
PROJECT INFORMATION

Project name

Project location and extent

City:

County:

Designated PCA Name(s):

Acreage (if relevant):

APNs (if an acquisition):

Trail length (if relevant – miles or linear feet):

Stream miles (if relevant – miles or linear feet):

Project schedule

Proposed start date for work under the grant:

Estimated completion date:

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES FOR PROJECT

Congressional District(s): www.house.gov

District number	Name
15th	Kevin Mullin

State Senate District(s): www.senate.ca.gov

District number	Name
11th	Scott Wiener

Assembly District(s): www.assembly.ca.gov

District number	Name
17th	Matt Haney

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Provide a clear, detailed description of the project proposed for funding. If PCA funding is used to deliver a sub-element of a larger project, identify that element and how it relates to the overall project. Include: 1) specific purpose and need for the project; 2) the project's goals and objectives; and 3) specific tasks that will be undertaken (tasks in the budget and schedule should be explained here). Please limit the Project Description to no more than 2 pages.

The Project will construct new pedestrian and bicycle facilities in the Visitacion Avenue corridor in the southeastern section of San Francisco's McLaren Park to calm traffic, provide improved access to Visitacion Valley Middle School (VVMS), and better connect the Visitacion Valley and Sunnydale neighborhoods to the Park's program areas and trail network. The Project will be completed in two-phases, with Priority Conservation Funds supporting the first phase.

Phase I Project pedestrian improvements include constructing a new 1,275 linear feet (LF) sidewalk, from VVMS south to Hahn Street, and a new crosswalk at Leland Avenue. Lighting will also be featured, with 14 light poles along the sidewalks and flashing beacons at the crosswalk.

Phase 1 bicycle facility improvement includes the construction of a 2,200 LF two-way cycle track (for a total of 4,400 LF when counting each direction separately). The cycle track will be located in the upper section (S1) and middle section (S2) of Visitacion Avenue and end at the Leland Avenue crosswalk. At this point, the cycle track will split into two bike facilities: a temporary bicycle facility will be constructed on the lower section (S3) of Visitacion Avenue from the Leland Avenue Crosswalk to Hahn Street and a new two-way bikeway, 750 linear feet in length (1,500 LF when counting each direction separately), will depart from Visitacion Avenue at Leland Avenue crosswalk and head to the southern border of SFRPD property, along the Gleneagles Golf Course. The new bikeway will remove and replace approximately 750 LF of fencing along the eastern edge of Gleneagles Golf Course bordering Herz Playground.

Phase 2 of the construction of the bikeway is located outside of the SFRPD property line and will be initiated upon the completion of Block 2 of Sunnydale Housing Project, anticipated to occur in 2029. The bikeway will continue south, through the future Sunnydale Block 2 open space and provide a connection with the two-way cycle track along the north edge of Sunnydale Avenue (AKA the Sunnydale Linear Open Space). In addition, as part of Phase 2, SFRPD will also remove the temporary cycle track on the lower section (S3) of Visitacion and restripe on-street parking that was removed for the temporary cycle track. This street parking will serve as the primary public parking located near the Herz Playground, Coffman Pool, and the new Herz Recreation Center, currently in construction. The parking will support the many special events and activities to be hosted at the Herz Playground that serve the community and the City at large.

The first phase of the Project will provide urban greening benefits by planting California native plants, protecting adjacent natural resources and reducing stormwater runoff from entering into the City's combined sewer system. This will reduce potential wastewater facility overflow into the San Francisco Bay during major storm events. The project will plant 10,000 square feet of San Francisco native plants (primarily on the east side of Visitacion Avenue, between Raymond Avenue and VVMS) and 50 native trees on the east side, along the new bikeway on the west side of the street, and in other areas of the park. The existing Leland raingarden will continue to help capture stormwater from the upper portion Visitacion Avenue and the additional plantings will enhance the existing McLaren Native Plant Garden. In addition to active demonstration of urban greening benefits, interpretive signage in this area will be viewed by many volunteers and youth program participants.

A substantial amount of work has been put into the project topography, cost analysis and scope in the last few months to prioritize the smooth implementation of the pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

The cycle track distance has been extended from 1,800 LF to 2,200 LF, and the multiuse track has developed into a class 1 bikeway that sits at 775 LF. We adjusted the tree and planting strategy, which will be completed as part of a nearby project focusing on McLaren Park trails. In addition, all of the water retention features and work supported by the Public Utilities Commission were removed.

