



# Powell Streetscape Project

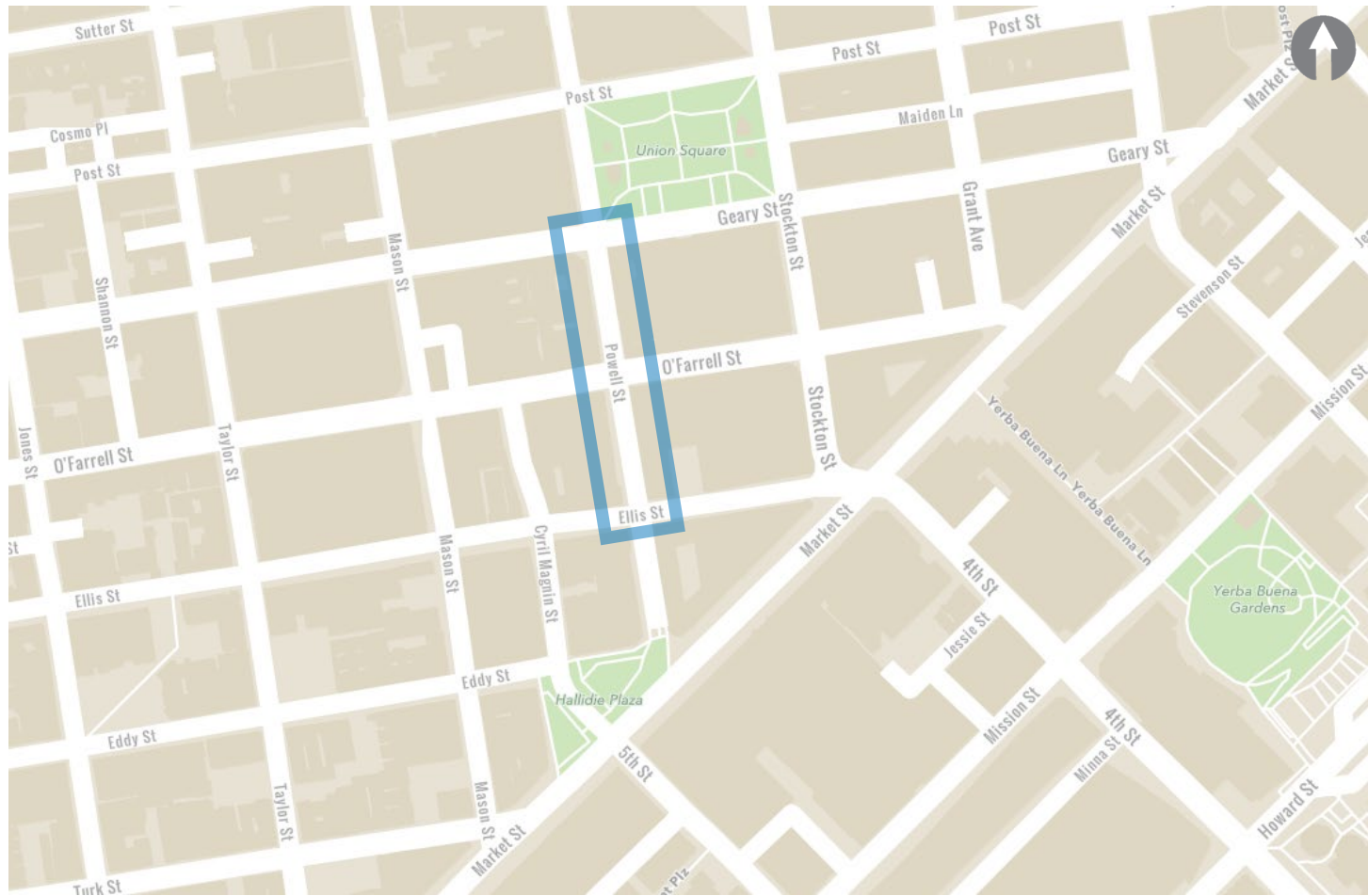
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# Project Area

Two blocks of Powell Street, between Geary and Ellis streets



# Previous Pilots

- ***Powell Promenade Parklets (2011)***

- Parklets replaced parking, consolidated loading activity mid-block
- Very successful in expanding public space, but didn't widen sidewalks the full block
- Are now well past their useful lives



- ***Powell Street Safety & Sidewalk Improvement Pilot (2015-2017)***

- Limited turns onto Powell to passenger and goods loading, taxis, and cable cars
- Achieved goals: **65% reduction** in traffic, **75% reduction** in turns, **23% longer life** for cable, **no injury collisions** during pilot
- Permanently legislated in 2017



