings in your fourth and fifth fingers.





# THANK YOU

Just a positive shout-out to Jesse Rivers from the Public Works Carpentry Shop. He did a great job on our office suite at 25 Van Ness. The tenants and I were very pleased with his work. It was a very nice job.

Chris O.  
City and County of San Francisco  
Real Estate Division

Thanks so much for coming to our meeting last week. I was very pleased to see how much traffic we had at the exhibitor tables – and we've heard from members that they thought the exhibitor portion of the evening was of real value. I hope that you felt the same. I very much appreciate your taking the time for our event after work hours.

Carla  
Pacific Heights  
Residents Association





# SOCIAL MEDIA

Jamie Parks  
@transpocrat

So excited to see Townsend under construction!  
@sfpbublicworks crews were out yesterday pouring the new 11,000 sq ft(!!) boarding island/sidewalk. Huge step forward for @sfmta\_muni protected lane network..



7:01 AM · Oct 4, 2019 · Twitter for iPhone

3 Retweets 71 Likes

Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival shared a post.  
Just now · 🌐

Thank you Japantown Community Benefit District, Inc., San Francisco Public Works, Fix-it Team SF, and Japanese Community Youth Council (JCYC) for organizing this volunteer #communitycleanup in #Japantown! 🇺🇸 🇯🇵 Our volunteers incl. our co-chair Greg Viloria & Tsukino Mari Sakura 360! 🙌





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# PUBLIC WORKS



SIGN UP



## EPISODE 0061

*Mission Bay: Building a New Neighborhood from the Underground Up*

Join the Public Works Mission Bay Redevelopment Project team to learn about the infrastructure and utility installations that helped build San Francisco's newest neighborhood: Mission Bay. The team, led by project manager Shawna Gates, installed new critical Emergency Firefighting Water System pipelines, street poles and streetscape features to bring the waterfront neighborhood into the 21st Century.



# New Life for a Neighbor

Maxine Hall Health Center, a neighborhood clinic in the Western Addition that opened more than 50 years ago and provides care to nearly 4,000 residents each year, is about to undergo a transformative renovation. ▶





# Neighborhood Health Center

City officials and community leaders participate in the ceremonial groundbreaking for the renovation of the Maxine Hall Health Center.



Maxine Hall Health C

Designer's  
rendition of the  
remodeled public  
health center.



**MAXINE HALL  
HEALTH CENTER**  
*City & County  
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**Maxine Hall Health**



► Mayor London Breed presided over a ceremonial groundbreaking for the project on Oct. 2, joined by District 5 Supervisor Vallie Brown and representatives from San Francisco Public Works and the Department of Public Health. Many community members, clinicians and activists also were in attendance, in addition to Maxine Hall patients and family members of the late Maxine Hall, a community activist in the Fillmore District who was killed by a stray bullet in 1993.

The clinic offers prenatal care, women's health services, counseling and support services. Most Maxine Hall patients reside nearby.

The renovation project will fully retrofit the building and make room for larger exam rooms, seven additional patient rooms and an accessible patient group meeting room, among many other improvements.

"This renovation will allow the Maxine Hall Health Center to continue serving thousands of people in the Western Addition for decades to come," said Mayor Breed, who grew up nearby. "People rely on this health center for medical care and to get access to other resources, like food, shelter, clothing and transportation. We want to make sure it's designed to keep meeting the needs of the community. Not only will the new facility have an expanded clinic with additional patient rooms, but it will also be seismically safe and will be able to provide refuge in the event of an earthquake."

Once the building updates are complete, patients will be able to receive primary care, such as regular check-ups, behavioral health care, short-term counseling and other medical services, including lab testing, in one location. Co-location of services will enable Maxine

Hall health care providers and staff to serve the patient holistically. The remodel also will improve accessibility for patients with disabilities by adding an elevator, curb ramps and updating existing ramps.

