

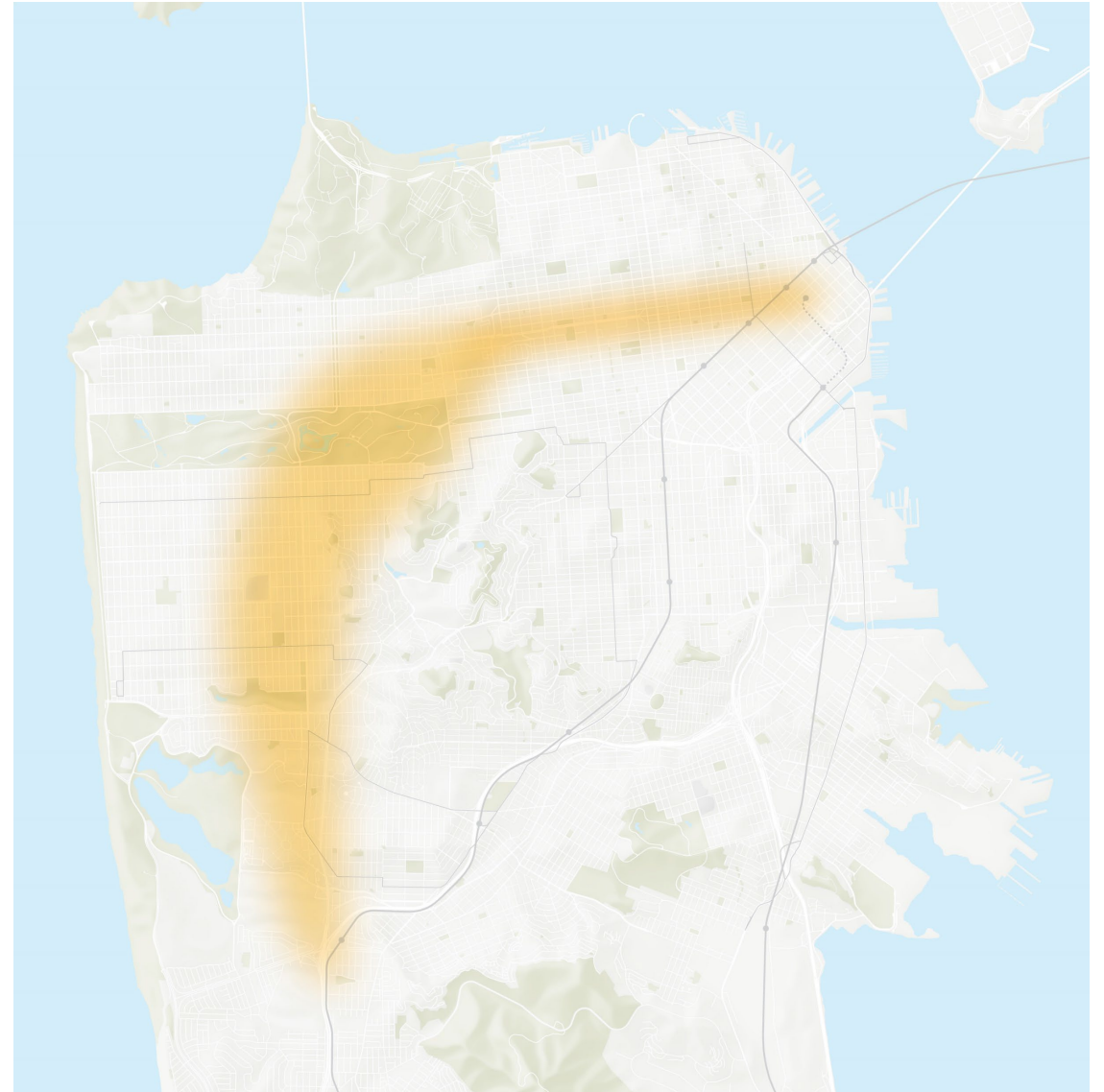
Geary/19th Ave Subway & Regional Connections Study



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Agenda

- Overview of Study and Goals
- Planning for the Future
- Key Considerations
- Your Feedback and Perspective
- Next Steps



Zoom Poll 1

Where are you joining from today?