We are currently reviewing the feasibility of irrigation systems versus relying on plant establishment services to oversee the management of our native trees and plants, as drought-tolerant species don't require irrigation.

Moving forward, this project will focus on delivering the bicycle and pedestrian safety elements to ensure a timely and efficient project completion.

Though the period of project delivery has been extended, we have a clear timeline of the proposed work plan including 35% of design drawings for Upper Visitacion Avenue prepared by the San Francisco Public Works.

We are working closely with all of our stakeholders to ensure transparency and effective communication. The delivery of the final project is dependent on the completion of Block 2 of the Sunnydale housing development. Staff is working on environmental review.

FUNDING

Total Project Cost: \$4,188,188

PCA Funds Requested: \$1,000,000.00

Match is not required but cost effectiveness and leveraging of staff and funding resources will be considered. However, should a project be selected to receive federal funds, applicants are required to provide a minimum non-federal match of 11.47 percent of the total project cost.

Other Funds to be provided by the Sponsor (not including in-kind services):

Source of funds	Amount (\$)	Status Committed, Pending, Future
Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities Grant	\$2,338,188	Committed.
Pacific Gas and Electric Grant	\$850,000	Committed.
Clean and Safe Neighborhood Park Bond	\$200,000	Committed. Funds Project planning and indirect costs.

Total Project Funding (PCA Request + Other Funds):

- Funding notes (Optional): San Francisco Public Utilities Commission has and will continue to support green infrastructure improvements as needed. These items are pending more detailed design.
- In-kind services notes (Optional): Clean and Safe Neighborhood Park Bond supports planning and design work completed to date and will support indirect cost associated with labor.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET

In the budget matrix below, list the major tasks of the proposed project, the estimated cost of the task, and the funding sources (applicant, PCA grant funding, and other) for the task. The listed tasks should correlate with the tasks described in the Project Description and listed on the Anticipated Schedule.

Task Number	Task	PCA Grant Funding	Other Funds	Total Cost
1	Grant Administration- Project Management and Construction Management	\$199,800.00		\$199,800.00
2	Complete project design		\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00
3	Environmental Review	\$11,798.00		\$11,798.00
4	Construction	\$752,201.00	\$2,675,511.00	\$3,427,712
5	Contingency	\$36,201.00	\$432,677.00	\$468,878
	TOTAL:	\$1,000,000	\$3,188,188	\$4,188,188

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE

List the project tasks and all significant project milestones (for example, California Environmental Quality Act/National Environmental Policy Act compliance, obtaining of permits, completion of design documents, appraisal preparation and other land acquisition documents, advertisement and award of construction contract, commencement of construction, and project completion). For each item provide the expected completion date.

Task or Milestone	Expected Completion Date
1. CEQA Review	12/16/2024
2 . Initiate Priority Conservation Grant Agreement	2/15/2025
3. Implement Urban Greening Planting North of Raymond	4/1/2025
4. Secure Plant Establishment Contractor	4/1/2025
5. Community Planning/Project Update	4/19/2025
6. Complete 35%, 65%, and 95% Design Review	11/1/2025
7. Constructability review	1/2/2026
8. 100% Design	3/23/2026
9. Bid advertisement and opening. Review of bidder qualification.	7/6/2026
10. Public Works and SFRPD Commission Approval	7/23/2026
11. Phase 1- Construction – Notice to Proceed	8/6/2026
12. Construction contingency	8/30/2027
13. Phase 1- Substantial Completion	12/30/2027
14. Phase 1- Construction Closeout	4/30/2028
15. PCA Grant Closeout	8/30/2028
16. Gap between Phase 1 and Phase 2	8/30/2029
17. Phase 2 – Bikeway connection to Sunnydale Class IV Bicycle Facility.	8/30/2029

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Phil Ginsburg, General Manager
Recreation and Park Department
501 Stanyan Street
San Francisco, CA 94117-1898

Dear Phil,

On behalf of the San Francisco Conservation Corps, we extend our support to the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's Priority Conservation Area Grant Application for the Visitacion Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Improvement Project.

The Project will enhance access to McLaren Park and Herz Playground from the Sunnydale and Visitacion Valley neighborhoods and make multiple connections to McLaren Park's trail network and the City bikeway system. This will include bicycle access to the Mansell Corridor, which links to the northern and western sides of the park and the Portola and Excelsior neighborhoods. The Project also creates a welcoming entrance at the border of Sunnydale, where residents have historically felt isolated from Park trails and amenities.