# Public Engagement

- **Stakeholder design workshops** with key stakeholders and organizations
- **Outdoor open house** on Powell Street
- **Online survey**
- **On-going briefings/meetings**
  - Union Square Business Improvement District
  - Hotel Council and hotel representatives
  - Powell businesses and property owners
  - Chamber of Commerce
  - Tenderloin Community Benefit District
  - Chinatown Community Development Center



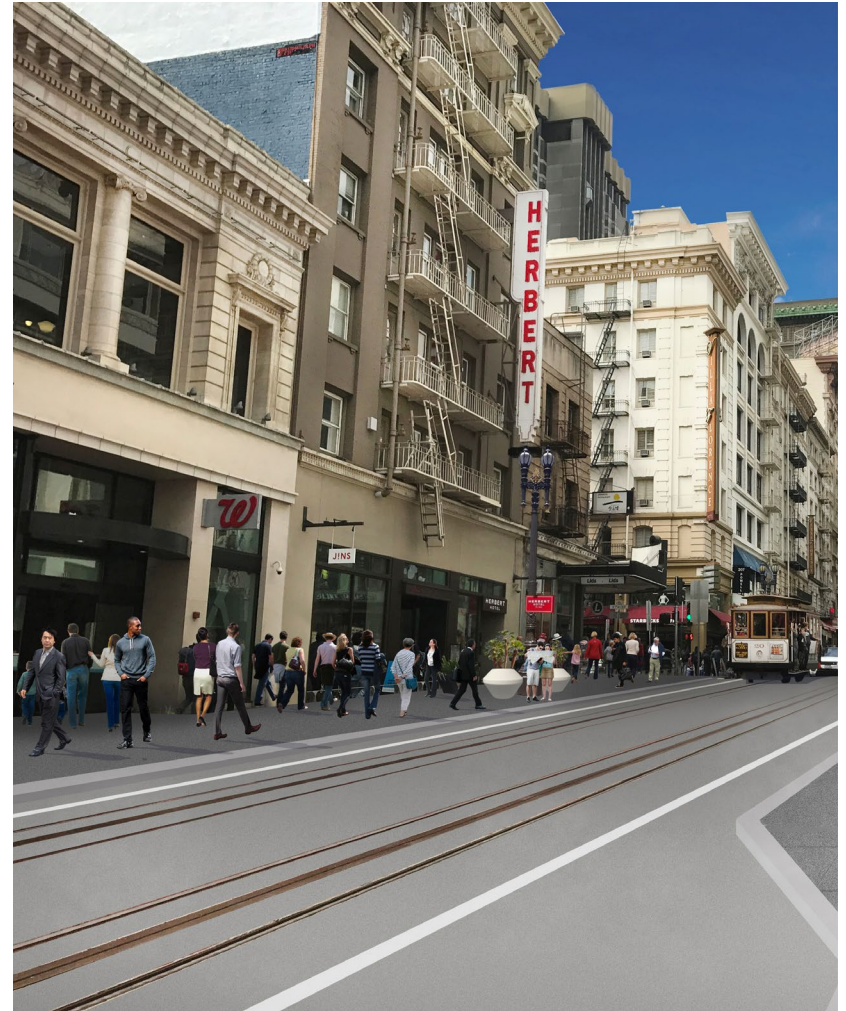
# Key Elements

- The project will **widen Powell's sidewalks**, which see some of the most foot traffic in the City.
- On the Vision Zero *High Injury Network*, the new **pedestrian-focused layout** will build upon existing restrictions that limit traffic.
- The new streetscape will include a variety of materials to create an **inviting and attractive environment**.



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- The O'Farrell/Powell 38-Geary bus stop will **move to the far-side of the intersection with a new bus bulb.**
- Stop-and-go traffic places wear on the cable car. **Less traffic** lengthens the life of the cable, decreases operator stress, and increases passenger safety.
- At Powell & Geary, **a new right-turn phase** addresses conflicts between turning drivers and pedestrians.