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Geary/19th Avenue Corridor



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Zoom Poll 2

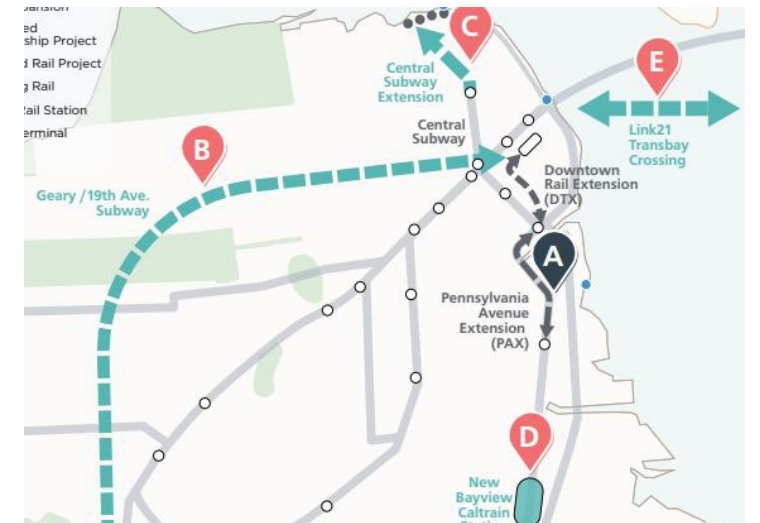
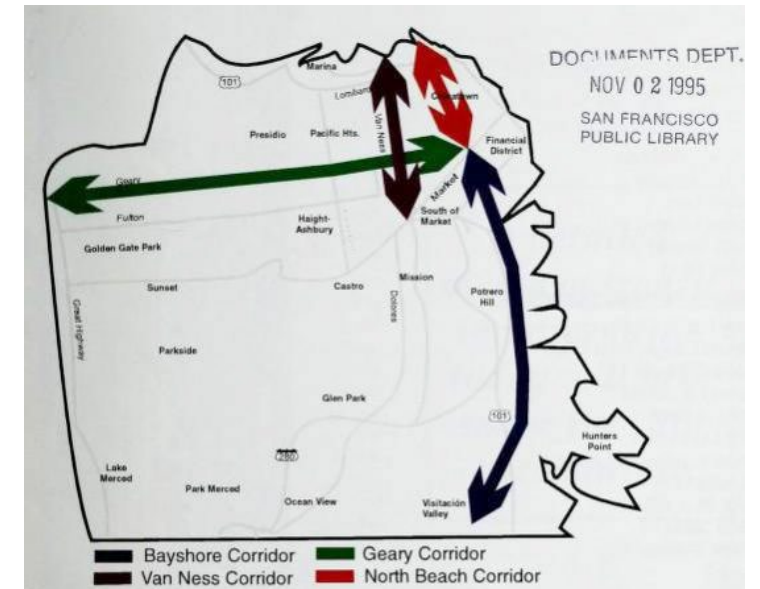
- How do you travel to, from, or within the corridor? (select all that apply)
- Where do you travel to often in or through this corridor? (select your top 3)



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How We Got Here

- Many previous studies identified need for connection between the Westside to Downtown SF
- ConnectSF identified Geary/19th Ave Subway as a high-priority project
- Current work is to move Geary/19th Ave subway into planning and development



Why we need a Geary / 19th Avenue Subway

The Geary Blvd/19th Avenue corridor is one of the busiest in San Francisco

- High concentration of jobs and housing
- Medical centers, universities, major institutions
- Combined Muni ridership in the corridor today is 50,000+ per day
- Expected future Geary/19th Ave Subway ridership is 300,000 per day



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Why we need a Geary / 19th Avenue Subway

More housing will increase the demand for transit

- More housing is coming to this part of San Francisco
- Nearly half of the 80,000 planned housing units will be served by this corridor
- In the future, buses alone will not be enough to serve demands for travel in the corridor



Why we need a Geary / 19th Avenue Subway

Connect key destinations to the regional and state rail systems

- A new subway would connect UCSF and San Francisco State to BART and potentially to new Transbay rail crossing
- Bridges the gap between San Francisco jobs and more affordable housing in Alameda, San Mateo, and beyond



Opportunities in the Geary/19th Corridor



Improve the transit experience, travel time, resilience, and connectivity



Serve current needs as well as planned growth in the corridor



Affordability, equity, climate, and environment

Zoom Poll 3

- How would a potential Geary/19th Ave subway help improve your access to top destinations?
- What issues are you most interested in learning more about as we work to plan the Geary/19th Ave subway? (select all that apply)



