Tenderloin Emergency Safety Supplemental

Budget & Finance Committee
May 24, 2023

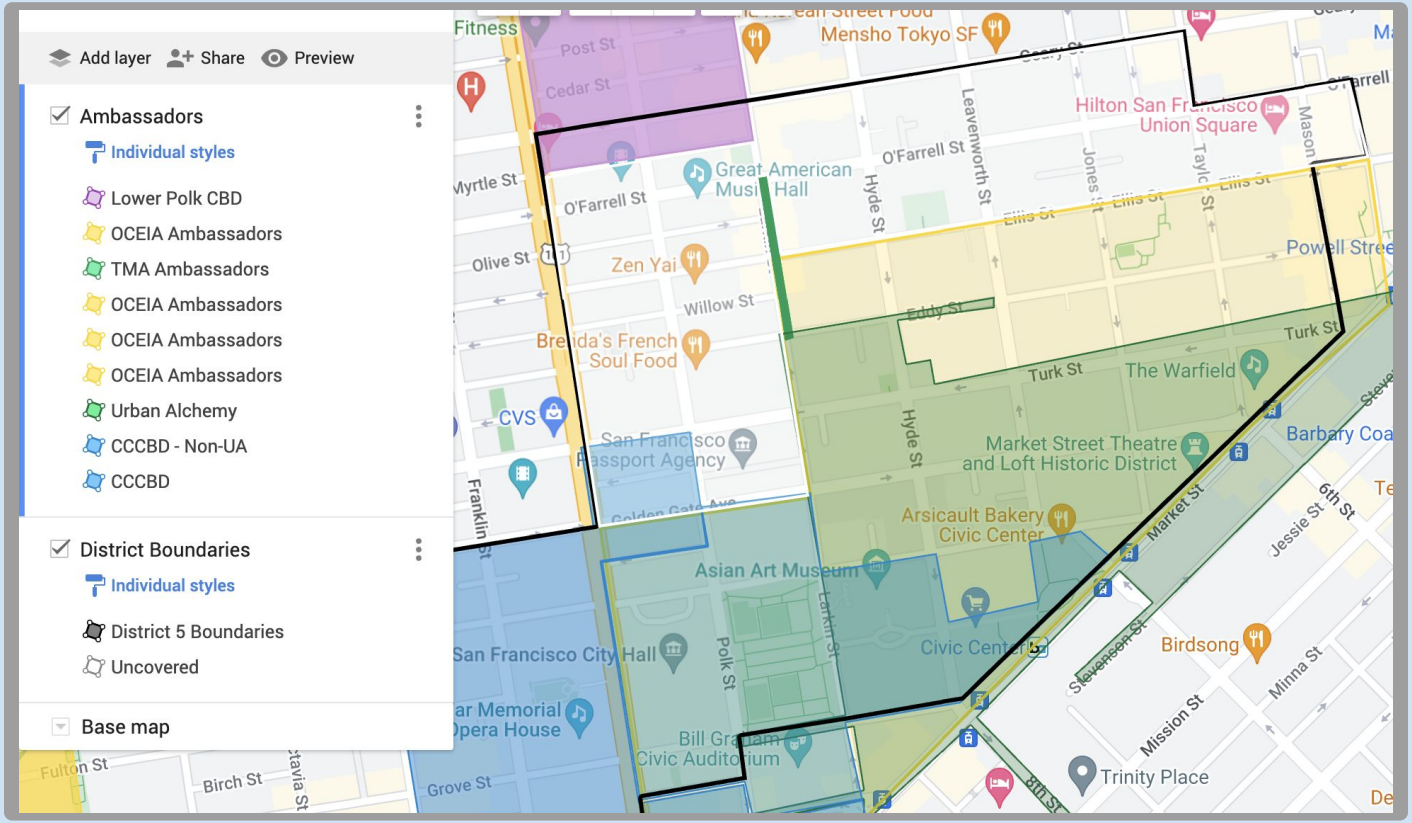
Urgent Safety Interventions

- **Total appropriation: $10 million**
- **What this package includes:**
  - Filling community ambassadors gaps ($4 million)
  - Providing grants to small business for safety & security ($3 million)
  - Launching a street dealing intervention team ($3 million)

