



# Visitation Valley

October 13, 2012



# Today's Meeting

1. Overview Presentation
2. Small group exercise
3. Report back

# Project Overview

- Project Goal: Improve Connections to Open Space
  - Public Health
  - Air Quality
  - Sustainability
  - Create Habitat
  - Economic Justice
- Two-year planning process
  - Year 1: Citywide Focus
  - Year 2: Neighborhood Focus

# Project Team

## City Agencies

SAN FRANCISCO  
**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

**SFMTA** | Municipal Transportation Agency



SFDPH  
Environmental  
*improving environments  
protecting health*



## Community Partners



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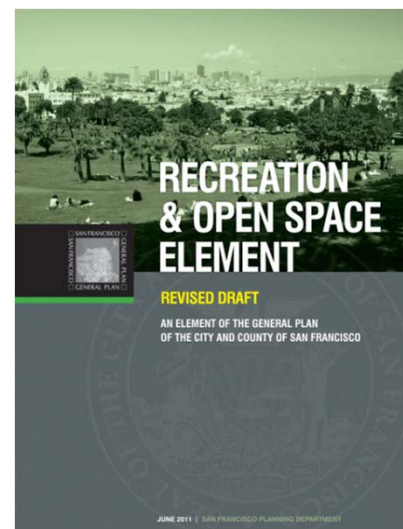
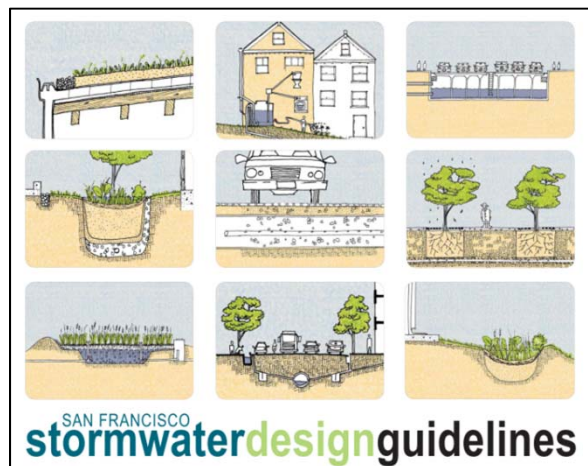


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# Building on Existing Plans and Policies



# Key Project Deliverables

- A Citywide map of Green Connections – *draft available*
- Design Toolkit Concepts – *draft available*
- Implementation Plan
- **Conceptual Designs - Focus Neighborhoods**

# Year 1 Outreach Summary

Goal: understand your route to the park & your vision for a green connection

- Events
  - Kick-off event February 15, 2012
  - Open House October 3, 2012
  - Weekend walks
  - Office Hours in neighborhoods
  - Sunday Streets
- Project Website  
<http://greenconnections.sfplanning.org>
- Facebook Page  
<http://www.facebook.com/greenconnections.sf>
- Online Survey – What and Where Green Connections?





# Year 1 Outreach Summary

What is your favorite park to visit?

What do you like about your route?

What barriers do you face?





# Year 1 Outreach Summary

## Envisioning a Green Connection

Examples of existing streets people identified that are like Green Connections

- Visitation Valley Greenway
- The Wiggle
- Poppyland and Penny Lane
- Glen Park
- Alleys in Sunnyside
- Mid-block open paths in Balboa Terrace
- Paths at the top of San Jose Avenue
- Stairways
- Presidio
- Market Street (separated bike lanes)
- Valencia Street



# What is a Green Connection?

A Green Connection is a special street or path that connects people and wildlife to parks and open spaces

# What is a Green Connection?





# Key elements of Green Connections:

- Encourage and Support Active Transportation
- Enhance Urban Ecology
- Promote Stewardship and Placemaking