Construction for the remodel will start in late 2019. On Nov. 5, Maxine Hall Health Center will move its services during construction to 1181 Golden Gate Ave., near the Ella Hill Hutch Community Center. The clinic will be closed Nov. 1-4 for the move. During the remodel, Westside Community Services, which shares the Maxine Hall building, will continue to serve its patients on Pierce Street in both a temporary clinic and in part of the existing building.

The \$14 million Maxine Hall remodel is mainly funded by the 2016 Public Health and Safety Bond. The Mayor's Office on Disability also contributed \$1.2 million for the elevator and other accessibility improvements. San Francisco Public Works is providing project management and design for the remodel. The Department of Public Health is leasing the site for the temporary clinic at 1181 Golden Gate Ave. from the City's Real Estate Division.

The health bond also is helping to fund capital improvements at the Castro-Mission Health Center, the Southeast Health Center and on the Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital campus.



Celebrants marked the completion of the Trenton Street project in Chinatown.



# Right Up Our Alley

Criss-crossing Chinatown are more than 40 alleys that serve as short-cuts for pedestrians, corridors for delivery trucks and outdoor gathering spaces for residents in this tightly packed neighborhood. Given their importance, ►







The Yao Kung Moon troupe entertained the crowd at the alleyway unveiling.



Supervisor Aaron Peskin had the honors of wielding the big scissors at the Trenton Street ribbon-cutting celebration.



This was a true team effort that involved our engineers, landscape architects and crews from our bureaus of urban forestry, street repair, building repair and street cleaning.

- ▶ Public Works has teamed up with the Chinatown Community Development Center to improve the alleys with new streetscape designs to make them safer, more beautiful and more welcoming.

So far, more than a dozen alleys have been upgraded, the latest being Trenton Street, a one-block stretch bounded by Pacific, Jackson, Stockton and Powell streets in the heart of the historic neighborhood.

We celebrated the completion of the Trenton Street improvements on Oct. 29 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony that kicked off with a festive lion dance. The newly reimagined street showcases decorative asphalt paving adorned with colorful depictions of fish and peonies. Bright red lighted bollards line the alley to provide safer passage for people walking. There's also a raised crosswalk at the Trenton and Jackson entrance to slow traffic. Beautiful magnolia trees bring added life to the corridor and there are eye-catching murals on the north end of the street.

Public Works managed and designed the project, and our skilled trades workers performed much of the work. This was a true team effort that involved our engineers, landscape

architects and crews from our bureaus of urban forestry, street repair, building repair and street cleaning. All worked together to deliver this project to make the neighborhood more vibrant and beautiful.

We also want to give a big shout-out to District 3 Supervisor Aaron Peskin, who secured more than \$600,000 to help fund the Chinatown alleyway improvements, and to the Chinatown Community Development Center for collaborating closely with us and neighborhood residents and businesses to retain San Francisco Chinatown's status as one of the most dynamic neighborhoods in the world.

Learn more about the work we're doing in Chinatown's alleys [here](#).

# GREEN LIGHT FOR

BETTER  
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The San Francisco Bicycle Coalition led a rally at City Hall in support of the Better Market Street Project.

# Public Works Moves Better Market Street Forward with Unanimous Project Approvals

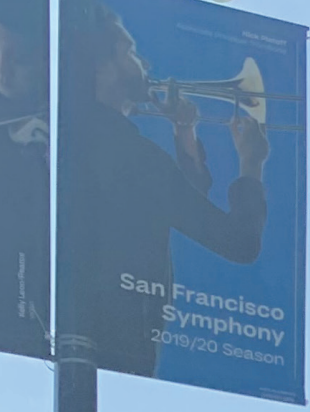




Design renderings of the Better Market Street project.

