

Twin Peaks Recovery & Revitalization



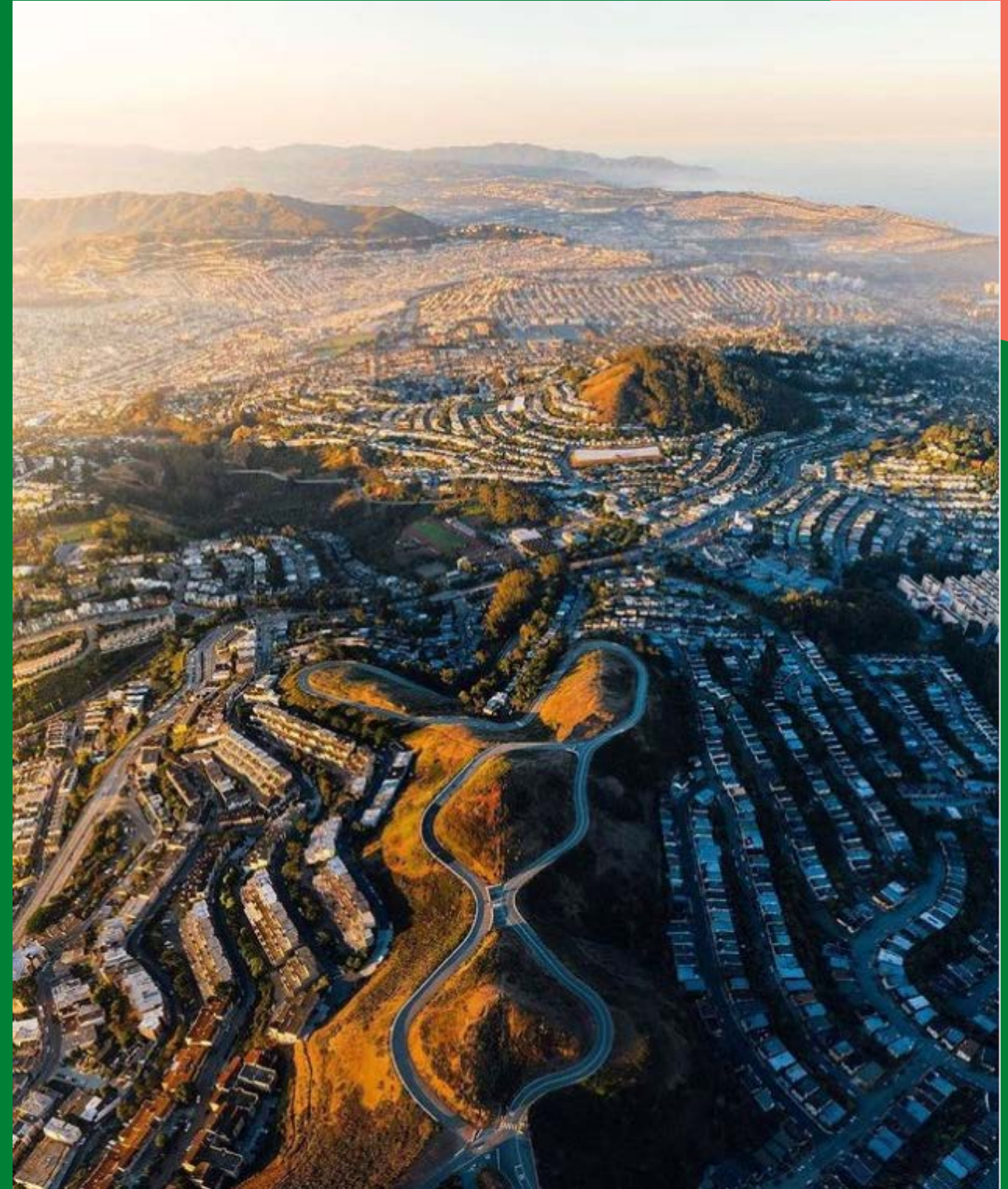
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TWIN PEAKS

a natural landscape

In January 2021, Supervisor Melgar, along with cosponsors Mandelman & Walton, introduced a RESOLUTION Urging the Recreation and Park Dept. & other City Departments to Develop a Long-Term Plan to Re-Imagine Twin Peaks.