# Key Element | Active Transportation



Sunday Streets, Mission



# Key Element | Urban Ecology



Shotwell Street, Planted sidewalk

# Key Element | Stewardship + Placemaking



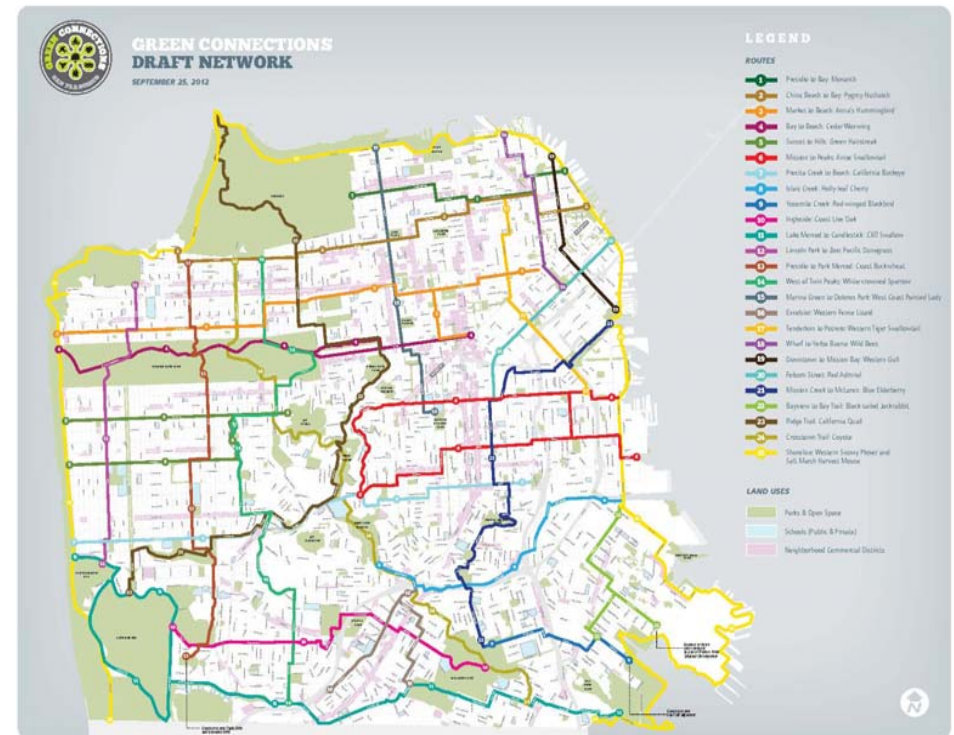
Chronicle / Liz Hafalia

Quesada Gardens, Bayview



# DRAFT Green Connections Network

- 25 Routes, 140+ miles
- Route name includes a geographic start & end point and a target species.
- Streets on the network provide opportunities for
  - greening and landscaping;
  - enhancing wildlife habitat;
  - managing stormwater;
  - calming traffic





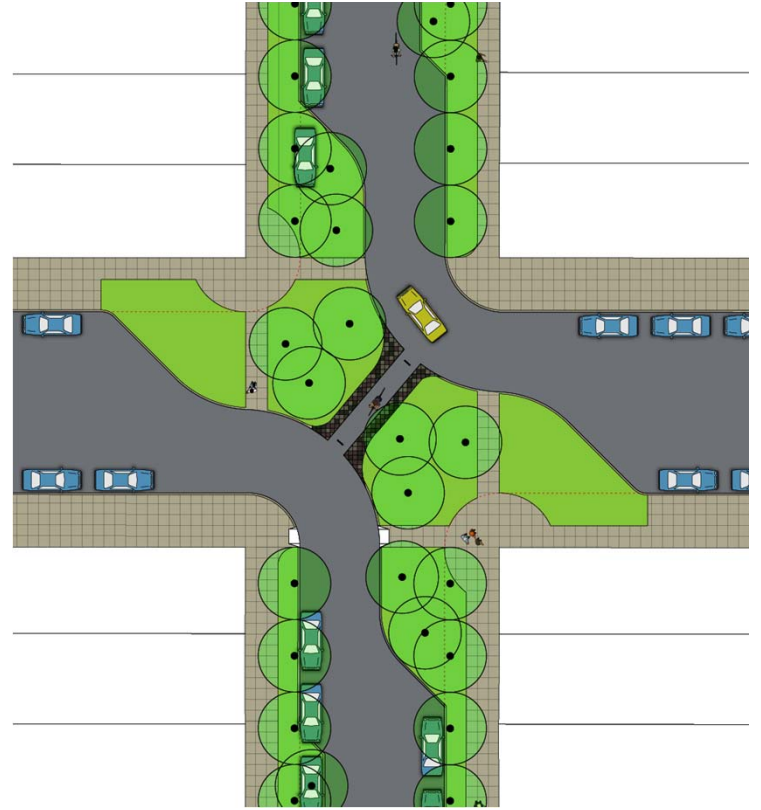
# DRAFT Design Toolkit

Range of interventions:

