

CENTRAL SOMA PROJECT

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT



Project Impetus

- Region expected to grow by 2 million people and 1 million jobs by 2040
- San Francisco
 expected to grow by
 200,000 people and
 190,000 jobs
- SoMa is transit-rich
- SoMa has development potential

Project Area



Challenges

- How to maintain what's working
- Poor pedestrian conditions



Existing sidewalks



Proposal

- Maintain much of the zoning
- Replace industrial zoning
- Support SoMa-style buildings
- Focus height

Areas of Increased Intensity



Growth Potential

Assumes 75% of full buildout through 2040

	Housing Units	Jobs
What's on the ground today	8,700	50,000
What could be built under existing zoning	~8,200	~19,000
What additionally could be built based on	~2,500 to	~24,000 to
the Central Corridor Plan	4,600	36,000

Integrating Land Use and the Transportation Network

Existing network is not sufficient today and therefore not sufficient for proposed land use

New network concepts reallocate right-of-way to support a shift toward more sustainable trip generation





Transportation Network Principles

- 1. Create a safe, convenient, attractive environment for pedestrians
- 2. Design transit routes to serve the area and improve performance
- 3. Improve bicycling conditions
- 4. Employ Transportation Demand Management Measures
- 5. Restrict curb cuts
- 6. Where and when necessary, accommodate regional and through traffic

Transportation Network



Pedestrian Considerations

High Injury Corridors and intersections:

- 4th St (Market to Bluxome)
- Howard (New Montgomery to Lafayette)
- 3rd & Harrison

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• 8th & Folsom



- OMO New crosswalk
- New crosswalk proposed in other plans and projects
- Closed crosswalks at existing signalized intersection, to be opened
- Existing crosswalks across major streets at minor streets (existing
 - crosswalks at the intersection of two major streets are not shown)

Harrison and Bryant

















Folsom and Howard





Concept from Eastern Neighorhood Plan: Folsom Street as civic boulevard

Folsom and Howard: ENTRIPS

Four promising concepts-

Alternative 1: One-way Folsom and Howard

Alternative 3: Two-way Folsom and Howard with one-way cycletracks

Alternative 4: Two-way Folsom and one-way Howard, with twoway cycletrack on Howard

Alternative 5: Two-way Folsom and Howard Streets, with two-way cycletrack on Folsom



Folsom and Howard: Central SoMa Plan

One Way



Two Way



Funding

- Initial planning through the publication of the Draft Caltrans Community Planning grant (250k) Matching funds provided by MTA (75k)
- Draft refinement through adoption
 Planning and SFMTA
- Environmental Review MTC planning grants (\$600k) Mayor's General Fund (\$350k) Planning Department allocation (\$250k) Moscone Expansion Tourism Improvement District and DPW (\$100k)
- Design and Construction (does not include Folsom and Howard) Funded by impact fees. Cost estimated to be ~\$110M, fees collected estimated to be \$130-200M

Next Steps

 Transportation Impact Study Schedule Draft #1: Late December 2013 (staff review) Draft #2: Late March 2014 (staff review) Screen check: Early May 2014 (staff and key stakeholder review and discussion) Final: Late May 2014

 Draft EIR: Mid September 2014 In the interim, Planning and SFMTA will continue fine tuning the Plan with input from the community