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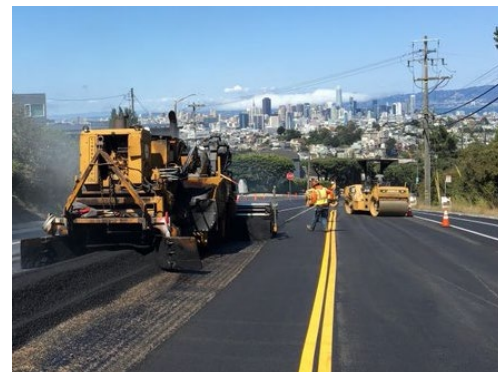
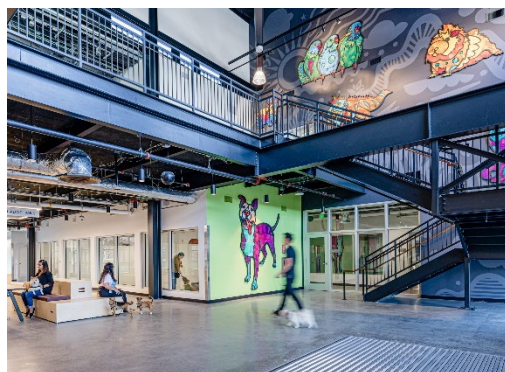
Powell Street Improvement Project

26-0514 Accept and Expend Grant

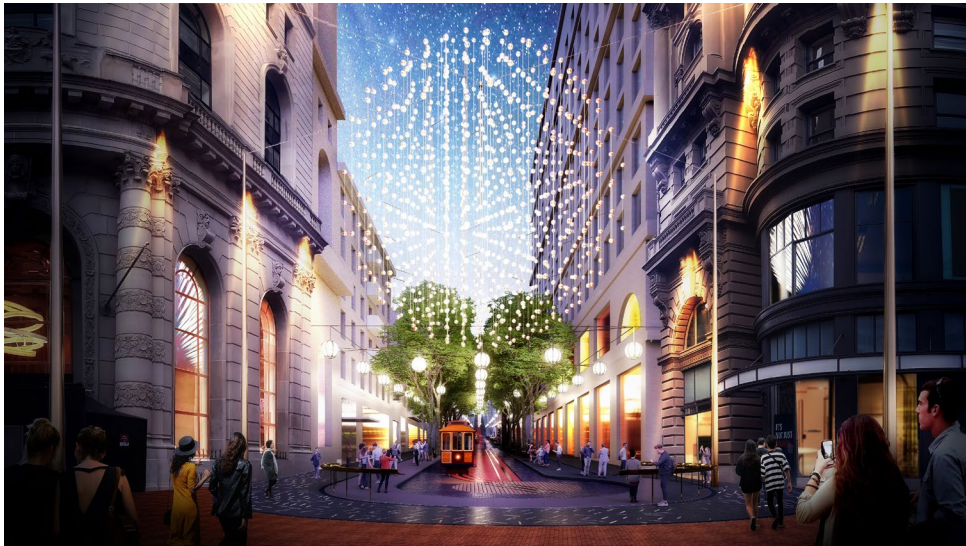
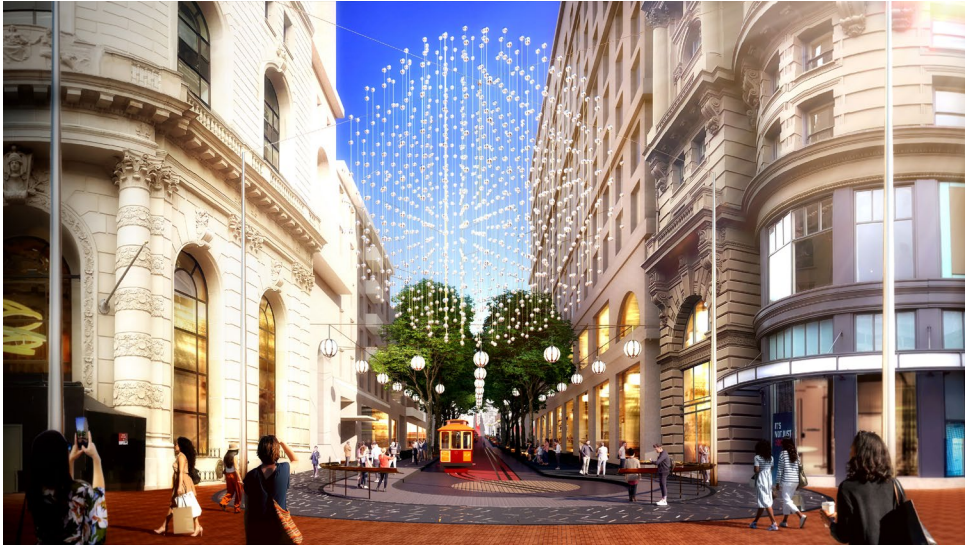
San Francisco Downtown Development Corporation - \$14.5 million

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Project Background



Project Goals



- Extend the historic character of Powell Street at Market Street
- Increase planting and greenery as much as possible
- Consider building facades as contributing to character
- Celebrate cable car ingenuity at turn-around
- Revitalize downtown San Francisco
- Complete construction November 2027

The Agreement



- Public Works would accept a grant of up to \$14.5 million in private funding from the San Francisco Downtown Development Corporation to help cover costs for the Powell Street Improvement Project
- Public Works agrees to provide a Project budget and schedule with milestones within 30 days of execution of agreement
- City has jurisdiction over the three-block corridor of Powell Street, between Market Street and Geary Street, and seeks to enhance the area
- Downtown Development Corporation, a nonprofit, was founded in 2025 to revitalize and reimagine downtown through investments and collaboration
- Project will include:
 - pedestrian and circulation upgrades
 - streetscape surface and landscape enhancements, including a large-scale programmable LED light installation above the cable car turnaround at Market Street
 - utility infrastructure and street light modifications
 - cable car stop and loading zone modifications

Project Budget

Powell Street Preliminary Project Budget

EXPENSES

Total Estimated Design Phase Costs	\$7,000,000
Total Estimated Construction Phase Costs	\$33,287,000

Total Expenses	\$40,287,000
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SOURCES

Prop L	\$4,000,000
Prop B	\$21,787,000
SFDDC-Grant	\$14,500,000

Total Sources	\$40,287,000
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Project Timeline



2023 - 2024: Planning Phase
2024 - 2026: Design Phase
2026 - 2027: Construction Phase

Project Safety Improvements

SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT – Full sidewalk and curb replacement

BULB-OUTS – Sidewalk extensions to minimize pedestrian crossing distances

LIGHTING – New Golden Lantern lighting feature with new service connections

LANDSCAPING / SITE FURNISHINGS – Improved pedestrian and public spaces

LOADING / CABLE CAR SERVICE STOPS – Updated colored curb management





QUESTIONS