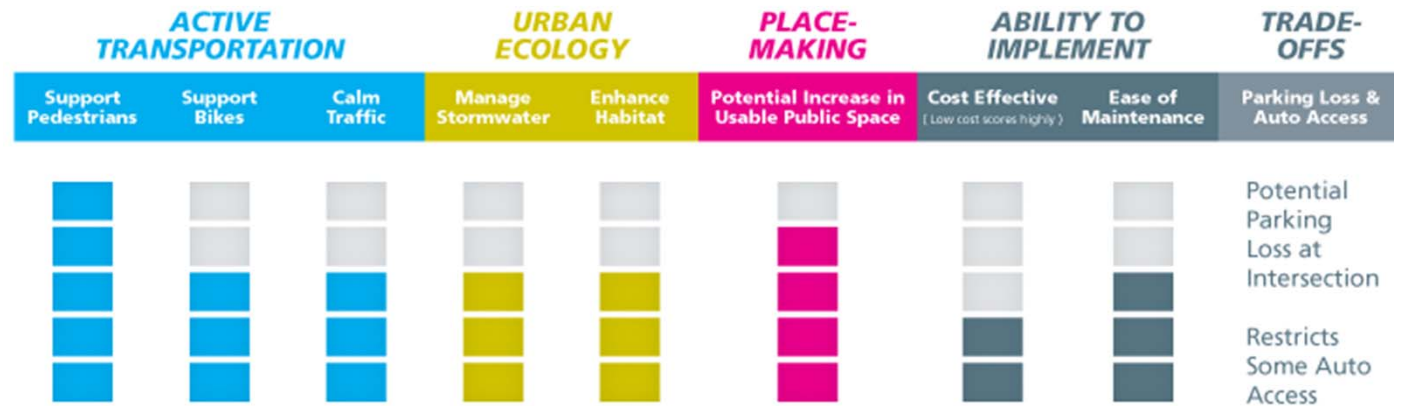
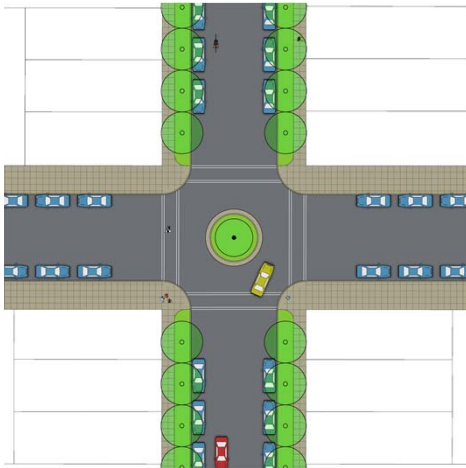
- Intersection Treatments
- Block Treatments

Designs intended to support:

- active transportation
- urban ecology
- stewardship & placemaking

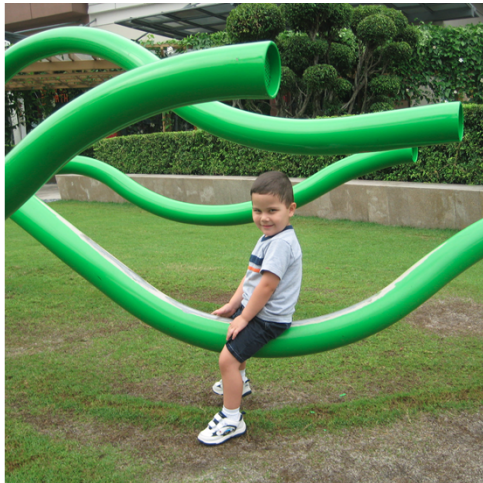


# DRAFT Design Toolkit





# Programming





# BEFORE





# AFTER



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# Next Steps

- **Citywide Green Connections**

- January 2013: Collect public feedback on DRAFT network and design toolkit
- May 2013: Revise the draft documents
- August 2013: Develop implementation document, planting palette, and branding

