



# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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## Mission Streetscape Plan Community Design Workshop #1 – 5.28.08 Summary of Comments

Following a brief presentation by City Planning Staff (available at <http://missionstreets.sfplanning.org>), participants worked in groups of 10-12 people, facilitated by Planning staff. Each participant was given a worksheet to record individual written comments, and facilitators recorded comments using flip charts and base maps of the Mission District.

### EXERCISE 1. Vision

In the first small group exercise, participants were asked to articulate a vision for streets, sidewalks and alleys in the Mission District. To guide the visioning exercise, staff asked, *what activities should streets, sidewalks and alleys accommodate? How should they look and feel? How should space be used? What activities or functions should be prioritized?* Each participant recorded their vision on a worksheet and then shared it with the group. Staff also recorded ideas on flipcharts.

Each group then identified top priorities and points of agreement to create a group vision. Through these individual and group exercises, a vision emerged for Mission District streets that:

- Prioritize walking, bicycling and transit
- Incorporate more greenery, gardens and permeable landscaping
- Provide more gathering spaces, including spaces for families
- Create more places to sit, including benches and café seating
- Feel safer
- Are cleaner
- Utilize alleys as pedestrian priority streets and gathering spaces
- Encourage calmer, slower traffic
- Have wider sidewalks
- Include improved pedestrian-scale lighting
- Incorporate public art
- Authentically reflect neighborhood identity
- Support commercial activity, including street vendors

A complete summary of the results of Exercise 1 is attached.

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## EXERCISE 2. Mapping Opportunities

In the second small group exercise, participants were asked to indicate their favorite and least favorite places on a map with green and red dots, respectively. Participants were asked to note why they liked or disliked these locations and offer ideas for opportunities to improve streets, sidewalks and alleys in the plan area.

The favorite places mentioned most often were:

- Shotwell Street
- Valencia Street
- Mission District Alleys
- 24<sup>th</sup> Street
- Dolores Street

The characteristics of favorite places were:

- Trees and greenery, including gardens
- High pedestrian activity
- Café seating and other sidewalk uses
- Ease of bicycle travel and walking
- Good pedestrian lighting

The least favorite places mentioned most often were:

- Mission Street
- Cesar Chavez Street
- 16th Street BART station
- 16th Street
- Guerrero Street

