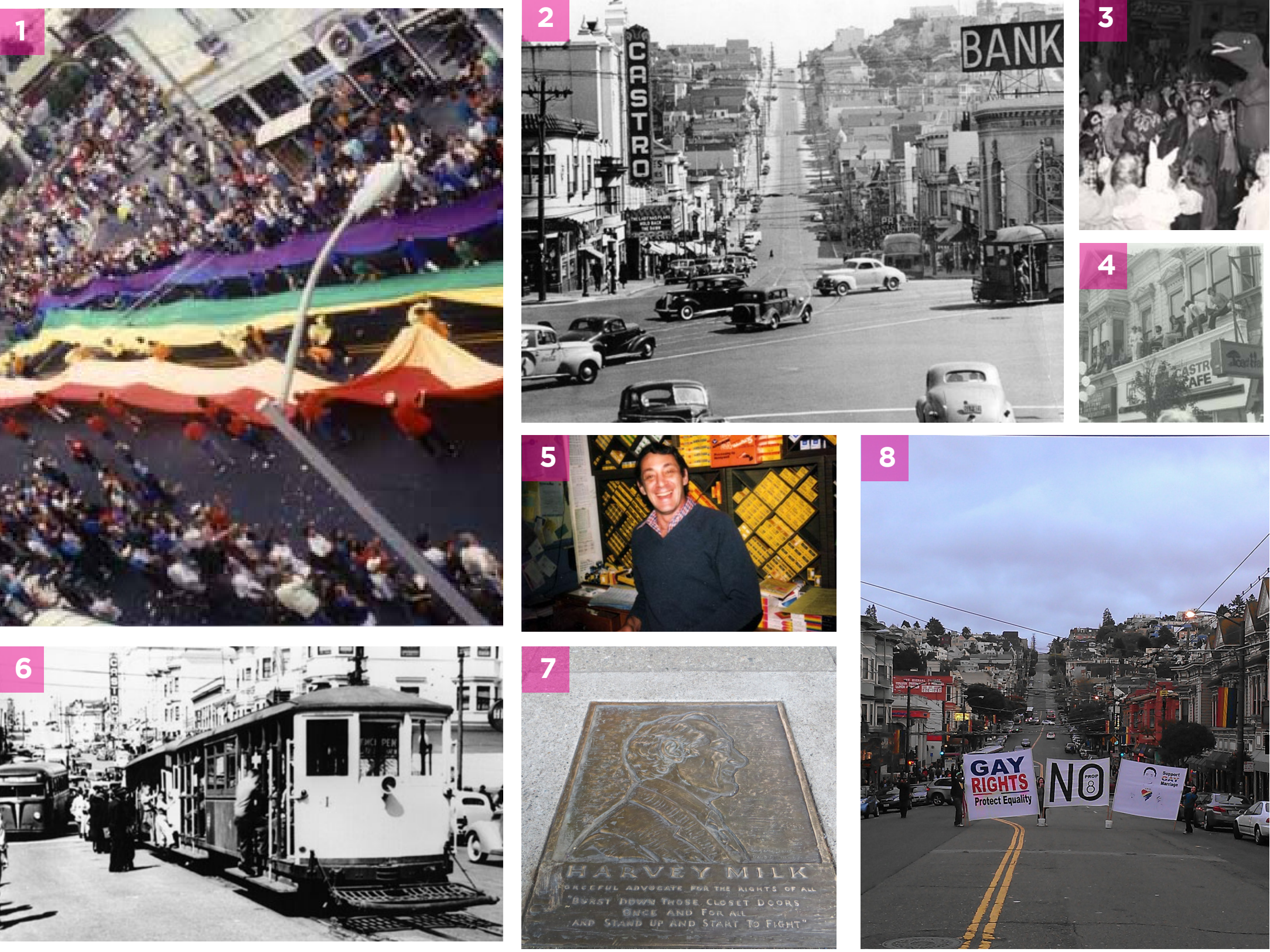


Design Inspiration

Architectural Heritage



Cultural Legacy



Historic Photo Captions & Credits
1. Early Gay Parade on Castro Street - Photo by James Patrick Kennedy and Derrick Tyson-Connolly, Courtesy Strange de Jim
2. Castro Street and Market Street Intersection
3. Cliff's Variety Halloween Party. Photo by Cliff's Variety, Courtesy Strange de Jim
4. Spectators watch early Castro Street Fair. Photo by Janice Greenberg, Courtesy Strange de Jim
5. Harvey Milk at his Castro Street camera shop. Courtesy SFPL
6. Last day of Castro Street cable car in 1941. Courtesy SFPL
7. Harvey Milk sidewalk plaque.
8. Marriage Equality march on Castro Street.