Twin Peaks is one of the most-visited natural areas, with stunning 360-degree views of the city and surrounding Bay Area. Visitors, tourists, bicyclists, and hikers can find a 0.7-mile trail network that ascends the two peaks.



Twin Peak's Inter-Agency Jurisdiction

SF FIRE DEPT.
Managed by PUC

SF PUC

REAL ESTATE DEPT.
Managed by PW

SF REC & PARK

PUBLIC WORKS
roadways

+

SF MTA
traffic



CURRENT USAGE



DURING COVID

Burnett Ave., was closed to vehicles to allow for socially distant recreation and access to open space.

For the last 6 months Eco Count Numbers:

1) Apprx 1,300 visits/day on Twin Peaks at Christmas Tree Point (total of 85,625 visits since 2/5/21)

2) Apprx 1,100 visits/day on Twin Peaks at Panorama North (total of 220,000 visits since Oct 2020)

2) Apprx 1,600 visits/day on Twin Peaks at Panorama South (total of 338,000 visits since Oct 2020)

25 YEARS OF THE PINK TRIANGLE

- installed atop Twin Peaks each Pride Weekend.
- In 2020, for the first time, the Pink Triangle was illuminated as a Beacon of Hope for the 50th Anniversary of SF PRIDE



MISSION BLUE BUTTERFLY

A federally listed endangered species that still survive in San Francisco, Marin, & San Mateo counties. RPD has been working for a decade to conserve the Mission blue butterfly at Twin Peaks. In 2010 this species was on the brink of extinction in San Francisco. RPD's efforts (in partnership with U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service) to protect and enhance the Mission Blue have helped recover the population, which is estimated to be over 200 individuals today.



COMPLETED IMPROVEMENTS

● Twin Peaks Promenade Planning Study / Figure 8 Redesign
(2013-2018)

● Installation of Crosswalks along Twin Peaks
Blvd

● Twin Peaks Portola Trail Construction
(Summer – Fall 2013)

● Twin Peaks Trails Improvement
(2017)

CURRENT CONFIGURATION

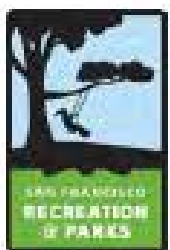
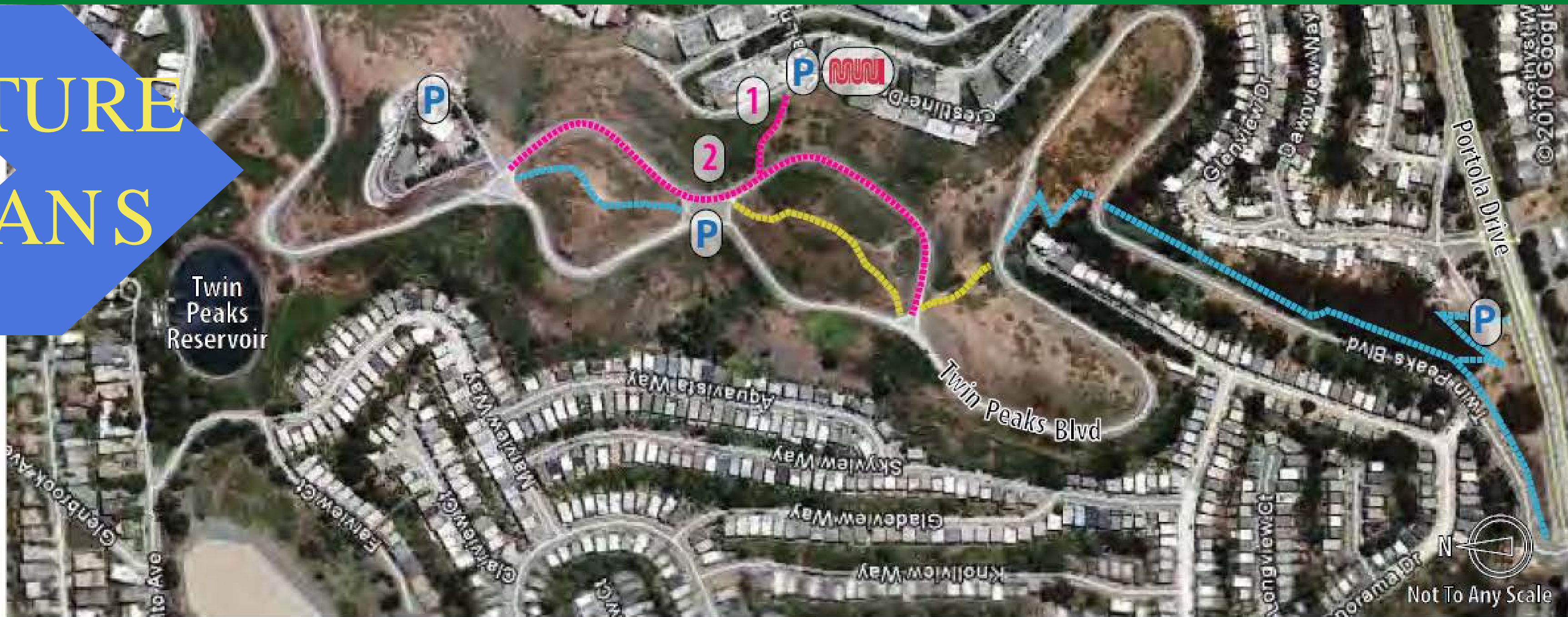
Convert from existing one-way southbound to two-way operation