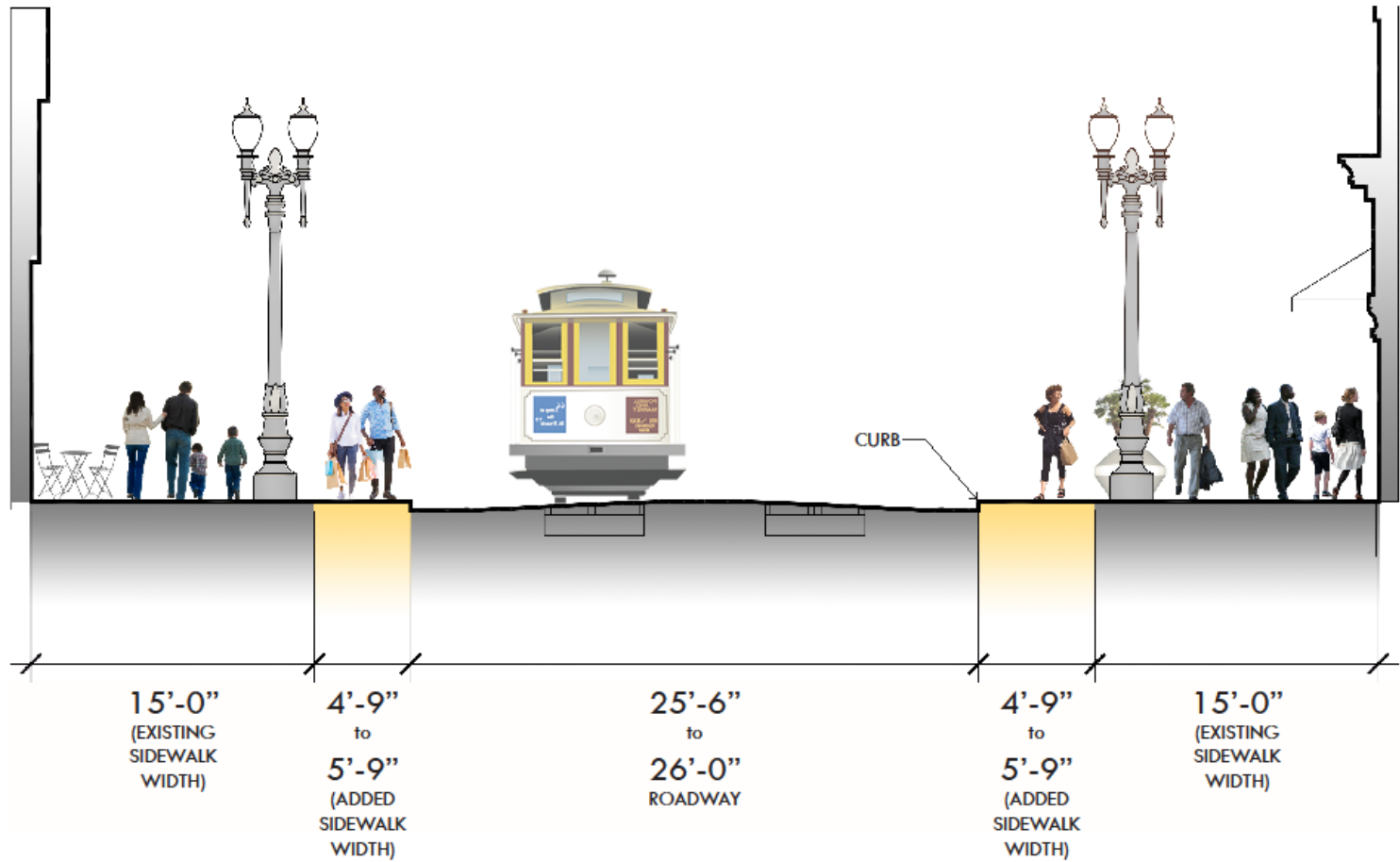


# Today's Legislation

**These items build upon previously approved legislation and are needed to advance design of the project.**

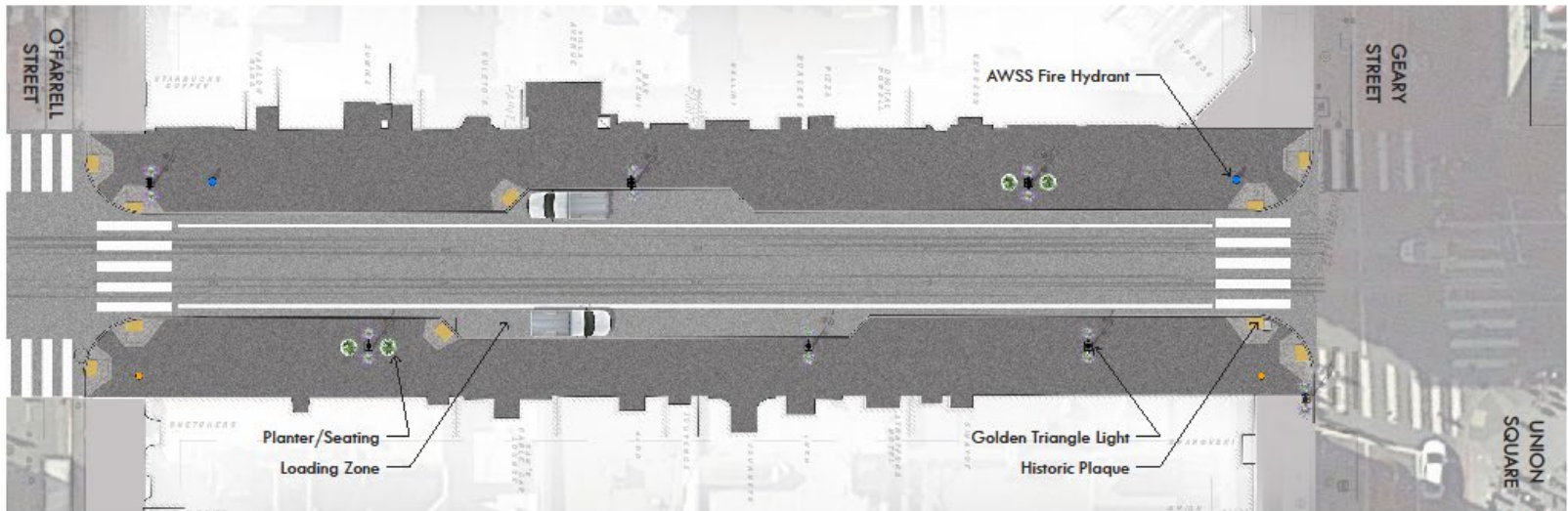
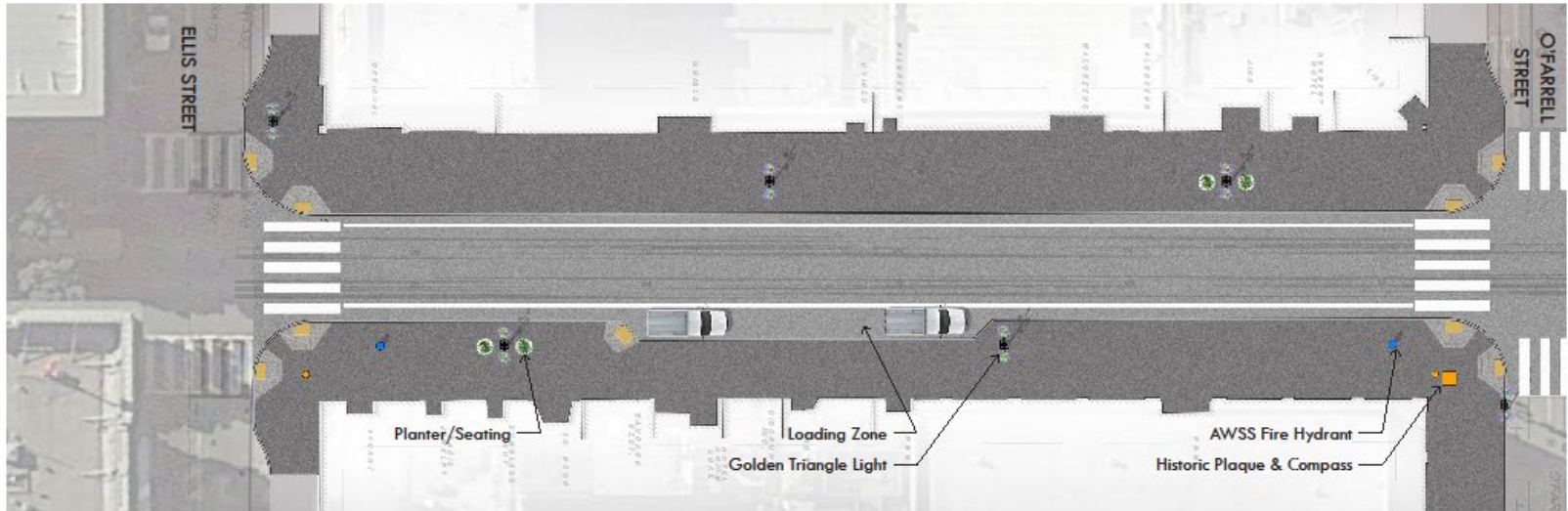
1. Finalizes the extents and locations of loading zones
2. Relocates a 38-Geary bus stop with a new bus bulb
3. Makes southbound Powell from O'Farrell to Ellis Muni + taxi only
  - *The existing loading zone on this block face will be relocated around the corner on O'Farrell Street, serving the Herbert Hotel*
4. Designates new transit-only lanes on Powell Street
  - *Accommodating passenger and goods loading, where permitted*

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# Schedule

- **Planning (incl. workshops)** – 2017
- **Conceptual design + engineering** – 2018 - 2019
- **Detailed design + engineering** – 2020 - Early 2021
- **Contractor bidding/award** – Mid/Late 2021
- **Construction begins** – Jan 2022