Castro Village Vibrant

From day....



...to night

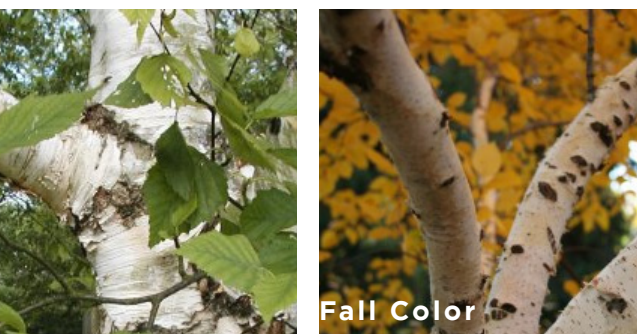
Streetscape Design

Street Tree Options

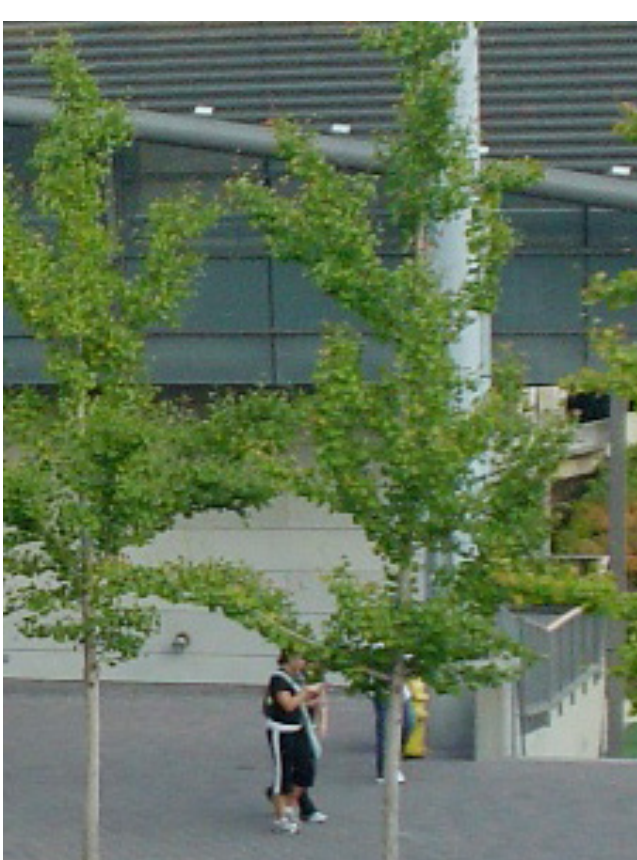
The proposed tree planting plan for Castro Street calls for deciduous trees in the middle of the block, and evergreen trees as "accent trees" at corners and special locations. The following tree species are under consideration:



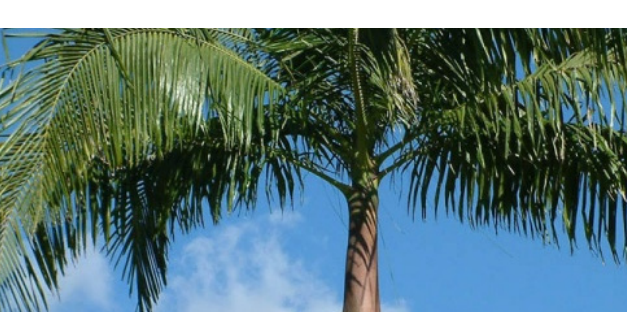
Armstrong Maple
Acer rubrum 'Armstrong'



White Barked Birch
Betula utilis 'Jacquemontii'



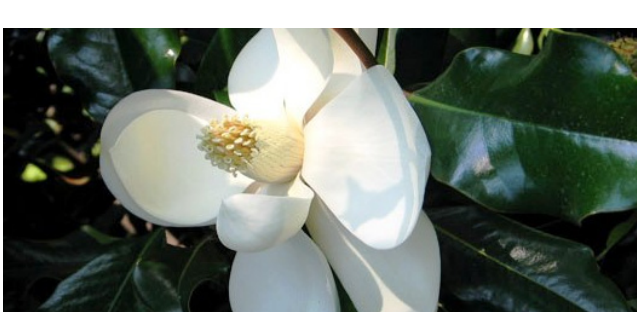
Columnar Ginkgo
Ginkgo biloba 'Princeton Sentry'