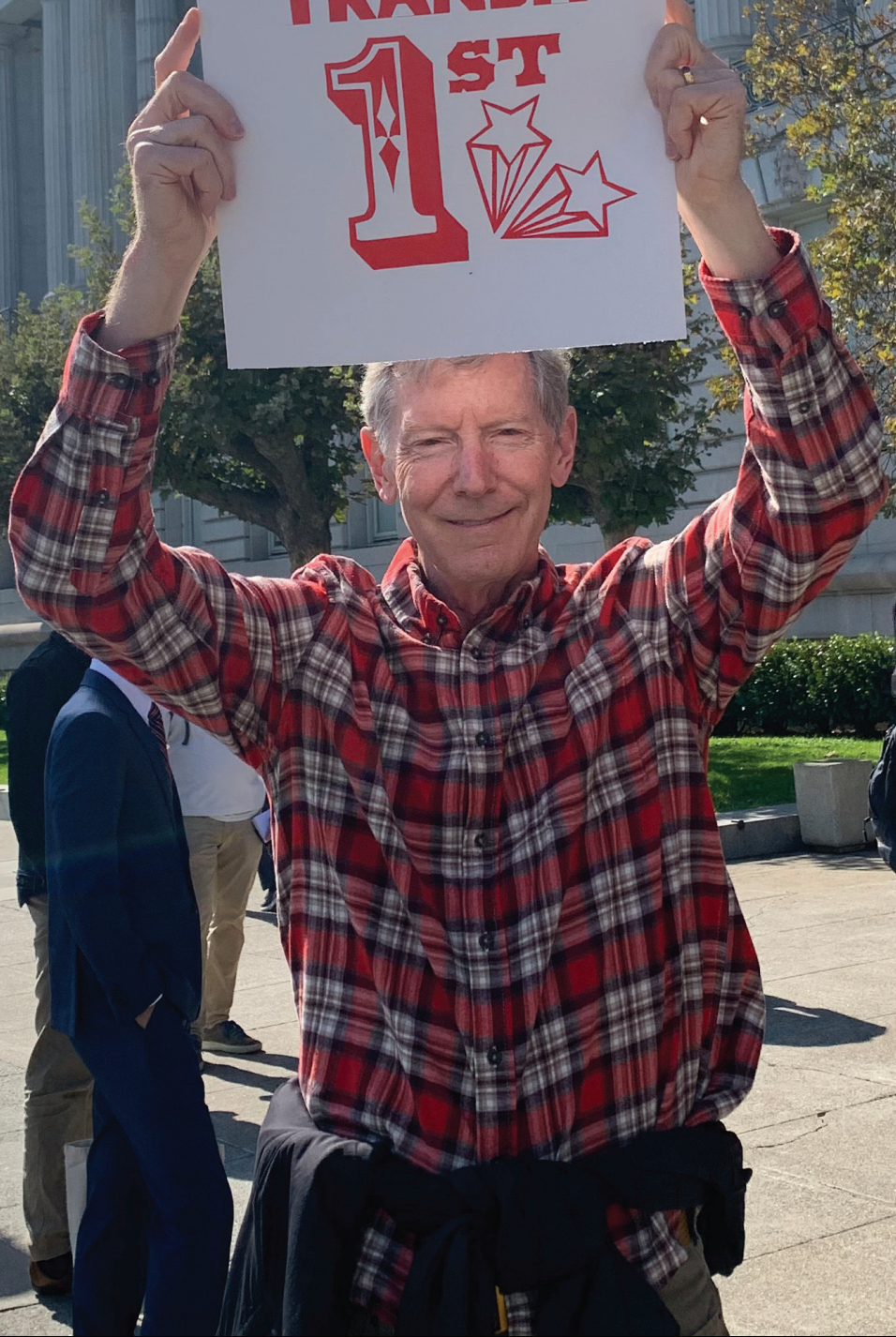


October was a month of major milestones for Better Market Street, the multi-agency City project led by San Francisco Public Works that proposes a transformative redesign of 2.2 miles of Market Street. ►



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NO PARKING  
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- ▶ On Oct. 10, the San Francisco Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve and certify the project's Environmental Impact Report (EIR); days later, on Oct. 15, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's Board of Directors followed suit with unanimous approval of the project.