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Planning For The Future

Multi-year, multi-step effort to identify a preferred option and move the project forward

Increasing project development and investment

CURRENT PHASE

Strategic Planning

Develop initial planning roadmap

Identify key considerations and risks

Engagement and outreach

NEXT PHASE

Defining the Project

Detailed project design and station planning

Technical analysis

Engagement and outreach

Cost and funding

FUTURE (8+ YEARS)

Future Development Phases

Environmental Review

Design and Engineering

Cost and funding

FUTURE (15+ YEARS)

Implementation

Construction

Operation



Key considerations



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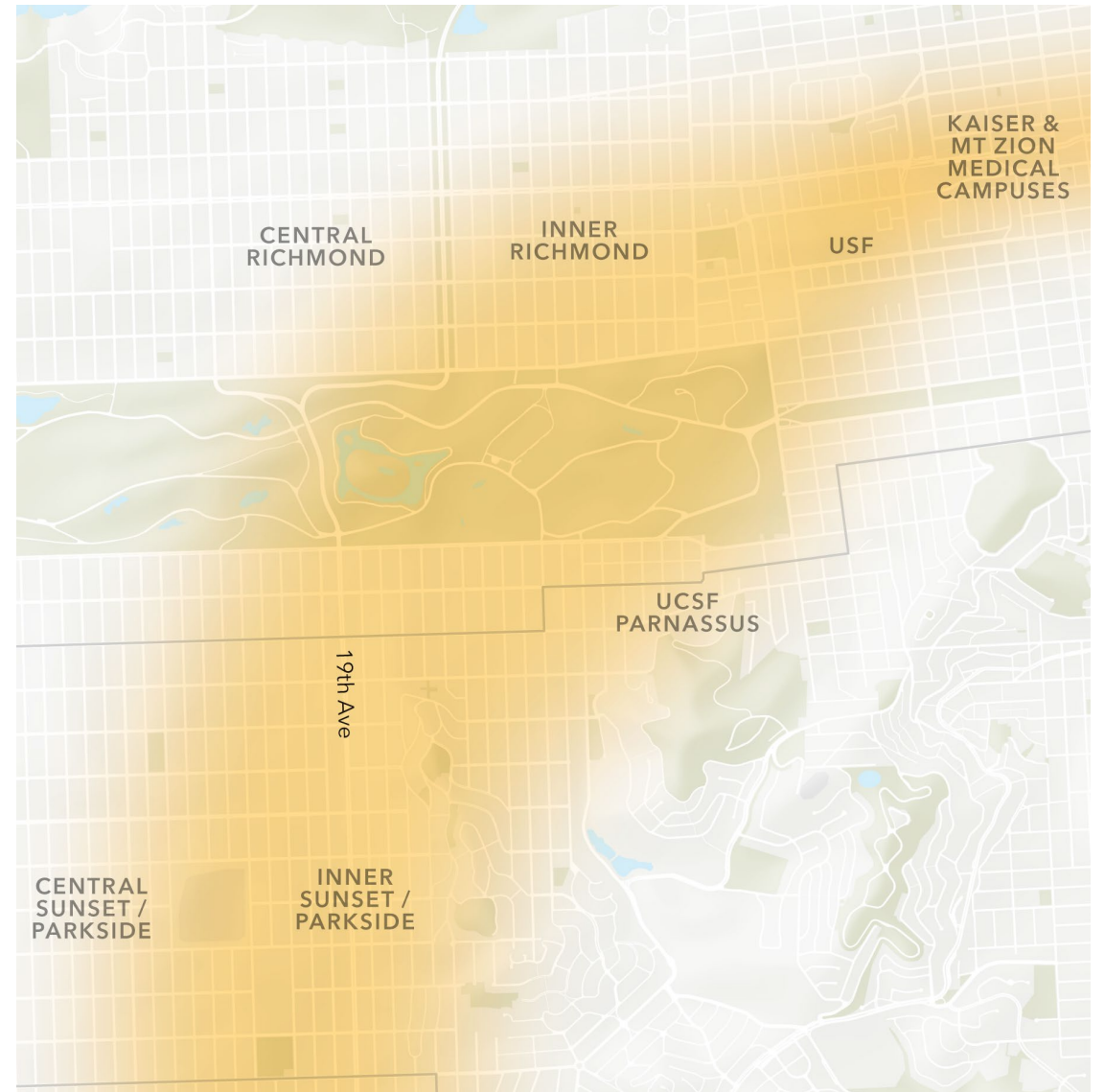
Area of Focus: Geary Blvd