King Palm
Archontophoenix cunninghamiana



Queen Palm
Syagrus romanzoffiana



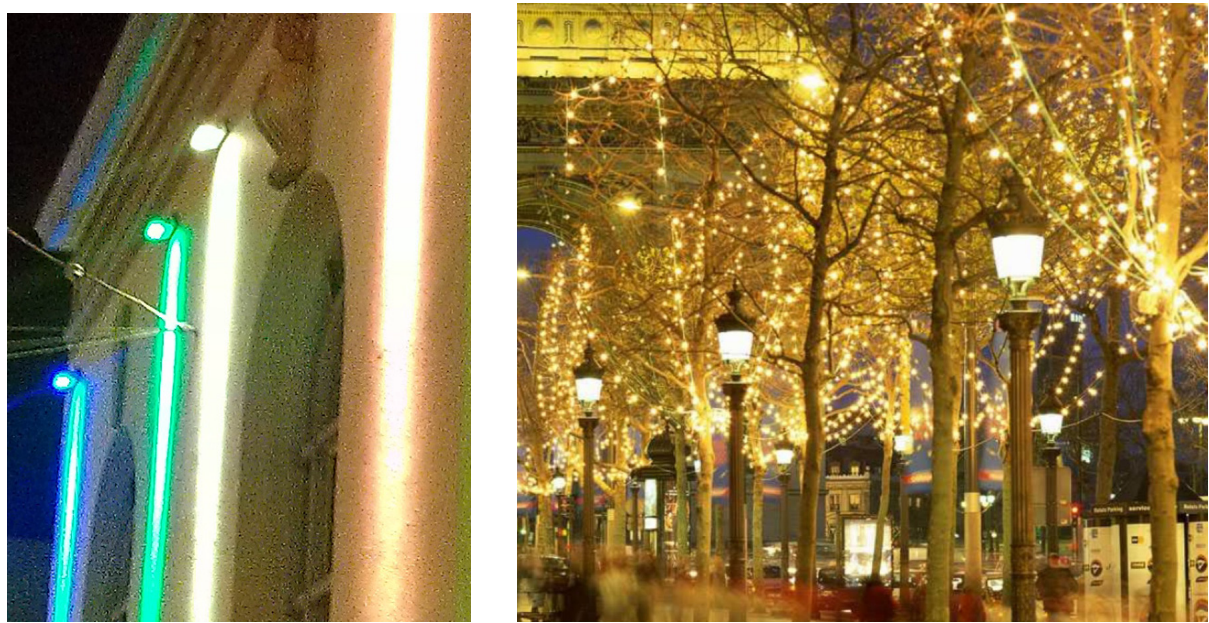
Southern Magnolia
Magnolia grandiflora 'DD Blanchard'

Proposed Lighting and Furnishing



Pedestrian Lighting

The Alcot Light by Landscape forms is proposed as the pedestrian light for Castro Street. This 12-foot tall light would light the sidewalk.



Celebratory Lighting

A mounted LED "wash light" similar to those on the former Diesel store building could be installed on Castro Street's Muni/roadway light poles. The lights could be programmed to change color depending on the occasion/season. Electrical outlets for seasonal lighting could also be installed in light poles.

Leaning Post

A custom-designed leaning post could be placed in the sidewalk furnishing zone. The post would provide a place to lean, pause, rest a cup of coffee or make a phone call. The Powell Street photo to the left illustrates the function of this to-be designed streetscape feature.

Other Furnishing Zone Elements:

