HOW WOULD IT WORK?

- Swinging benches and planters would enable flexible and easy transitioning of curbside space use, which could accommodate: parking, cafe seating, outdoor retail displays or kiosks, planters, bike parking, pedestrian-friendly amenities, or other uses; rolling benches or planters with swinging, locatable gates could also work to frame and clearly define this flex space.

- A beveled or mountable curb would allow a vehicle to park in the flex zone when a bench or gate was “closed.”

- Gates or benches or other elements could be customized with creative artistic elements to highlight the Lower Haight’s unique creative identity.

- Maintenance of the flex zones would need to be the responsibility of the business/homeowners independently or as a Business Improvement District (BID), or by a merchant/neighbor association or other organization with sustaining funding and strong management.

- The opening and closing of gates could be done at certain times of day or days of the week, or customized to individual businesses, or otherwise coordinated (similar to parklets); however it worked, it would need to be coordinated by a BID or merchant/neighbor association.