- Strong transit usage today
- Equity Priority Communities
- Good connections to Downtown
- Opportunity to connect travel to South/Southwest SF, the East Bay, and San Mateo County by transit



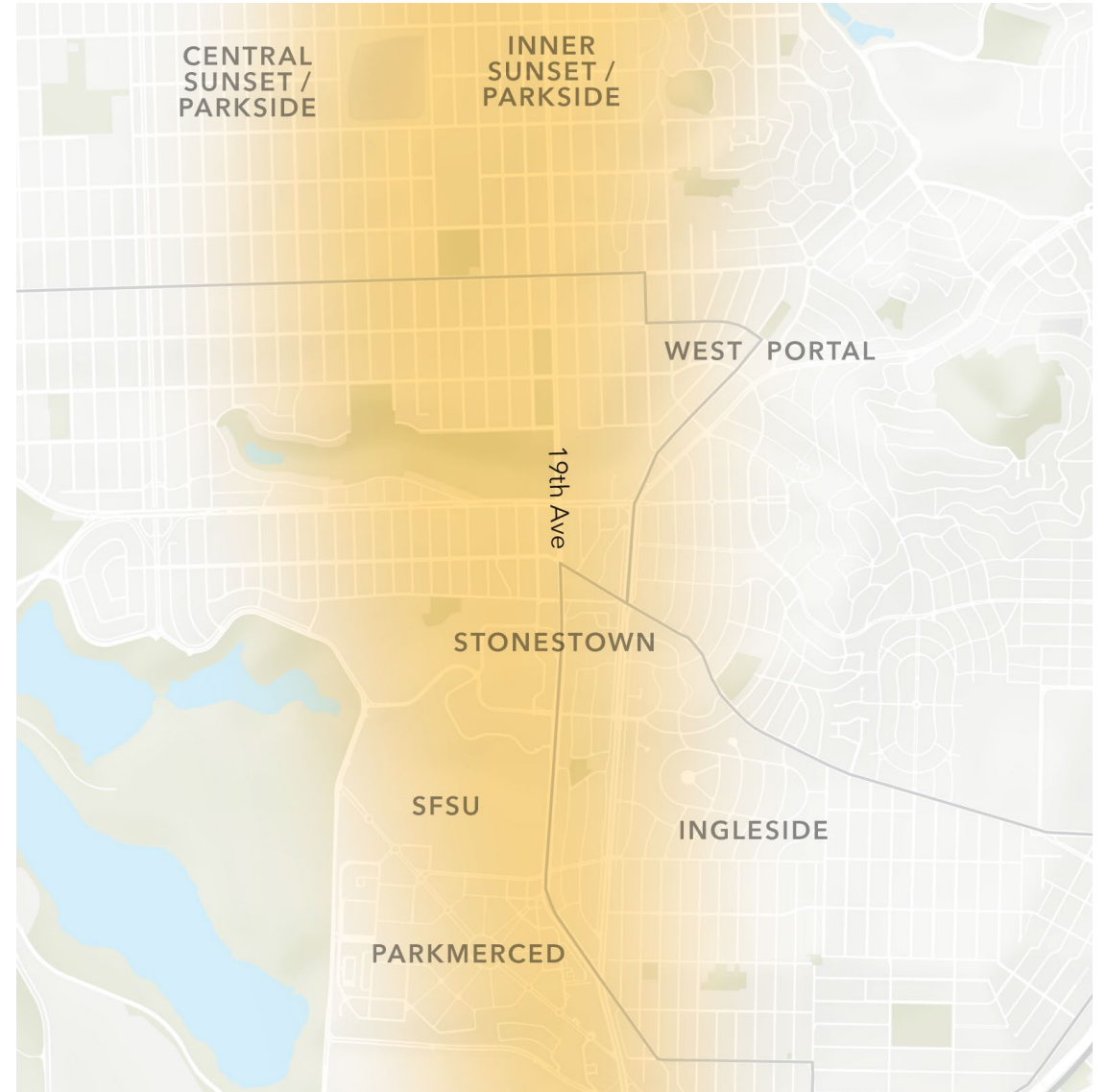
Area of Focus: How to Connect Geary and 19th?

