

URBAN FOREST

Elements that address the NEEDS ON THE STREET

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

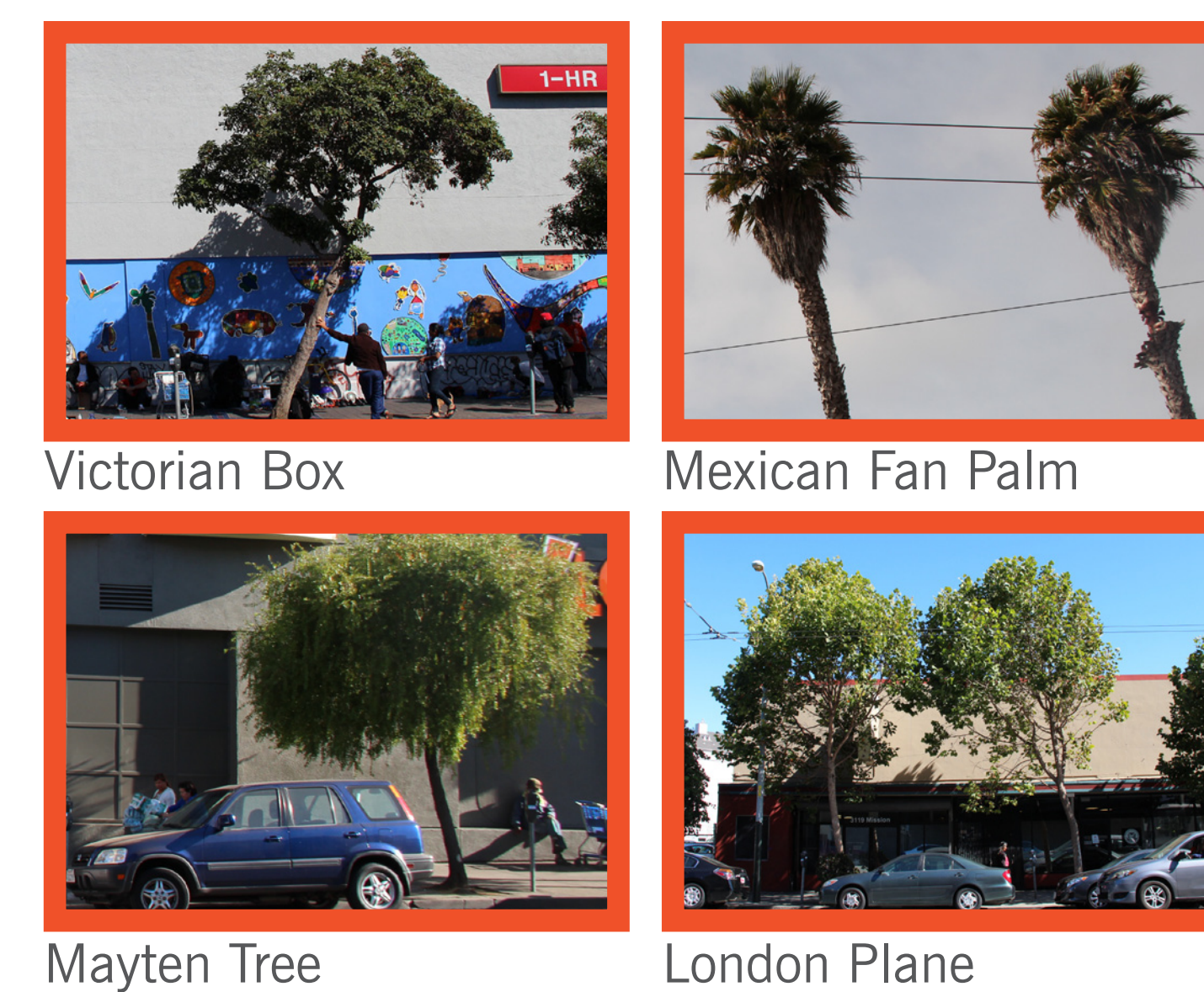
Planting street trees along Mission Street was not largely done until **formalized development plans** came into being during the middle of the 20th century. At that time, organized development and BART were being put through Mission Street and trees were planted on the sidewalks along with other streetscape improvements. Prior to this time, **Mission Street did not have many trees** or planted areas.



