

# GREEN CONNECTIONS: OAKDALE AVENUE PROJECT OVERVIEW & CONTEXT

reen Connections will increase access to parks, open space and the waterfront, by reenvisioning City streets and paths as 'green connectors'. These streets will be designed to make it easier and safer for people and wildlife to connect to recreational amenities. Oakdale Avenue in the Bayview, long identified as a Green Connector, could be among the first City streets to be transformed into a Green Connection.

# WHAT IS GREEN CONNECTIONS?

Green Connections will result in a Citywide network of green streets that can be built over time, improving pedestrian and bicycle access to parks, open space and the waterfront; reducing stormwater runoff; and enhancing wildlife habitat on city streets. At the end of the project, three products will provide the framework to secure funding and implement Green Connections.

- A Citywide map of Green Connections
- A design toolkit of intersection and block treatments
- Concept designs in six neighborhoods, including Bayview Hunters Point.

#### WHO IS INVOLVED?

Green Connections is a collaborative effort of the San Francisco Planning Department, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, San Francisco Department of Public Health and the Mayor's Office of Housing. The City Agencies have partnered with three community-based organizations: San Francisco Parks Alliance, Walk San Francisco, and Nature in the City.

The project is being funded by a planning grant from the State of California Strategic Growth Council.

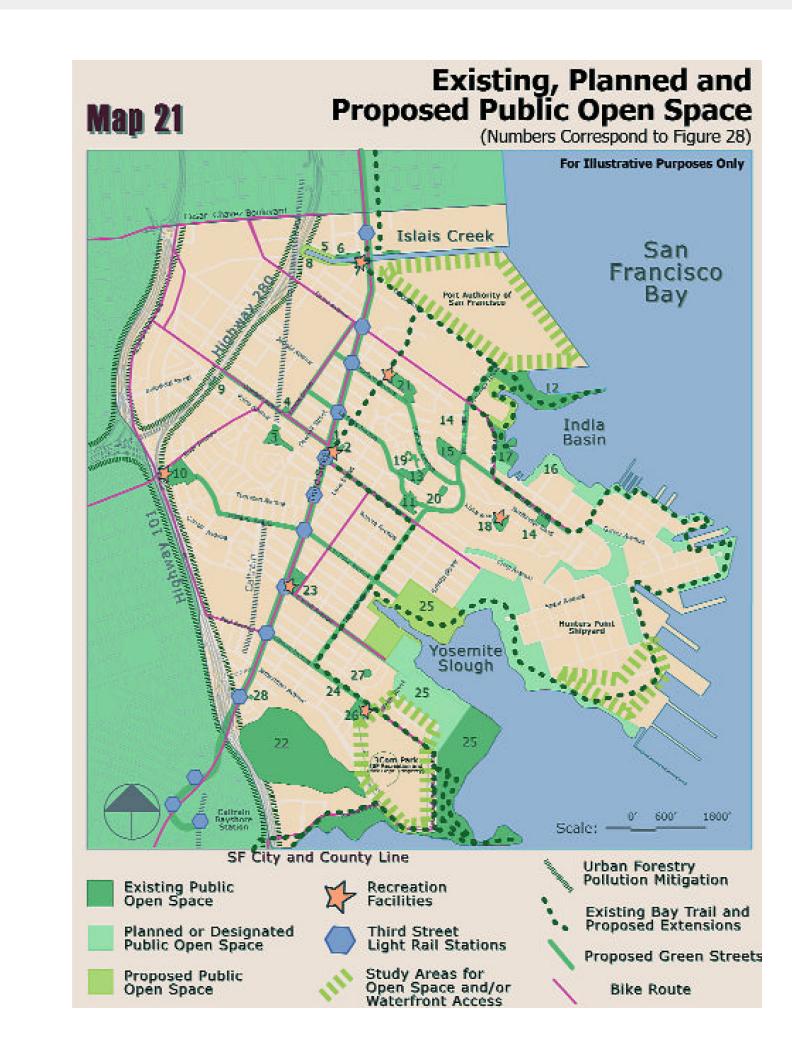


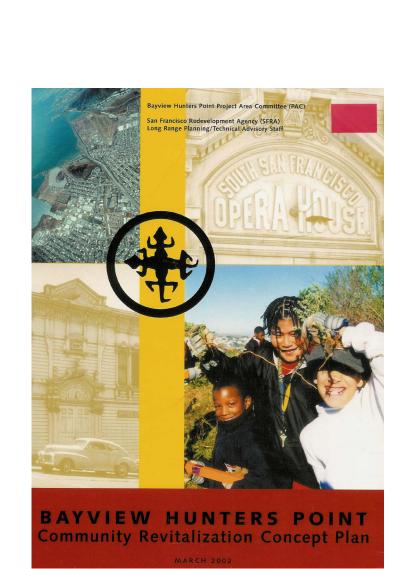
# THE BAYVIEW HUNTERS POINT **COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION CONCEPT PLAN**

In the Bayview, Green Connections builds on the Bayview Hunters Point Community Revitalization Plan, which lays out the community's vision for neighborhood improvements.

The Green Connections project's plan for Oakdale Avenue builds on the Bayview community's long-term vision for a green and inviting Oakdale Avenue that connects the Bayview Town Center to the Southeast Community Facility and a planned new Caltrain commuter rail station at Oakdale Avenue and Quint Street.

The Concept Plan, completed in 2002, identifies Oakdale Avenue from I-280 to Lane is designated as a "Green Street" (see Map 21, right), and a key connector between the Bayview Town Center and the Southeast Community Facility (Map 15, right).





#### **GREEN STREETS**

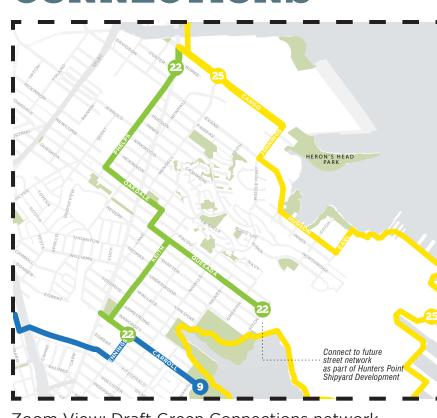
Map 21 in the Bayview Hunters Point Community Revitalization Concept Plan illustrates existing, planned and is identified as a proposed Green

# GREEN **CONNECTIONS CITYWIDE NETWORK**

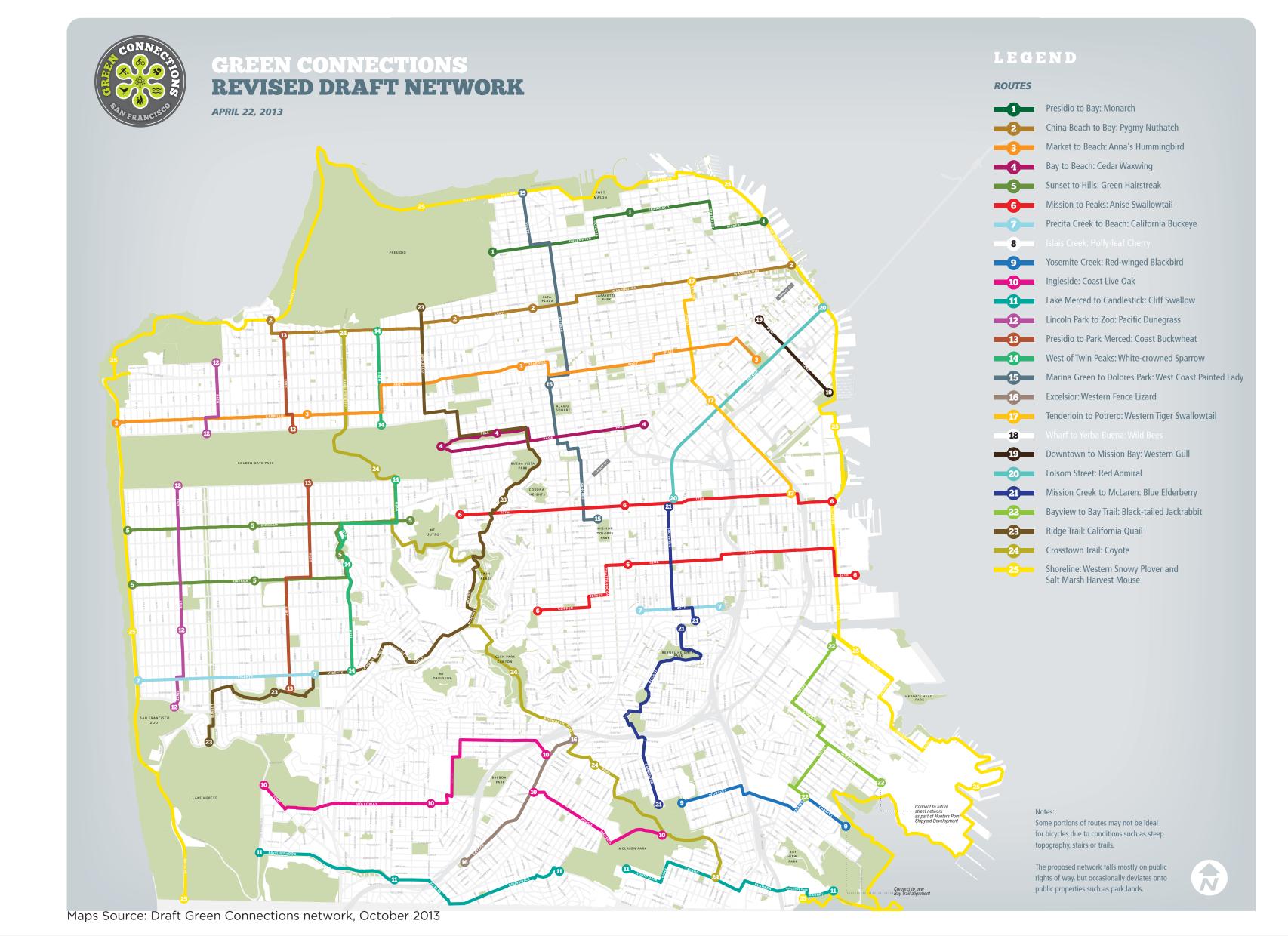
The map to the right, still in draft form, sets forth the City's long term goals over the next 20 years for a network of Green Connections throughout the city.