Thanks to widespread community support, the project drew a packed house – including an overflow room – at the SFMTA Board meeting, as well as a rally of supporters on the steps of City Hall less than an hour beforehand. Public Works Director Mohammed Nuru and leadership from the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition and Walk San Francisco were greeted by cheers from a crowd of hundreds as they cited the project's significance and the urgency to make San Francisco's busiest pedestrian, bicyclist and transit corridor safer, more resilient and beautiful.

And in between the critical Planning Commission and SFMTA Board approvals, San Francisco Public Works held its own public hearing on Oct. 11 to receive comments on the Public Works Director's Order approving the project.

"These project approvals mark a major milestone for the Better Market Street project," said Public Works Director Mohammed Nuru. "We are one step closer to delivering a makeover of the City's premier boulevard, bringing it into the 21st century with streetscape improvements that will make the street safer, more accessible and more welcoming for San

Francisco's residents, workers and visitors."

What's next for Better Market Street?

In early 2020, project partner SFMTA will implement Quick Build enhancements that will make Market Street a car-free zone east of 10th Street. Quick Build, a policy introduced by Mayor London Breed earlier this year, allows the City to expedite Vision Zero traffic safety projects and improvements on high-injury corridors to bring San Francisco closer to achieving its goal of zero traffic deaths by 2024. Quick Build also will add 100 new passenger and commercial loading zones on cross streets; extended center Muni-only lanes; new painted safety zones; and bicycle safety improvements at multiple intersections along the corridor.

In Spring 2020, Public Works will build a pilot on the south side of Market between Franklin and Gough streets, allowing individuals with vision and mobility disabilities to become familiar with the project's detectable separation material – a series of trapezoid shaped pavers – that will help delineate the pedestrian zone and sidewalk-level bikeway. Public Works also plans to advertise the construction contract for the first phase of the project – Market Street between Fifth and Eighth streets – with a much-anticipated groundbreaking in late 2020 or early 2021.

Follow our project journey at [www.bettermarketstreetsf.org](http://www.bettermarketstreetsf.org)

The next phase of the Jefferson Streetscape Improvements Project got off to a festive start this month with a ceremonial groundbreaking that brought together civic, government and business leaders to kick off the project in one of San Francisco's most popular tourist destinations. ►

# Jefferson Streetscape Impr



Designer's rendition shows a more vibrant and inviting plaza in the heart of Fisherman's Wharf.