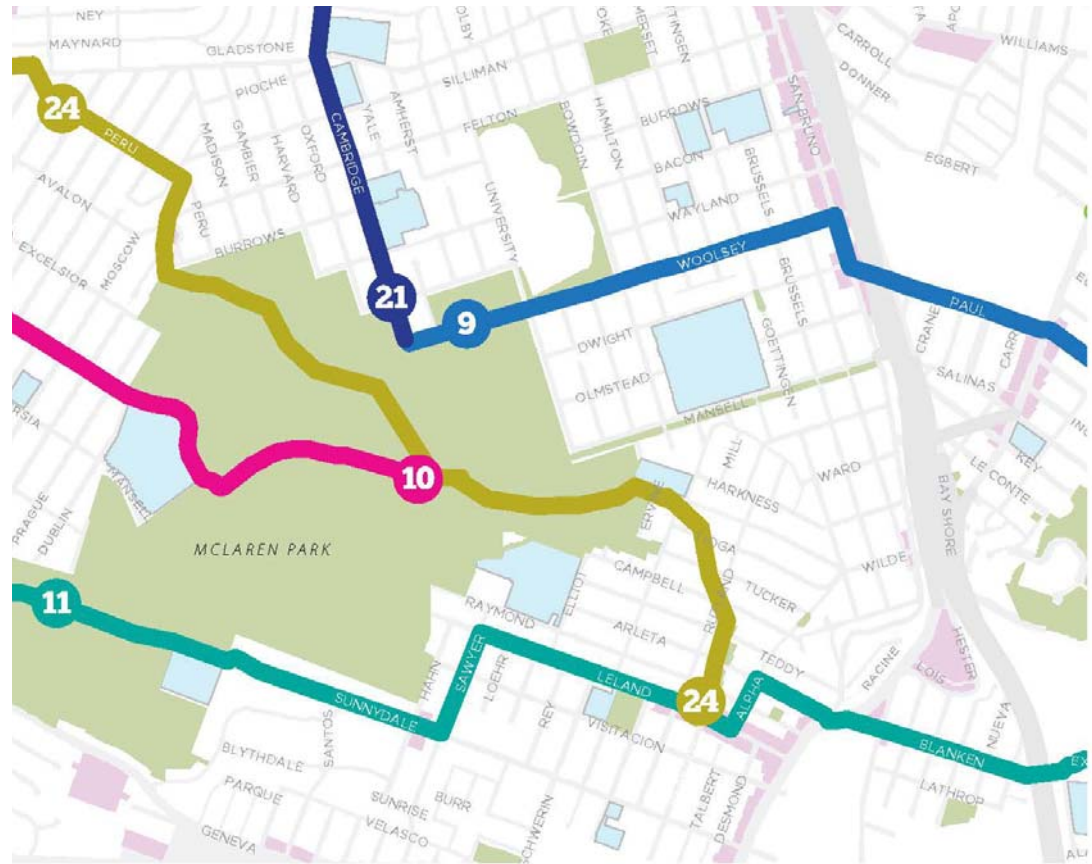
- **Concept Design in Visitacion Valley**

- Develop design options
- Refine design: discuss stewardship & implementation



## Small Group Exercise

- Concept design in Visitation Valley
- Closer look at the Network in Visitation Valley - **Route 11**
- Understand what you like and dislike about this corridor
- Understand your priorities for improvements







# Thank You!

- **Participate in developing a concept design in Vis Valley**
  - Join the contact list to receive updates about next steps
- **Provide input on Citywide Network & Design Concepts**
  - Project website <http://greenconnections.sfplanning.org>
  - Take the online survey
- **Question or Comments?**

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