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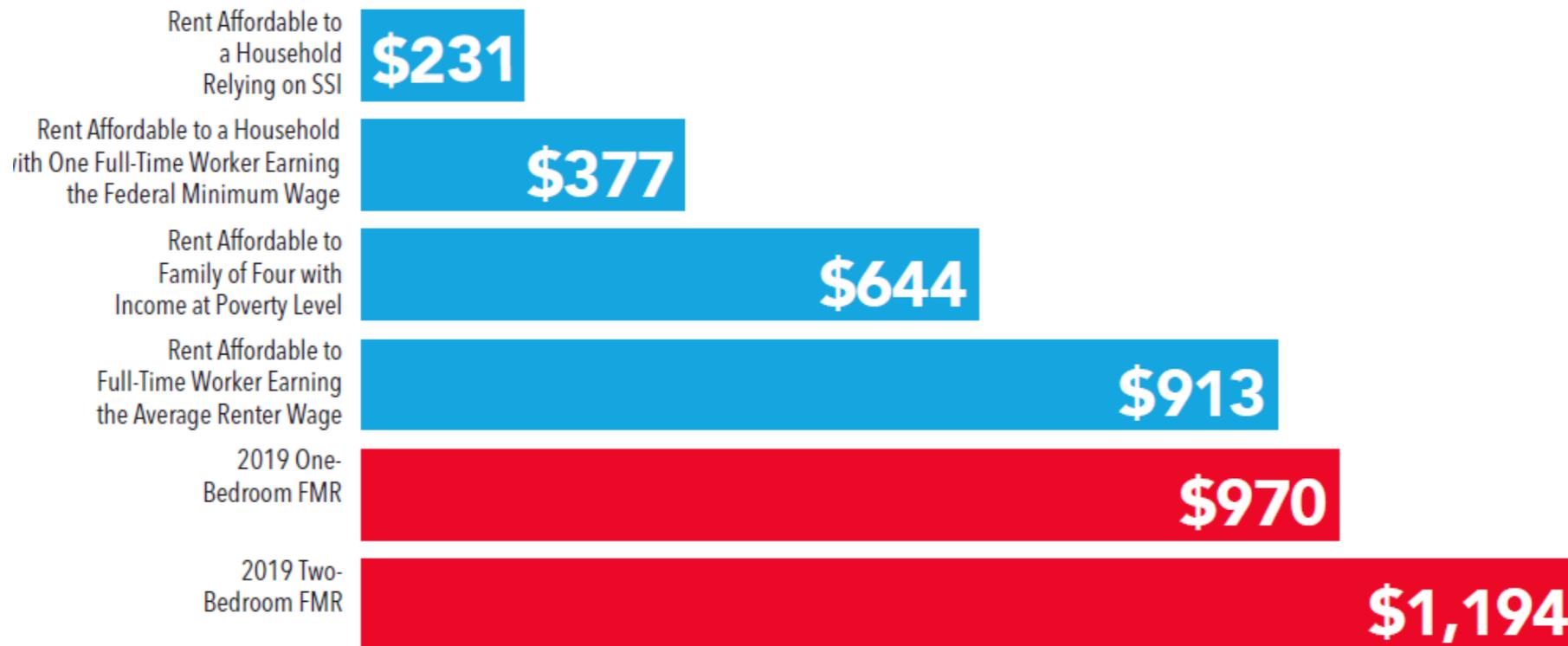
VEHICLE TRIAGE CENTER

LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE HEARING

FEBRUARY 24, 2020

OUT *of* REACH

RENTS ARE OUT OF REACH FOR MANY RENTERS



Fair Market Rent = Fair Market Rent.

Source: NLIHC calculation of weighted-average HUD fair market rent. NLIHC calculation of affordable rents based on income and benefits data from BLS QCEW, 2017 adjusted to 2019 dollars; HUD 2019 Income Limits; and Social Security Administration, 2019 maximum federal SSI benefit for individual.

- ▶ Safe Overnight Parking Programs on the West Coast
- ▶ Learnings from practitioners and experts in the field



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- ▶ Policy Working Group, Lab, development of VERT
- ▶ Site exploration and development of program models
- ▶ Legislation passed by the Board of Supervisors in April 2019
- ▶ 2340 San Jose Avenue
- ▶ Community Engagement Process