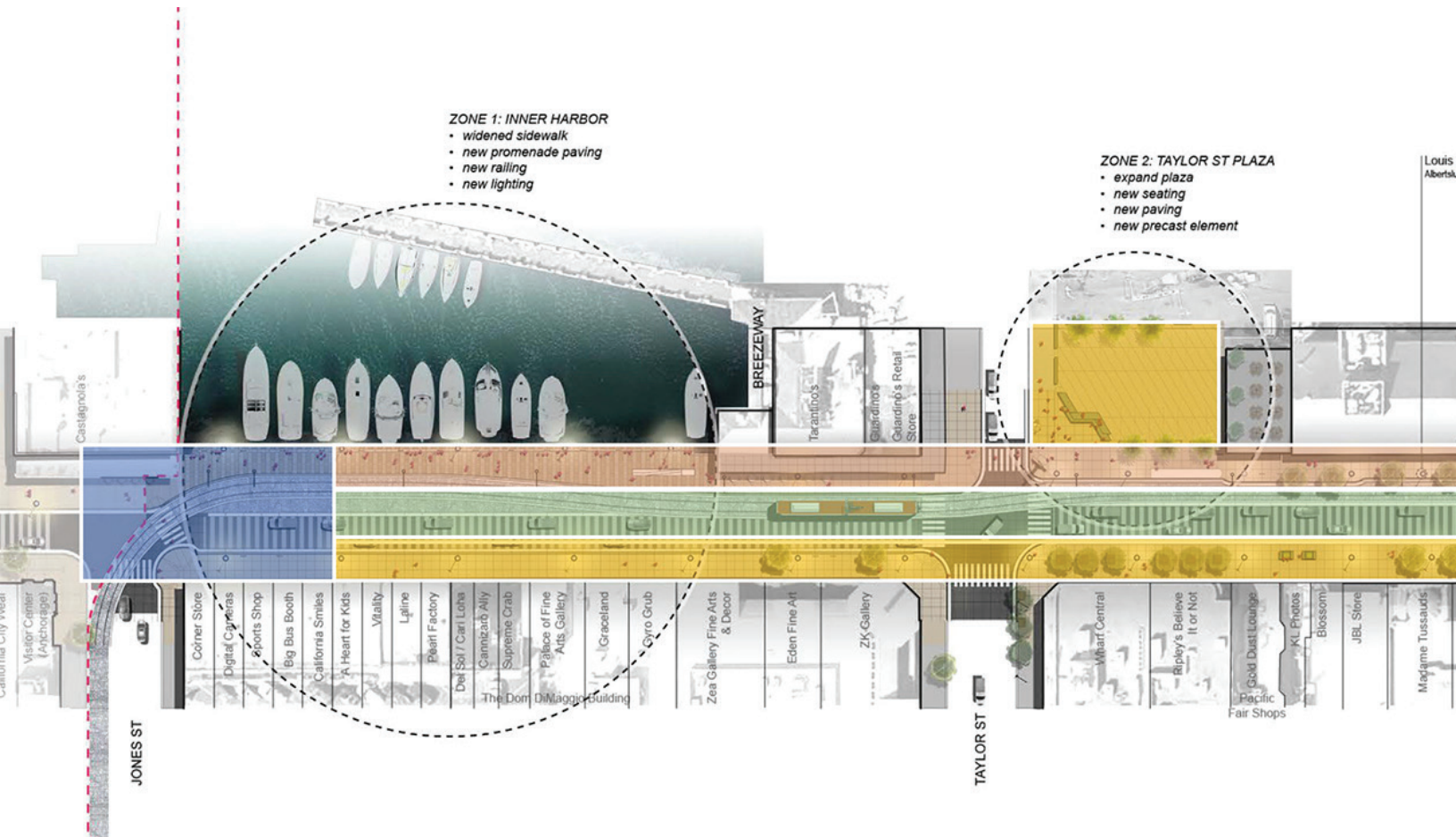
# Improvements Project Kicks Off







Wider sidewalks and new street furniture will enhance the visitor experience along Jefferson Street, as shown in this designer's rendering.



**ZONE 1: INNER HARBOR**

- widened sidewalk
- new promenade paving
- new railing
- new lighting

**ZONE 2: TAYLOR ST PLAZA**

- expand plaza
- new seating
- new paving
- new precast element

**Project Highlights**

- Street narrowing combined with geometric pattern pavement will help reduce motor vehicle speed
- Widened sidewalks with new street trees and plants
- Pedestrian scale lighting for added safety during the nighttime
- Enhanced sidewalks along the boat basin with new pattern paving and railings
- Site furnishings to include seating elements and bike racks