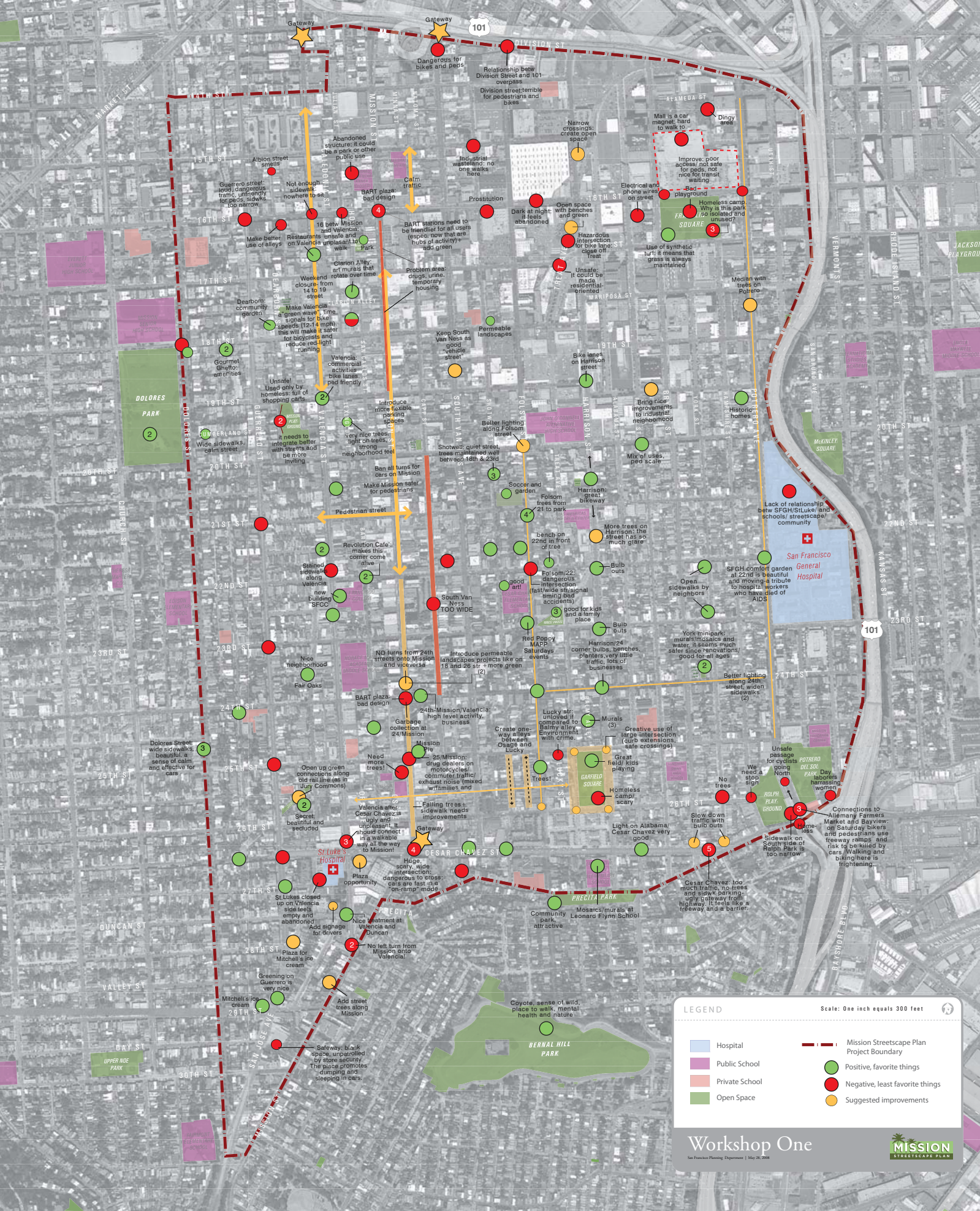
The characteristics of least favorite places were:

- Poorly maintained, dirty
- Feels unsafe
- Lack of trees
- Fast-moving, dangerous traffic
- Difficult to walk or bicycle

A complete summary of the results of Exercise 2 is attached.



# MISSION STREETSCAPE PLAN : WORKSHOP 1 - EXERCISE 2 RESULTS



**LEGEND** Scale: One inch equals 300 feet

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<span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: #90EE90; border: 1px solid black; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Open Space	<span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 15px; border: 1px solid yellow; border-radius: 50%; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Suggested improvements



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**Complete Data Results**

**EXERCISE 1 DATA, INDIVIDUAL VISION:**

The following table summarizes the comments collected on handouts and by facilitators during the first small group exercise:

<b>Vision for Mission Streets</b>	<b>Times Mentioned</b>
Prioritize walking, bicycling, transit	97
More Greenery	52
Gathering spaces, including for families	39
Benches/places to sit/café seating	26
Safer streets	24
Cleaner Streets	23
Alleys as shared streets/ped/bike/public spaces	22
Calm and slow traffic	20
Wider sidewalks	18
Improved, pedestrian-scale lighting	12
Public art	10
Re-use space for plazas or pocket parks	9
Public presence and more activity	9
Permeability/stormwater	9
Authentic reflection of culture	9
Support and create space for street vendors	8
Less space for cars	8
Improve and shorten crossings + more traffic signals	8
Community Gardens	8
Shared streets	7
Coordinate public/private maintenance	7
Bicycle boulevards	7
More bicycle parking	6
Underground overhead wires	5
Parking lane use for cafés and bike parking	5
Weekend closure: farmer's market	4
Improve connections (especially to transit)	4
Dedicated bus lanes/transit priority	4
Daylight streams	4
Public Restrooms	3
Private vehicle parking secondary to other uses	3
Keep existing parking	3
Interpretive signage	3
Enforce double parking issue	3
Emphasize color	3

Support small businesses	2
Running track	2
Redirect traffic to wider streets (arterial use)	2
Protect residential character	2
Open corners	2
Mixed-uses accessible to everyone	2
Limit truck routes	2
Fewer obstructions on sidewalks	2
Engage youth	2
Better parking	2
Address drug issues at some locations	2
Provide multi-functional spaces	1
More affordable, dense housing	1
Mitigate construction impacts	1
Limit alcohol sales	1
Less traffic	1
Inclusive of all income levels	1
Identify target areas for improvement	1
Green medians	1
Efficient and uncongested	1
Decorative paving	1
Consider quality of interface between building and street	1