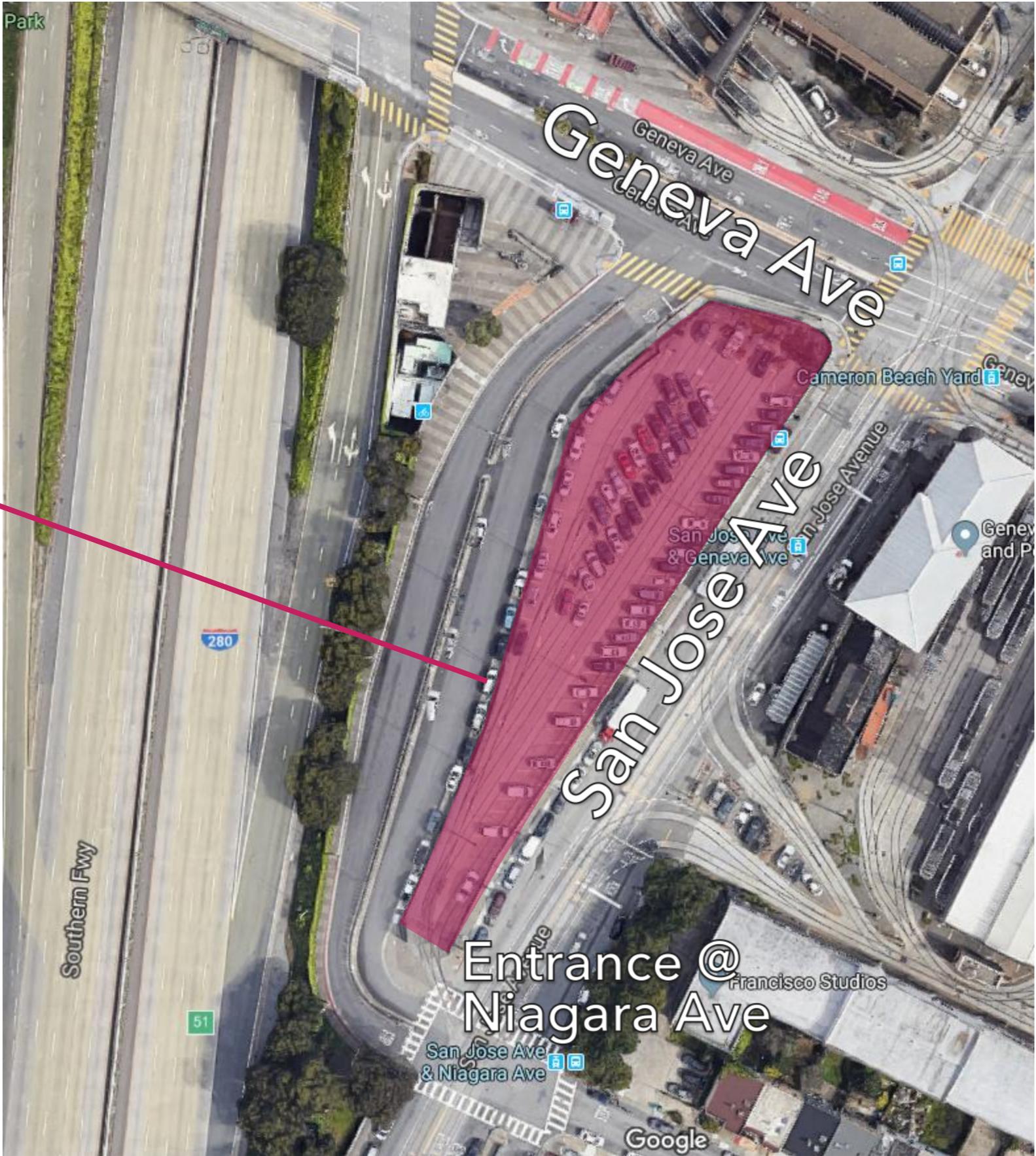
- ▶ Planning Commission Approval
- ▶ Board of Supervisors Approval
- ▶ Construction Begins
- ▶ Selection of Urban Alchemy as site provider
- ▶ VERT Outreach December – January
- ▶ Site opened December 2019

VEHICLE TRIAGE CENTER PILOT PROGRAM



VEHICLE TRIAGE CENTER PILOT - PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Project
Location



The Vehicle Triage Center (VTC):

- ▶ Approximately 30 parking spots for a mix of RVs and vehicles
- ▶ Provides a safe place to store or reside in your vehicle while accessing the Homelessness Response System
- ▶ Low-Barrier, High-Services Model
- ▶ \$1.5M Budget

Site Service Providers

- ▶ Urban Alchemy
- ▶ SF HOT Case Management
- ▶ SF HOT VERT
- ▶ Dignity on Wheels
- ▶ DPH Street Medicine



Rebuilding the Lives of the Homeless One Shower & Laundry Load at a Time

As of February 12, 2020:

- ▶ 26 vehicles onsite (35 people)
- ▶ Mix of RVs, buses and vehicles
- ▶ 17 pets
- ▶ Representation from Districts 3,5,6,7,9, 10 and 11
- ▶ 90% of clients onsite are Housing Referral Status

The Vehicle Triage Center (VTC) site includes:

- ▶ Pedestrian and vehicle gates for entry/exit
- ▶ Security cameras
- ▶ Diesel generator
- ▶ 2 solar powered lights, 1 generator-powered
- ▶ Bathrooms and sanitation stations
- ▶ Blackwater pumping
- ▶ Office and confidential meeting space
- ▶ Mobile shower (3 x week)
- ▶ Electricity

VEHICLE TRIAGE CENTER PILOT - SITE DESIGN



VEHICLE TRIAGE CENTER PILOT - SITE DESIGN



Early learnings HSH is taking into account include:

- ▶ Varying needs of population
- ▶ Site Evaluation
- ▶ Continued partnership with other City agencies

VEHICLE TRIAGE CENTER PILOT - CONCLUSION



QUESTIONS



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