**Anticipated Schedule\***

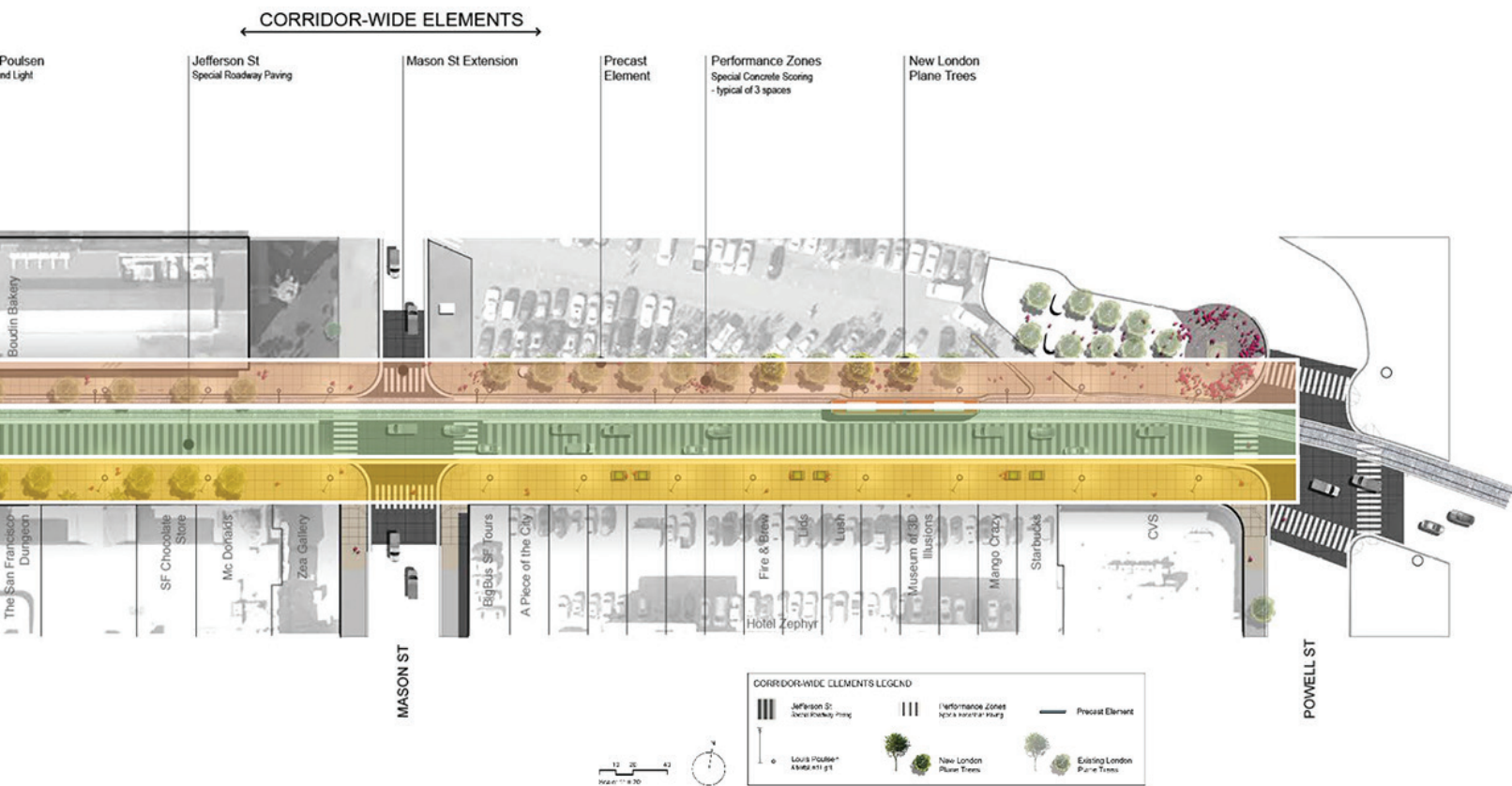
**Sequence I**

FALL 2019 - WINTER 2020  
 Utilities, Lighting, Sidewalk, Paving, Landscaping

- Jones Intersection

\*Please note that construction schedules, dates and durations are only estimates and are subject to change. Sequence orders and boundaries are not finalized and may be altered.





erred depending on the contractor's final baseline schedule. Please visit: [www.sfpublicworks.org/jefferson](http://www.sfpublicworks.org/jefferson) for the latest information and to sign up for project email updates.





City officials join community leaders at the ceremonial groundbreaking for the streetscape improvement project.



