PUBLIC REALM PLAN VISION MAP

THE PUBLIC REALM PLAN VISION MAP ESTABLISHES A LONG-TERM FRAMEWORK FOR PUBLIC REALM INVESTMENTS IN THE CENTRAL WATERFRONT - DOGPATCH. THE MAP RECOGNIZES CURRENT AND FUTURE ANTICIPATED CONCENTRATIONS OF TRANSIT AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY, RESIDENTIAL CONCENTRATIONS, AND FUTURE OPEN SPACES THAT NEED TO BE CONNECTED BY A ROBUST NETWORK OF SAFE, GREEN STREETS.

PUBLIC REALM DESIGN POLICIES AND STRATEGIES

DESIGN POLICIES

A NETWORK OF COMPLETE STREETS

The Central Waterfront is currently made up of an incomplete, discontinuous street grid with physical characteristics of the neighborhood's industrial past. Dogpatch Streets should be complete in all senses of the word: broken links in the street grid should be closed, and areas with new residential and commercial growth should include the amenities serving higher pedestrian and bicycle use. Pedestrian and cyclist connections to adjacent neighborhoods, new waterfront parks, and neighborhood institutions should be comfortable and safe. Street design should recognize needs of existing and ongoing industrial and maritime uses, particularly facilities east of Illinois Street.

A DIVERSITY OF HIGH-QUALITY OPEN SPACES

Over the years, a number of informal parks and open spaces were created by residents to meet local recreational needs. This collection of unique assets, created from underutilized rights-of-way, express the spirit of Dogpatch and its residents. As the neighborhood continues to grow with new residents and workers, informal open spaces should be upgraded, expanded, and multiplied alongside existing formal parks. Renovations should accommodate diversifying user needs, upgrades to facilities and furnishings, and nighttime safety. New open spaces should be implemented throughout the plan area, giving more equal and ready access to recreational facilities.

IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES AND STRATEGIES

A NETWORK OF COMPLETE STREETS

A. Prioritize pedestrian safety and comfort along key walking routes
   A1. Bring sidewalks up to City Standard, including ADA compliance
   A2. Implement appropriate pedestrian lighting
   A3. Implement mid-block crosswalks on longer blocks
   A4. Implement traffic-calming measures

B. Encourage Multi-Modal Transportation
   B1. Implement bike infrastructure to serve the city's growing ridership
   B2. Restore historic mid-block pedestrian alleys and through-passages
   B3. Implement improvements to transit station and bus stop areas for ease of use and switching between different modes

C. Maximize Greening Opportunities
   C1. Fill gaps in the street tree network with new trees
   C2. Increase sidewalk planted areas with climate-appropriate plantings

A DIVERSITY OF HIGH-QUALITY OPEN SPACES

A. Distribute open spaces equitably throughout the plan area
   A1. Prioritize sites for improvement and acquisition that are closest to residential land uses

B. Balance needs of local residents with those of other visitors
   B1. Coordinate across jurisdictions to ensure that site uses fit within the City's larger open space network and recreational facilities needs

C. Reflect the programmatic needs of the neighborhood’s shifting demographic profile of increasing families and youth

D. Maximize ecological and habitat functions of open spaces

A LANDSCAPE EXPRESSIVE OF UNIQUE HISTORY AND CHARACTER

Central Waterfront streets and open spaces vary in quality and character from block to block. This landscape reflects a neighborhood history steeped in maritime industry, industrial manufacturing, and the new creative economy of local crafts and fabrication. Streetscape and open space design should be responsive to immediate land uses, and endeavor to highlight remnant warehouse architecture and other historic fabric. Rather than draw on standard solutions found ubiquitously throughout the City, designs, materials and furnishings can also borrow from the industrial palette.

EXPRESS UNIQUE HISTORY AND CHARACTER

A. Encourage the use of materials and forms that refer to industrial and maritime heritage

B. Develop street designs that are appropriate for areas of differing land uses

C. Continue developing a variety of open space types including plazas, street parks, pocket parks, and repurposing of under-freeway parcels

D. Partner with local organizations on stewardship, maintenance, and activation programming in the Public Realm