Pedestrians and bicycles only; close road to motor vehicles

Modified intersection configuration to improve traffic flow and crossings



FUTURE PLANS



Twin Peaks Creeks-to-Peaks Trail Conceptual Site Plan

- Proposed Trail Segments
- Funded Trail Segments
- Completed Trail Segments

1 Trail to Crestline Drive

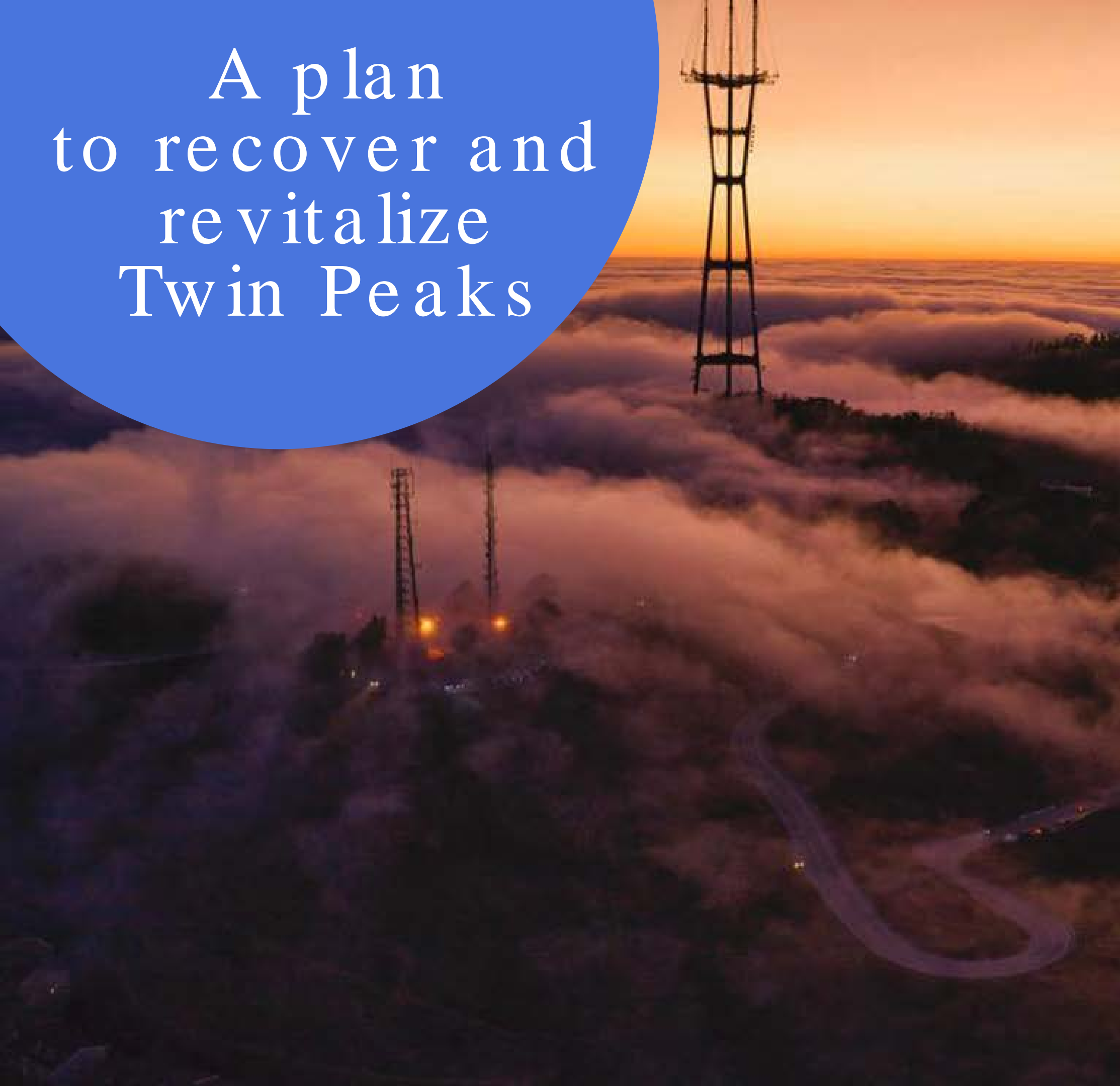
Install wayfinding signage, restore and upgrade trail through realignment, replace box steps, and install erosion control measures

2 "Figure 3" Promenade

Convert decommissioned roadway to linear park serving hikers, bikers, and tourists: resurface a portion of the roadway, add site furnishings, plantings, wayfinding, and interpretive signage

P Parking & Muni Transit

There are 4 parking areas in close proximity to the trails, as well as bus access. We anticipate that hikers will also be walking to the site from both the north and the south because of our Creeks to Peaks trail corridor, and because of the site's location on the Bay Area Ridge Trail



A plan to recover and revitalize Twin Peaks

- Activate an open space to ensure that residents and visitors feel safe and have equitable access to open space.
- Provide an enhanced Twin Peaks experience where residents and visitors can access additional recreational amenities.
- Educate residents and visitors about the San Francisco Bay Area history, from the Ohlone Tribe to the Mission Blue Butterfly.
- Build opportunities for employment and economic development.

a bold idea:
pop-up
gathering space

- creates a centralized space that welcomes visitors
- provide a variety of amenities such as interpretative stewardship information for visitors, educational tours, permitted entertainment, refreshments vendors, etc.
- elevates a tourist destination into a community gathering space that will further build community amongst surrounding neighborhoods.

Opportunities & Challenges

Any project at Twin Peaks needs to acknowledge, incorporate and respect the conservation work of its habitat while balancing the regulatory requirements for this natural landscape.

Opportunities at Twin peaks

- Interpretive Center would create stewardship opportunities and provide natural and cultural history about the Ohlone Tribe and the Mission Blue Butterfly.
- Improved promenade trail (demolish graffiti-prone car barriers, better-designed parking to reduce vandalism)

Possible Approaches

****NOTE: robust outreach with Twin Peaks stakeholders are required in order to gather broad support ****

- Pursue philanthropic partner to fund planning, design, building, operation
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- Pursue public funds and philanthropic partner fund planning, design, building. An RFP for the operator.
- RFI to engage in interest in private, design/build or design/build/operate plan.





Thank You