## The \$16.3 million streetscape project will transform the next three blocks of Jefferson Street, from Jones to Powell streets.

- The Oct. 21 event drew Mayor London Breed, District 3 Supervisor Aaron Peskin, Public Works Director Mohammed Nuru and representatives from the Port of San Francisco, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, San Francisco Planning, the San Francisco County Transportation Authority and the Fisherman's Wharf Community Benefit District.

The \$16.3 million streetscape project will transform the next three blocks of Jefferson Street, from Jones to Powell streets, to enhance pedestrian safety and beautify the corridor. It will feature widened sidewalks, new pedestrian scale lighting, new street trees, landscaping, expanded seating and bicycle parking and geometrically patterned pavement to help calm traffic.

The first phase of the Jefferson streetscape project was completed in June 2013 and transformed the first two blocks of Jefferson Street between Hyde and Jones streets.

Construction activity for Phase II is anticipated to start in November

and take approximately 12 months to complete.

The project will be managed by San Francisco Public Works and the contractor is Mitchell Engineering.

For the duration of construction, Muni's E Embarcadero and F Market and Wharves historic streetcars will turn back at Pier 39. A shuttle bus will operate in a loop to serve missed stops on the remaining four blocks.

Additional information about the project can be found at [sfpbpublicworks.org/jefferson](https://sfpbpublicworks.org/jefferson)

The San Francisco firefighters showcased their resilient equipment at the 30th-anniversary commemoration for the Loma Prieta Earthquake, held at the Marina Green.



# Loma Prieta Earthquake: From Dev

On the 30th anniversary of the Oct. 17, 1989, Loma Prieta Earthquake, the City remembers the valiant efforts of the first responders and neighborhood volunteers who came together



# Devastation Comes Resiliency

Remembered all those who lost their lives and honored  
them for responding to the disaster. ►

The Marina District was one of the hardest-hit neighborhoods in the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake.





In the 30 years since Loma Prieta, the City has made significant investments to ensure that we're ready for the next major earthquake.

- ▶ At 5:04 p.m. – the exact time the earthquake struck three decades ago – Mayor London Breed and other City officials rang a series of bells to commemorate this momentous event in our city's history.


On Oct. 17, 1989, the face of destruction and uncertainty, firefighters, police officers and neighbors worked hand in hand to contain the damage and protect life and property. In the days, weeks and months following the earthquake, our communities worked tirelessly to rebuild San Francisco. The earthquake and its aftermath were traumatic and challenging. However, San Franciscans' collective response and recovery proved that when we work together, we can overcome the greatest of obstacles.

In the 30 years since Loma Prieta, the City has made significant investments to ensure that we're ready for the next major earthquake. We all know that it

is not a matter of if the next Big One strikes, but a matter of when.

That's why, in 2010, the City launched the Earthquake Safety and Emergency Response Bond (ESER) program to strengthen our critical infrastructure, including neighborhood fire stations, district police stations, the Emergency Firefighting Water System and other essential first response facilities and infrastructure. Public Works is managing the upgrades. The first \$412 million bond passed with nearly 80 percent approval and the second bond followed in 2014, allocating an additional \$420 million toward making seismic improvements. A third ESER bond will appear on the upcoming March 2020 ballot that will continue to safeguard our communities.

To learn more about the ESER bond program, visit [sfearthquakesafety.org](https://sfearthquakesafety.org)

A young girl with dark hair is the central focus, wearing a white quilted jacket under a bright orange safety vest. She is also wearing blue gloves and yellow safety glasses, which she is adjusting with her right hand. In the background, another person in a similar safety vest is visible, working near a large green bush. A large orange plastic bag is in the foreground, and a red plastic container is on the ground. The scene is outdoors, likely at a community cleanup event.

This young volunteer is all geared up and ready to go to spruce up a Richmond District median.