- Exploring multiple route options
- Opportunity to support local and regional travel
- Connecting transportation network with employment and housing



Area of Focus: 19th Avenue

- Southwest San Francisco has highest per person vehicle miles traveled in the city
- Many trips to and from northern San Mateo County - less well served by transit today
- How to best connect Westside to Downtown (redundancy to buses and Muni Metro) and San Mateo County?
- How to best serve important regional destinations?



Local/Regional Connectivity

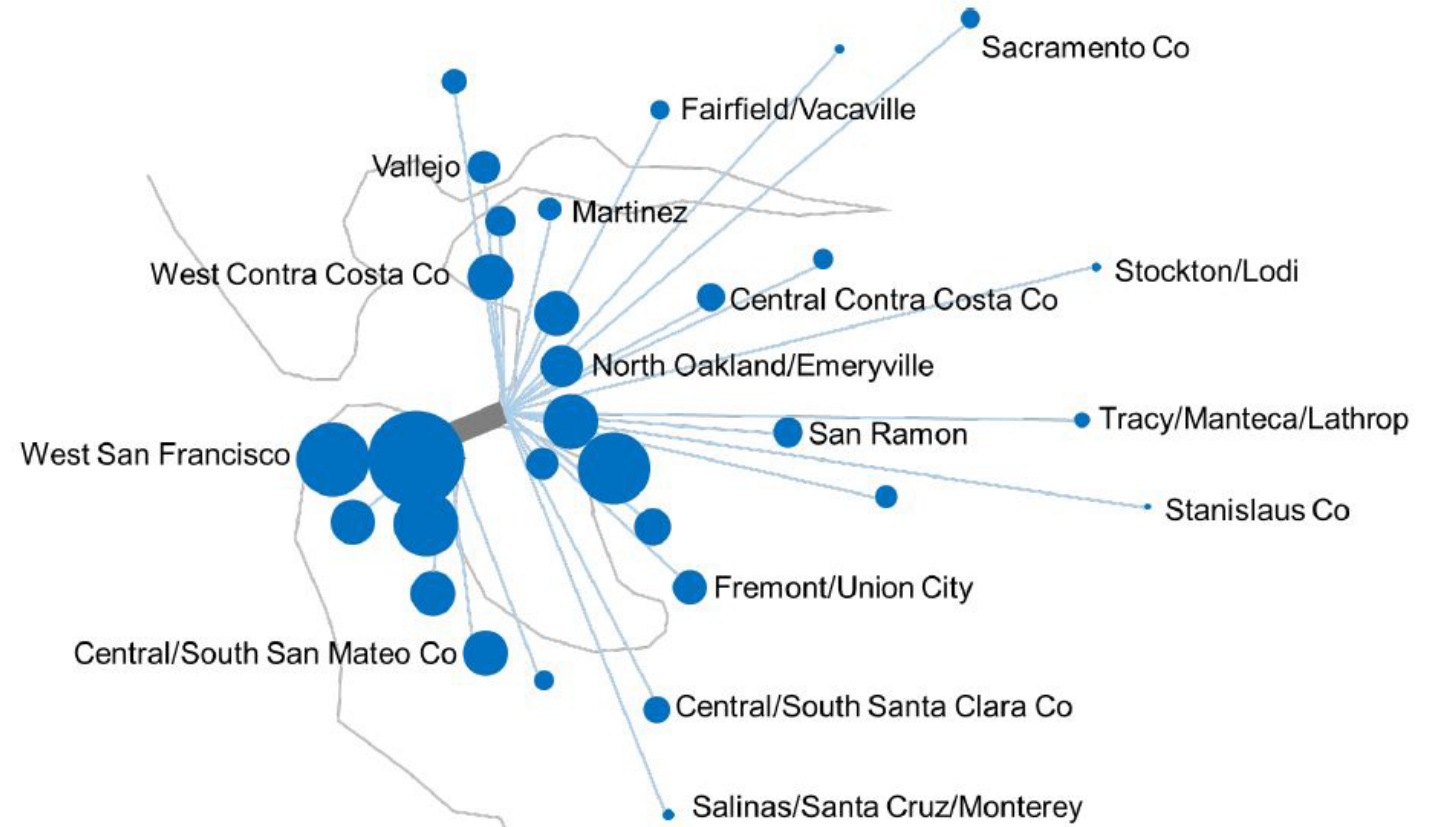
Regional & local transit network integration

- Link21/Transbay
- San Mateo County

Mode/technology

- Regional rail
- BART technology
- Muni Metro

Unmet transbay rail demand (# of trips), 2040



Source: Link21

What Would It Take?

