

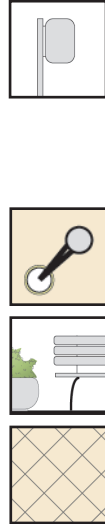
Urban trails and paseos are a broad category of pedestrian-only streets, ranging from streets too narrow to be considered alleys, to a wide variety of stairways, to dirt paths through gardens to connect between streets. As each is unique to its context, recommended improvements reflect broad categories of improvements that will have to be specifically tailored to context, but are all appropriate to any pedestrian scale place.

Existing Challenges Include:

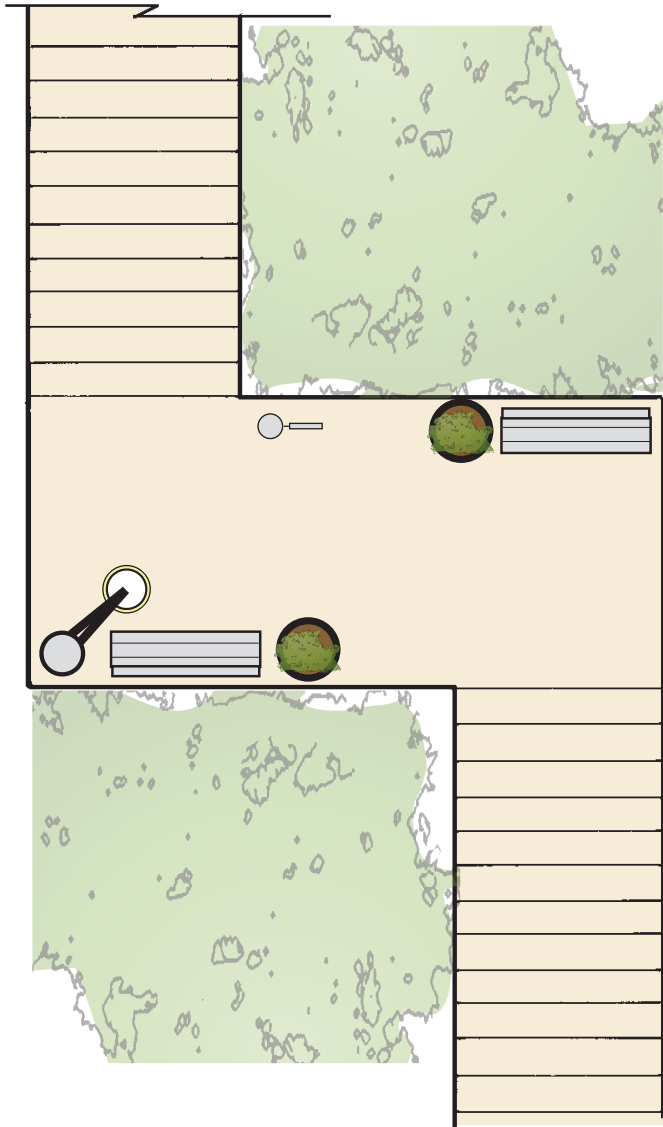
- Need to provide pedestrian-specific information that may be unique in every context
- Providing appropriate lighting, landscaping, and amenities can be hard to do in a consistent manner.

Basic Improvements Include:

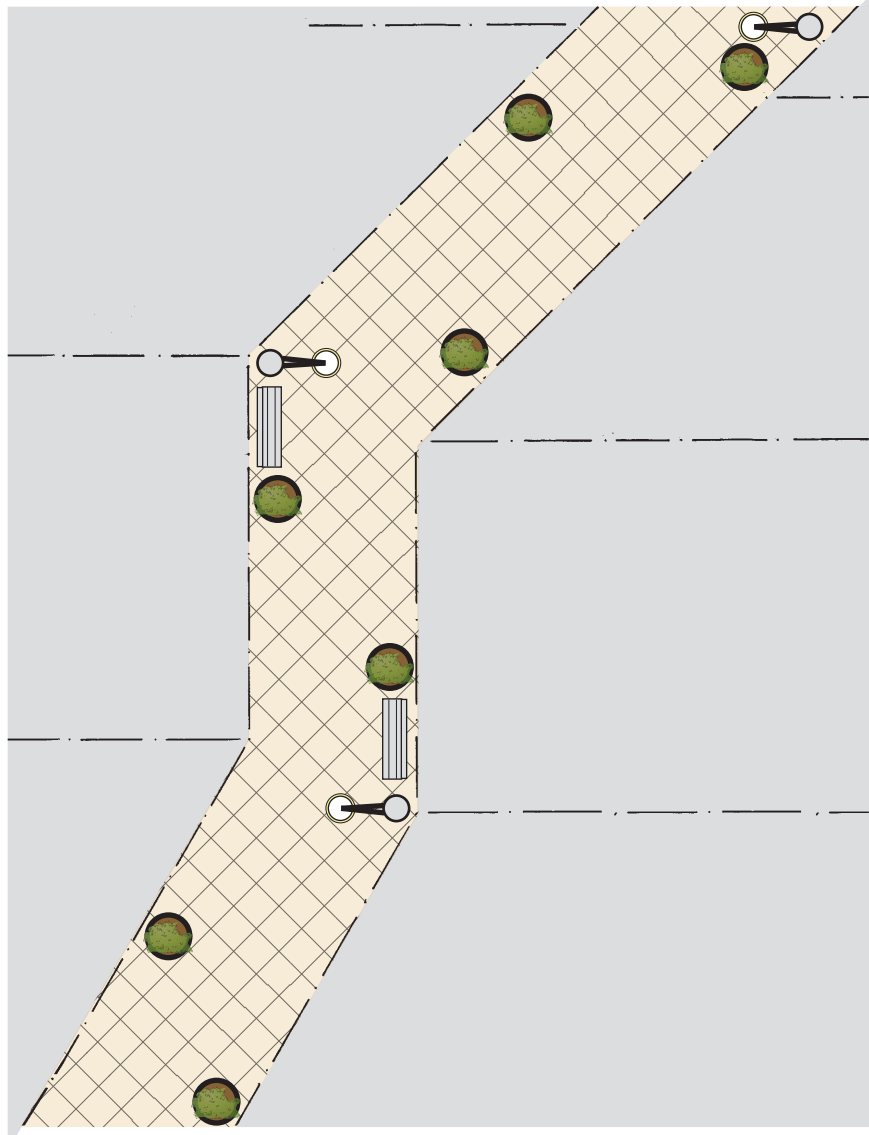
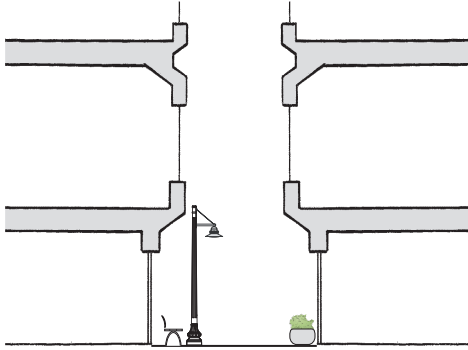
- Signage to orient the pedestrian to both current location and trail/stair/paseo destination
- Pedestrian-scale lighting
- Pedestrian furnishings
- Special paving and materials



Stairs



Paseos



Kit of Parts to Consider

Improved Signage:

- Additional direction, distance information and potentially a city map with pertinent destinations marked can make these unique pathways more useable to persons not from the immediate neighborhood

Historic/Adventure Trail Markings:

- Add educational and placemaking component unique to the pedestrian scale
- May require development of other supporting materials such as literature and maps

Public Art:

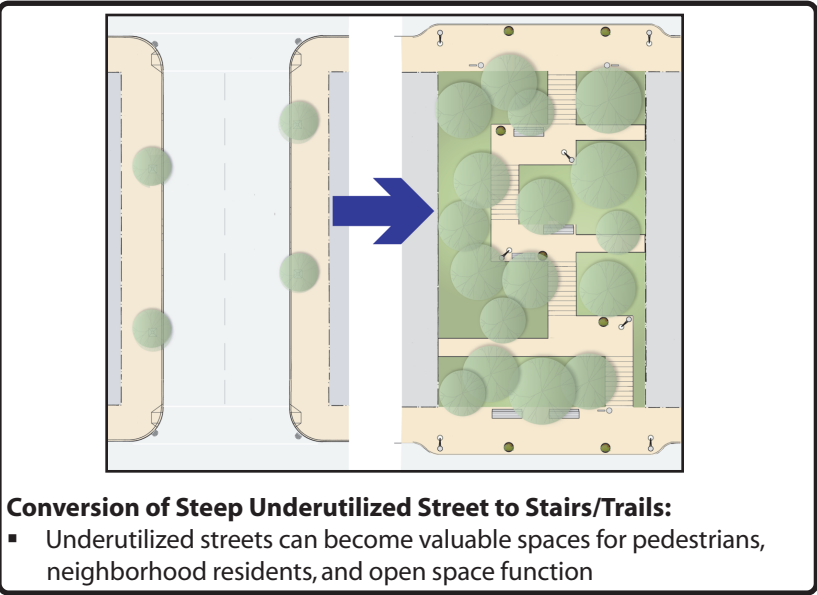
- Reinforces area and cultural identity as well as unique San Francisco context
- Can involve an inclusive process with local groups and residents to imbue a greater sense of ownership over local public space

Special (Including Permeable) Materials:

- Add interesting detail to streetscape and can clearly demarcate unique and special spaces
- Where used, permeable materials can infiltrate stormwater runoff from the walkways and surrounding areas

Moveable Furnishings:

- Creative interaction with public space aids pedestrians in feeling more comfortable or "at home" there
- Creates unique spaces for resting and relaxing
- Theft deterrence can be an issue



Conversion of Steep Underutilized Street to Stairs/Trails:

- Underutilized streets can become valuable spaces for pedestrians, neighborhood residents, and open space function

Urban Trails and Paseos