Public Realm:
Streets and Open Spaces
Transbay Streetscape & Open Space Plan
Rincon Hill and Transbay: Public Realm
Public Realm Priorities

- Pedestrian circulation (i.e. accommodating high volumes of pedestrians)
- Graceful pedestrian realm
- Transit movement
- Connections to Transit Center Park
- Other non-single occupant auto circulation (e.g. bicycles, carpools)
Pedestrian conditions
Proposed Mid-Block Pedestrian Crossings
Existing Dedicated Transit Lanes

Plan Boundary
- Existing Transit Lanes
- Proposed Transit Lanes
- Transit-Only Zone

Map showing existing dedicated transit lanes in a city.
Proposed Dedicated Transit Lanes
Existing and Planned On-Street Bicycle Facilities
Streets for Future Consideration of Bicycle Improvements
Proposed Traffic Lane Removal
Mission Street between 1st and Fremont

- Projected very heavy pedestrian volumes
  - To and from Transit Center
  - To and from major new buildings
  - General background growth
- Heavy transit activity
- Front door of the Transit Center

Current narrow sidewalks
Crosswalks not large enough for projected volumes
Mission Street between 1st and Fremont

- Widen sidewalk on north side of street
- Create “Super Stop” for westbound buses
- Turn Mission Street between First and Fremont into a transit-only zone
Mission Street between 1st and Fremont

Existing Section

- 15' sidewalk
- 8' parking
- 9'-3" transit
- 9'
- 9'
- 17'-3" transit
- 15' sidewalk
- Transbay Tower/Plaza

82'-6"
Mission Street between 1st and Fremont
1st and Fremont Streets

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Open Space
Parcels to be acquired for train construction
Severely limited development potential due to train curvature below grade
Loss of historic buildings (except removal and return of facades)
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Future Connections to Bay Bridge Path

• Park extension over bus ramps is connection to Bay Bridge path?
• City Park could become major embarkation point for commute, recreation, and tourism on Bay Bridge pedestrian/bicycle path
• Many new park and Transit Center users per day
• Park no longer only end-point destination, but also thru-link in network
Future Workshops

Early June:

Refinements of Urban Form, Public Realm, Historic Resources Proposal

Design Guidelines -- Bulk/Massing, Ground Floor

July:

Financial Plan/Public Benefits

Final Proposal
Future Workshops

Thursday May 8th

Transbay Redevelopment Area
Citizen’s Advisory Committee Meeting
5:30pm
Yerba Buena Center for the Arts
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