## EXERCISE 1 DATA, GROUP VISION:

Seven tables created a written group vision, as follows:

### Group Vision 1

- Higher priority to bikes and pedestrians
- Safety (lighting, bathrooms)
- More places for children to play (wider sidewalks)
- Greening: on sidewalks, community gardens

### Group Vision 2

- Street management: safety, maintenance, public/private partnerships
- Streets as places to be: pocket parks, community gardens, plazas, seating areas to enjoy ethnic foods, less asphalt/ more green
- Shared streets: all modes, priority for pedestrians, transit and bikes
- Wider sidewalks, planting art and benches, places to sit and greening (on wider streets)
- Better trash removal
- Bike lanes vs. double parking

### Group Vision 3

- Aesthetics:
  - greenery
  - wire undergrounding
  - cleanliness/ less trash

- Activity
  - promote activities in public space
  - increase personal safety through activities: activity in plazas, places open at night, and better lighting
  - create seating as public amenity
- Transit, walking and biking
  - safety
  - convenience (especially for cyclists)

#### Group Vision 4

- Encourage shopping on 24<sup>th</sup> street
- Plant lots of trees to provide shade and landscaping (e.g. at 24<sup>th</sup> and Valencia)
- Create sidewalk gardens
- Create a maintenance plan

#### Group Vision 5

- More green space
- Prioritize transit, pedestrian and bikes
- Mixed land uses
- Wider sidewalks
- Use bulb outs for traffic calming and public spaces
- Alleys as public spaces
- Safety: discourage undesirable activity (provide foot patrols)

#### Group Vision 6

- Creative greening and lighting for small spaces (greening should be appropriate to the space)
- More and better maintained trees: create a coordinated planting and maintenance plan first; including undergrounding of utilities and ideal locations for planting
- Improve merchant use of sidewalks in coordination with pedestrian needs
- Engage youth (creative and active use of space)
- Bring culture in streets

#### Group Vision 7

- Bicycle boulevards like in Berkeley (7)
- Pedestrian scale streets (7)
- Streets that encourage activity (6)
- Outside seating- like in Europe (5)
- Multi-modal streets (5)
- More permeable surfaces (2)
- Safety for pedestrians, clean streets (2)
- Prioritize streets for arterial use (1)

## EXERCISE 2 DATA, MAPPING OPPORTUNITIES:

Based on individual worksheets and group mapping exercises, the following streets were indicated as participants' favorite and least favorite places in the plan area:

Favorites	Times Mentioned
Shotwell	12
Valencia Street	10
24th Street	6
Dolores Street	5
22nd Street	4
Alleys	4
Balmy	4
Lexington Street (17th-18th)	3
18th Street (Dolores-Guerrero)	2
Fair Oaks Street	2
24th Street	2
Dearborn Street	2
Juri Commons	2
Folsom Street	2
Bartlett	2
York Street	1
Harrison Street	1
Linda	1
19th and Florida area	1
Any area where cafes spill out onto sidewalk, Universal Café, Atlas Café, Café Gratitude, Cucina Farina, Delfina, etc	1
Garfield Square Park	1
Octavia Boulevard	1
22nd street	1
Guerrero	1
San Jose	1
Mission Street	1
Capp	1
Treat	1
SF City College Campus	1
Dolores Park	1
Parque los Ninos Unidos	1
Neighborhood	1

Least Favorites	Times Mentioned
Mission Street	17
Cesar Chavez Street	17
16th Street BART station	6
16th Street	5
Guerrero Street	4
BART stations	3
South Van Ness	3
Capp	3
Folsom Street	3
Marshall Annex	3
16th and Harrison	1
15th street	1
17th Street	1
Neighborhood	1
16th and Shotwell	1
Adair Alley	1
22nd Street	1
Liedersdorff Lane	1
Valencia Street	1
Dolores	1
Clarion alley	1
Neighborhood	1

# EXERCISE 2, MAPPING OPPORTUNITIES GROUP MAPS