# CLEAN, GREEN & BOOST CIVIC PRIDE

The Richmond District buzzed with activity on the morning of Oct. 19, as 134 Community Clean Team volunteers joined Public Works crews to spruce up their neighborhoods. ►







The lampposts on Fulton Street in the Outer Richmond got some much-needed fresh paint during Community Clean Team.




The 39th Avenue median got some extra TLC during the volunteer workday.

Volunteers and Public Works crews pruned and weeded the median along Point Lobos Avenue.







Volunteering at the  
Community Clean Team  
is a family affair.

Overall, it was a successful day promoting sustainability, bolstering civic pride and building teamwork for all involved.

- ▶ The event convened at Lafayette Elementary School on Anza Street. From there, teams headed to nine work sites to do everything from repainting street furniture at 37th Avenue and Geary Boulevard to pulling weeds, spreading mulch and planting new foliage along medians on Lake Street and Point Lobos Avenue.

In addition to cleaning up public spaces around the neighborhood, our corporate partner, Recology, provided Gigantic Three bulky item disposal service to residents from both Districts 1 and 4 to help San Franciscans properly get rid of unwanted furniture, electronic devices and the like. Volunteers at our District 1 Gigantic Three location at the western end of Fulton Street

also handed out free compost for locals to use in their gardens. Overall, it was a successful day promoting sustainability, bolstering civic pride and building teamwork for all involved. A huge thank you goes out to all our hard working and spirited volunteers!

Community Clean Team takes place in a different supervisorial district each month. Our next volunteer workday is on Nov. 16 in the District 7 neighborhoods of West Portal, Forest Hill, Inner Parkside and Sunnyside, among others. We'll kick off the day at 9 a.m. at Lowell High School, 1101 Eucalyptus Dr. Please sign up to volunteer [here](#). After the work is done, we'll provide volunteers with a tasty, free lunch. Together, let's #LoveOurCity!

# PUBLIC WORKS



## EPISODE 0062

### Public Works' Information Technology: a Musical Rendition

In honor of Cyber Security Awareness month this October, the Public Works information technology (IT) team – which responds to an average of 15,500 service requests each year – put together a musical rendition of how they provide critical technology support to our staff so we can better serve the people of San Francisco.







# Our assessment: This City

Government building lobbies aren't always memorable places. They're often basic spaces where you speak to a clerk or file paperwork. But in a building as unique and historic as San Francisco City Hall, the waiting area is a place of its own.

Our carpenter skillfully crafted a new railing in the waiting area at the Assessor-Recorder's City Hall office.





# City Hall lobby is welcoming

neutral places where visitors can thumb through old magazines while waiting to  
in Francisco's City Hall, the norm just won't cut it. ▶





Our teams designed and built new workspaces and customer service desks using solid oak to match City Hall's traditional design and finishes.

- ▶ That's why Public Works was excited to be a part of City Assessor-Recorder Carmen Chu's initiative to make her office's lobby a more comfortable and inviting space. Located on the first floor of City Hall, the office is a place for people to record and look up property records and deal with property assessments.

To make the lobby space more comfortable and inviting for visitors, new carpet and chairs were added to the waiting area and a new ventilation system was installed, as well. Public Works' involvement in this process was extensive, as every one of our Bureau of Building Repair trades, from electricians to glaziers, contributed to this renovation. Our carpenters provided skilled work crafting new railing and ornate dowels in keeping with City Hall's grandeur.

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match City Hall's traditional design and finishes.

And in keeping with the Assessor-Recorder's important role as keeper of many of the City's historical documents and photos, Chu spearheaded an effort to give visitors a peek into the office's archives by selecting 15 historical photos from its vast collection to display on the lobby's walls.

These historic photos provide a glimpse into what San Francisco used to look like, with old-fashioned storefront signs, cars, and the occasional person on the street captured in the moment, showing a day of life in San Francisco in the past. And they present just a small sliver of the Assessor-Recorder's vast collection of more than 94,000 photos from the 1940s through the early 2000s, which were transferred to the San Francisco History Center at the Main Library earlier this year.



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