- Bike racks
- Trash bins
- Newspaper Racks*
- Kiosks*

*The City is working to relocate/consolidate these features

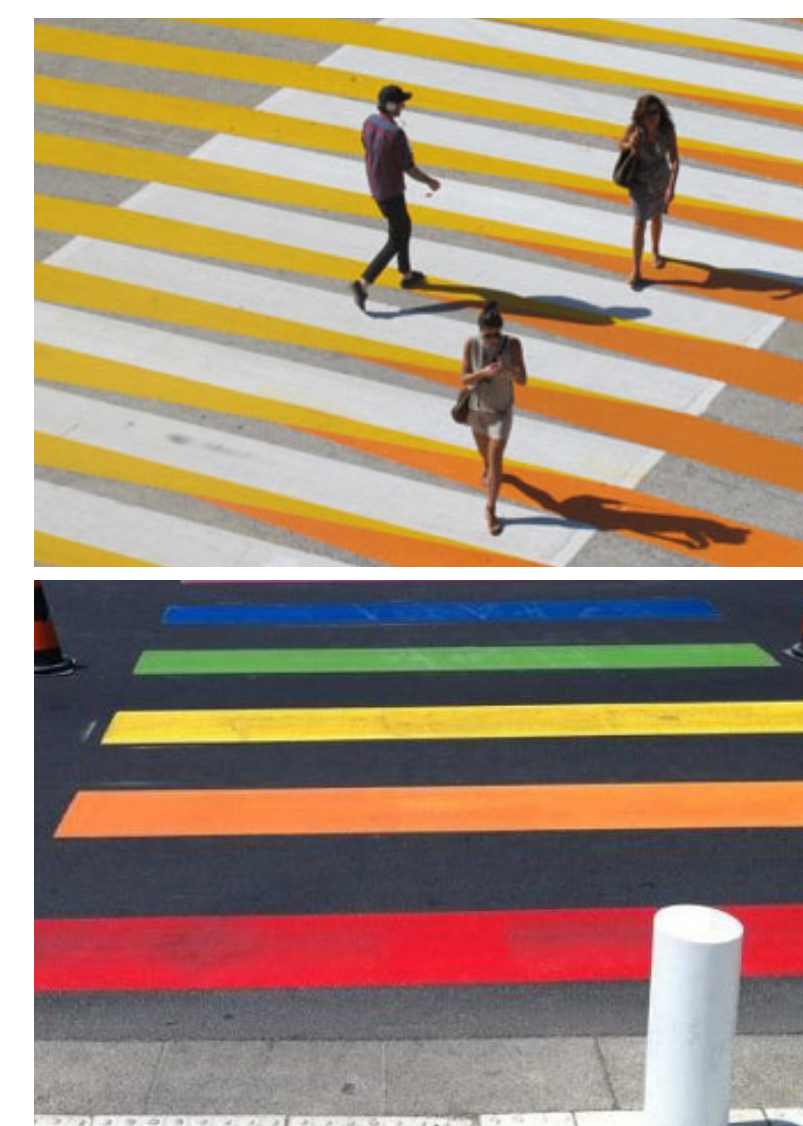


Proposed Paving and Sidewalk Layout



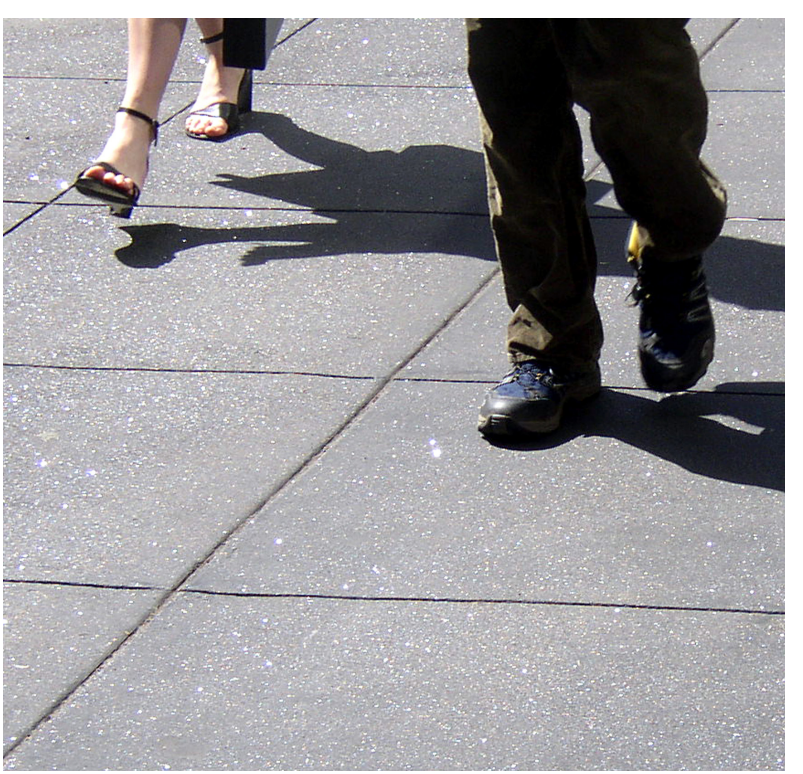
Sidewalk Layout

A 3-foot-by-3-foot square grid is recommended for Castro Street's pedestrian path of travel. The furnishing zone could be scored with a more detailed rectangular pattern. Standard gray sidewalks are proposed, however pending community support and budget, mica-sparkles could be included as a special finish.



Special Crosswalk Markings

Pending community support and budget, special crosswalk markings could be added to Castro Street intersections.



Mica Sparkles

Mica Sparkles are often added in San Francisco as a special finish and could be added to Castro Street's sidewalks pending community support and budget.



Rainbow Honor Walk

The Rainbow Honor Walk would be installed during reconstruction of the street. These 3-foot-by-3-foot plaques would be located in the throughway zone of the sidewalk.

Castro History Facts

Location-specific facts on Castro Street's history could be inscribed into the furnishing zone of the sidewalk at key spots along the street.