Folsom Streetscape Project
(2nd Street to Steuart)

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Folsom Street and the Transit Center Area

• Introduction of Interdepartmental Team
• General Background
• Transbay Redevelopment Plan and Transit Center District Plan
• Folsom Street Proposal (2nd St to Steuart)
• Next steps
• Embarcadero Freeway torn down after 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake
• State transfers parcels along Folsom St and nearby streets to SF
• Area becomes Transbay Redevelopment Project Area in 2005
• Folsom and the parcels on its northside a focus of the project.
General Background

• Planning Commission certifies and adopts Transit Center District EIR and Plan in 2012
• EIR and Plan complement and are consistent with the Transbay Redevelopment Plan

Both plans include new and denser developments, along with enhanced streetscape designs.
Transbay Redevelopment Plan and Transit Center District Plan

• Plans increase density of residential and office development
• Concurrently, travel lanes are repurposed to widened sidewalks, enhanced bikeways, and improved transit access
• Increased development, fewer travel lanes, and expected traffic growth put most intersections at Level of Service F by 2030
• EIR for Transit Center District Plan clears LOS F for 49 out of 62 intersections
This Plan’s vision to support...growth and regional infrastructure, and to transform the district's streets into world class spaces that support public life, necessitate aggressive improvements to the transportation system and rights-of-way that encourage travel by non-auto modes.
Folsom Street Proposal (2nd St to Steuart)

Streetscape project:
- Wider sidewalks + bulb outs + trees
- Enhanced parking separated bikeways
- Two-way traffic and fewer travel lanes
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In context of Transit Center bikeway network
Next Steps

2014: Complete design and legislate
2015: Complete construction drawings and advertise
2015/16: Begin construction (2nd Street Streetscape Project also begins construction)

2017/18: Transit Terminal Opens, Temporary Terminal near Folsom is closed, Folsom moves to 2018 striping design

2018+: Central SoMa project for Folsom and Howard west of 2nd Street yields either one-way or two-way recommendation, streets are redesigned, and Folsom is adjusted accordingly
Next Steps

Are there any questions or concerns about the Folsom design or the overall area plans for the Transit Center District?

Do you suggest a presentation or memo with information for the full Board in July/Aug, or should staff go the full Board when legislation is ready in early Fall?