Images: San Francisco History Center, San Francisco Public Library

WHAT'S THERE NOW?

Mexican Fan Palms (*Washingtonia robusta*) and **Victorian Box** (*Pittosporum undulatum*) are planted on Mission Street between 15th and 24th streets. At other points along Mission Street, there are a **mix of species and planting types**. The entire length of Mission Street contains **gaps** within the tree planting and canopy, leaving the sidewalk feeling bare. Vertical trees like the palms are a great way to create a **sense of procession** along the street. Vertical trees also frame the corridor creating a **landmark for all users**. Secondary trees better suited to urban conditions, with a canopy lower to the ground, can provide **shade and visual interest** to users of the sidewalk.



Victorian Box, Mexican Fan Palm, Mayten Tree, London Plane

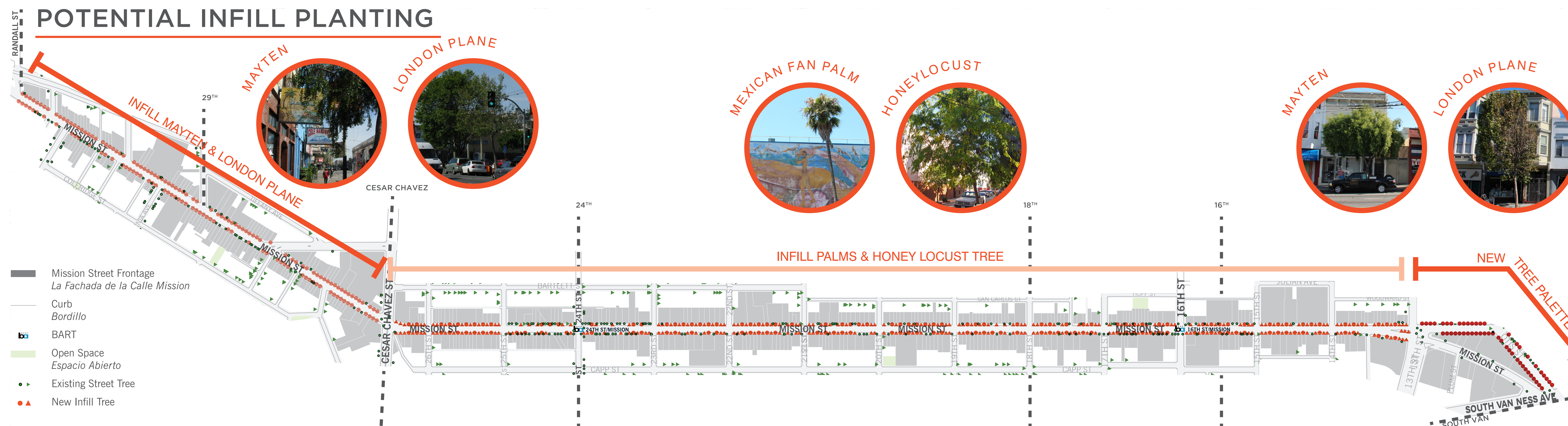
Where on Mission Street do you feel has the greatest need for trees?

We want your feedback!
Please write your comments at the activity table.

CURRENT CONDITIONS



POTENTIAL INFILL PLANTING



SUGGESTED ACTION ITEMS

- ➔ **Plant new trees** along Mission Street to fill the gaps in the tree canopy.
- ➔ **Replace sick or underperforming trees** with healthy specimens that enhance the neighborhood and unite the corridor.
- ➔ **Better maintain** existing trees. As part of the Mission Public Life Plan, we will be working with DPW and Friends of the Urban Forest (FUF) to see how best to support our urban forest along Mission Street.
- ➔ **Seek a variety of funding sources.** FUF relies on community and individual support, whereas DPW relies on other funding mechanisms. Together we can care for our trees.



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