Land use planning

- Major developments
- Transit-oriented development

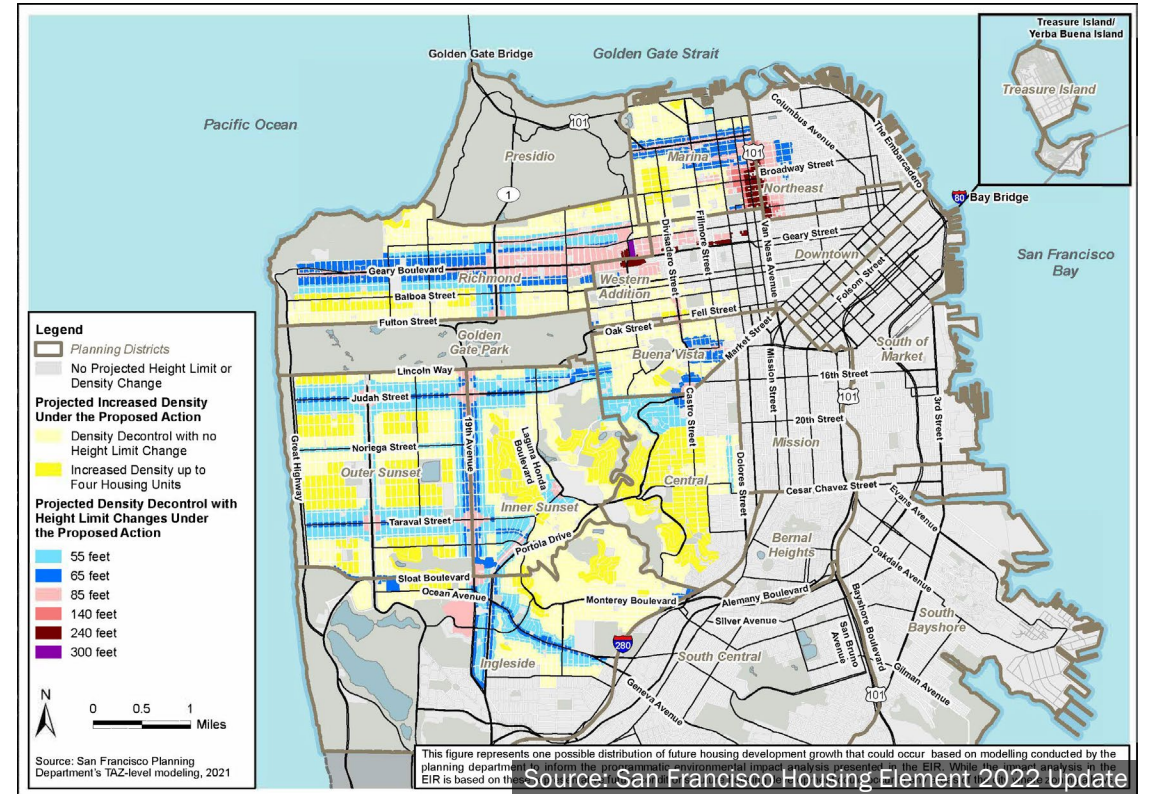
Cost & funding

- Value capture
- Public/private partnerships

Supportive policies

- Transportation Demand Management
- Parking

SF Housing Element



Next Steps

Public engagement – Summer 2024

- Virtual town halls
- Stakeholder meetings
- Community group presentations

To request a presentation for your community group, contact geary19th@sfcta.org

Final report – Winter 2024/25

Your Perspective

- What will it take for this project to be successful?
- What questions are you most interested in having answered about this project? Do you have any concerns?
- What advice do you have about how to effectively and meaningfully engage the public?

Thank you.

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