THE HUB ALLEY RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

The Hub neighborhood has many alleys. These small-scale streets typically carry very low numbers of vehicles accessing adjacent properties. Their character varies across the neighborhood, from residential to service alleys. Alleys in the Hub should be designed to reinforce the right of way as a pedestrian space. Vehicle speeds should be kept low via traffic calming. Materials should spark visual interest via high quality materials, finishes, and detailing. Alley amenities can include seating, landscaping, and pedestrian lighting to create usable public spaces that are unique and comfortable.

DESIGN STRATEGIES

- Living Alley treatments are encouraged throughout the Hub neighborhood
- Typical baseline alley improvements include infill tree planting, special street paving, and bollard or other pedestrian lighting
- At intersections with major streets, typical alley improvements will include raised crosswalks, special paving, and gateway features
- On blank facades, explore opportunities for public art
- Other case-by-case improvements may include sidewalk greening, special design features for temporary outdoor events/games (potential play streets), traffic calming features, or shared street designs

Note: Operational/Maintenance constraints require additional review and approval from San Francisco Public Works and San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency

TYPICAL PLAN VIEW

LIVING ALLEYS TOOLKIT

The Living Alleys Toolkit is a resource to give community members and designers an understanding of the design elements and permit and approval processes involved in conceiving, designing, developing and implementing living alleys. The toolkit includes 20 design tools, as well as example prototypes, to inspire and help community members create living alleys in the Market Octavia Plan Area, though much of this information is applicable to alleys throughout San Francisco. In addition to the design tools, constraints and opportunities are discussed so project designers and residents can understand the full breadth of any project.

For more information: http://sf-planning.org/living-alleys-toolkit