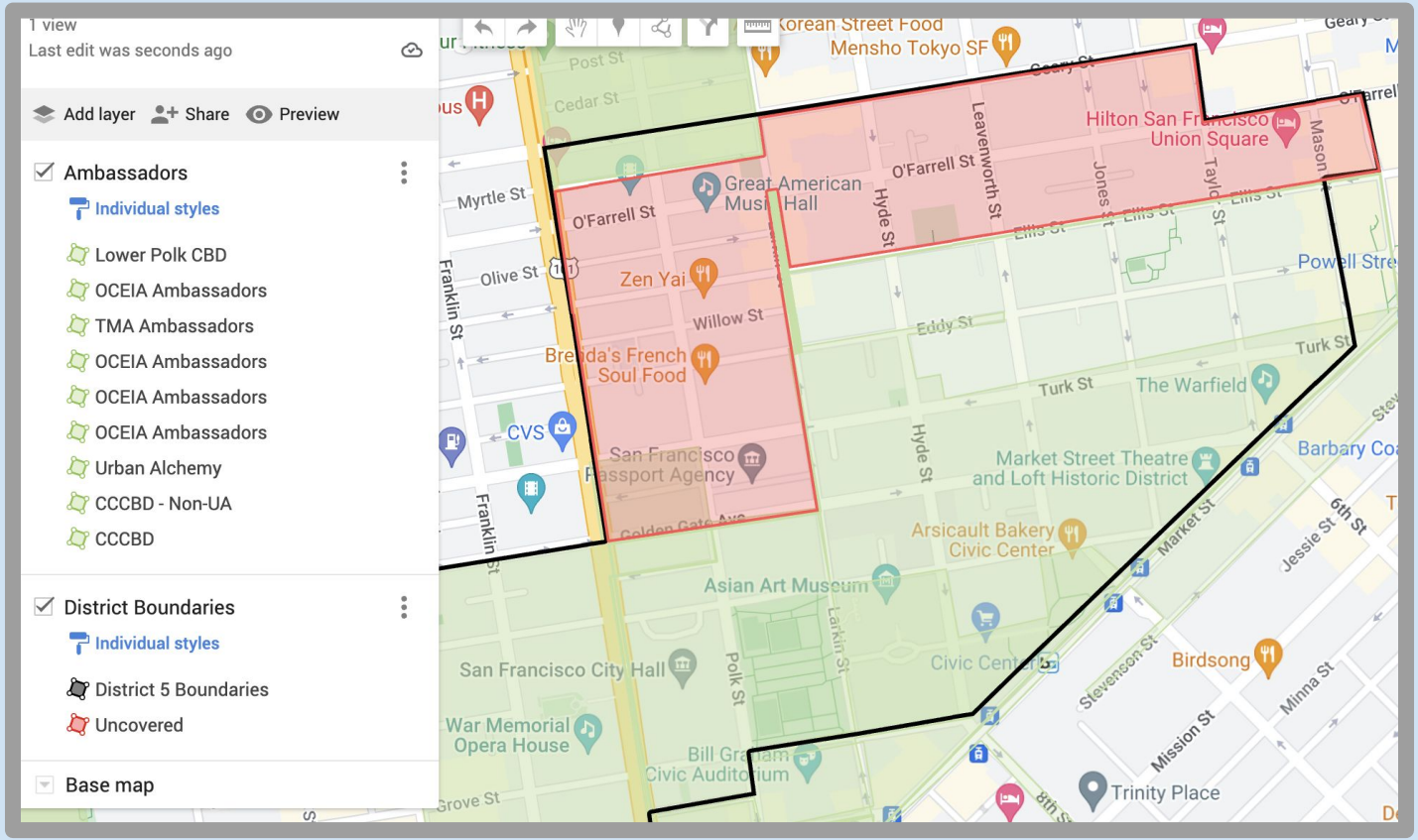
Fill community ambassadors gaps

- ⅓ of the Tenderloin does not have ambassador coverage.
- Many Tenderloin constituents report that ambassadors have helped provide calming for many blocks.
- Tenderloin blocks that do not have coverage have reported worsening conditions.

Current ambassador coverage



Red zones = no ambassador coverage



Safety/security grants for small businesses

- Changes in downtown traffic, remote work, & continuing economic recovery have affected Tenderloin businesses.
- Actual & perceived neighborhood challenges have also had an effect on neighborhood businesses.
- Paired with our District 5 business safety consultation grants via SF SAFE, Tenderloin businesses need flexibility to determine what will make the most difference for them.
- Possible uses we've heard from constituents: gates, indoor security cameras, extra staff person for evening shifts, employee late night transportation assistance, etc.

Street dealing intervention team

- The Tenderloin needs dedicated violence intervention resources.
- Violence prevention needs in the Tenderloin differ from those in neighborhoods like the Fillmore, Bayview, and the Mission.
- Street dealing intervention team can help de-escalate conflicts, negotiate agreements, & help provide pathways out of dealing for folks who are ready to make a change.
- Community groups already do informal outreach to dealers, but not as part of any City-funded program. Right now, a coalition of groups is applying for federal funding for this, and the City is supporting that application, but there's no guarantee if/when money will be received. We urgently need this program.

Questions?