Oakdale Avenue is identified as a part of the Green Connections route in the Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood.

# **BAYVIEW GREEN** CONNECTIONS



Zoom View: Draft Green Connections network, Bayview Hunters Point, October 2013



# **IMPROVEMENTS** TO OAKDALE **AVENUE: WHEN AND HOW COULD** THEY TAKE

PLACE?

# PRELIMINARY PROJECT SCHEDULE

### Spring 2013

Develop initial Oakdale Green Connections streetscape design, for community feedback

# June-December, 2013

Finalize design, based on community feedback and funding

### November, 2013

Decision from the State of California Strategic Growth Council about additional funding

# July, 2014

Implementation (subject to change)

### **FUNDING**

The City has dedicated \$300,000 to pedestrian and bike improvements on Oakdale through the 2011 Road Repaving and Street Safety Bond.

To supplement this funding, the City applied for an Urban Greening grant from the State of California Strategic Growth Council. If the grant is approved, additional funding would be available for further greening and streetscape enhancements.

# Overall Site Plan Area #3: Areas Oakdale and Palou Avenues Improved Transit Steps Opportunity Shet Area #2: Bayview Opera House Area #1

**GREEN OAKDALE AVENUE** This "Overall Site Plan", Map 15 in the Bayview Hunters Point Community Revitalization Concept Plan, illustrates the plan for a green connection along Oakdale Avenue from the Bayview Opera House to the Southeast Community Facility.

### **BAYVIEW CONNECTIONS PLAZA AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN**

In 1999, the Bayview Connections Project brought together city staff and community members to design pedestrian and streetscape improvements around the Bayview Town Center. The Map above illustrates three areas within the Bayview Town Center in need of pedestrian and streetscape improvements.

- Area 1 Oakdale / Palou Transit Hub and Plaza
- Area 2 Bayview Opera House Plaza
- Area 3 Oakdale and Palou Avenue Corridor

Improvements to Area #1, Oakdale/Palou Transit Hub and Plaza, have been implemented. Improvements to Area #2, Bayview Opera House Plaza, are moving forward; final designs were presented at a community open house in March 2013. *Area #3, Oakdale and Palou Avenue* Corridor, is the focus of this project.

The Oakdale Green Connections streetscape design would build on community-generated ideas for the Oakdale Avenue Corridor to create a green street that is safer for walking and biking.