The Priority Conservation Grant will provide essential funding to create a critical bikeway link between the Sunnydale HOPE SF area to McLaren Park's Visitacion Ave and Visitacion Valley Middle School. We know that San Francisco Recreation and Park has been collaborating with Sunnydale HOPE SF to ensure that the bikeway built at Herz Playground connects to the planned bikeway at Sunnydale Block 2 Open Space, and the Sunnydale Ave cycle track known as the Sunnydale Linear Open Space.

Along Visitacion Avenue, the project will create a barrier protected Class IV bikeway, and vitally needed sidewalks to connect to the Park and Visitacion Valley Middle School from nearby neighborhoods.

The SFCC is currently collaborating with SFRPD to refine the scope for their Habitat Conservation Fund-funded work in the Visitacion Avenue corridor, as part of the McLaren Trails Priority Improvements project. On that project, SFCC crews will work with SFRPD Natural Resources Staff and the prime contractor to support demolition, clearing and grubbing, and planting of the area. SFRPD staff have informed us of a synergistic opportunity for the Corps to further contribute to enhancing placemaking, safety, and natural beauty in McLaren Park, by adding trees and additional plant establishment to our contract, should PCA funding be received.

We look forward to continuing our support of this improvement to McLaren Park, and the Visitacion Valley and Sunnydale neighborhoods of San Francisco.

Sincerely,

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James Walker

Executive Director



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In cooperation with



Coastal Conservancy

Priority Conservation Area Grant Program

APPLICATION FORM

Applications are to be submitted via email to the PCA Evaluation Committee at PCAGrants@bayareametro.gov by **August 28, 2024**. Emails cannot exceed 20 MB (please divide up attachments among separate emails, if necessary).

Click in the shaded text fields below to enter text, numbers and dates. The fields will expand to accommodate the data. Please adhere to the character and page limits noted, where noted.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Organization:

Contact Person:

Email:

Telephone:

Address:

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

For each question, please limit your answer to 1,000 characters.

1. Applicant

Describe the grant applicant (and project sponsor, if different) and their ability to undertake the project.

SFRPD's Capital Improvement Division, established in 2001, will oversee project development and implementation. Capital staff are experienced in park planning, community outreach, and landscape architecture, and work closely with San Francisco Public Works who provides architecture and engineering work. Project construction will be completed by a qualified, licensed contractor that meets the project specific qualifications and has documented a minimum of experience completing similar projects.

SFRPD has successfully managed many large-scale facility and park renovations as well as constructed bicycle and pedestrian facilities in our parks including the Mansell Corridor, Marina Green Multi-use Path, and JFK Drive Promenade.

The native tree and plant selection was supported by the SFRPD Natural Resources Division, whose expertise in sensitive plant and animal species, habitat identification and restoration will assure that the plant palette is compatible with the area's microclimates.

2. Consistency with Plans

Describe how the project is supported by, consistent with, or in conflict with any applicable local or regional plans, such as Plan Bay Area 2050, Estuary Blueprint, Conservation Lands Network, general plans, county or regional trail plans, regional conservation plans, climate action plans, Habitat Conservation Plans/Natural Community Conservation Plans, etc. Identify the pertinent plan(s) and the date adopted by the applicable local/regional entity.

In 2018, the McLaren Park Vision Plan and the Visitacion Valley Impact District prioritized the redesigning the Visitacion Avenue roadway to create pedestrian and bike access along the corridor. The 2018 McLaren Park Visioning Plan was developed with feedback from 100's of residents and included meetings with bicyclist, artists, the SF Arts Commission, Visitacion Valley Middle School, and other park users.

San Francisco General Plan's Recreation and Open Space Element (ROSE), POLICY 1.5 states McLaren Park should be prioritized for better utilization and further recommends existing traffic conditions be examined to reduce conflicts between vehicles and park users.

Improving the existing right-of-way in the park to allow for safe pedestrian, vehicular and bike access where appropriate is also identified.

3. Public, Stakeholder, and Tribal Engagement

Describe the status and approach to public, stakeholder, and Tribal engagement for the project, including Equity Priority Communities. If engagement activities have not yet occurred and/or are proposed to be funded by the PCA grant, briefly describe potential engagement approach and anticipated stakeholders. If there is no public/stakeholder/Tribal engagement, please describe why no engagement is necessary to effectively implement the project.

To date, SFRPD staff has held 4 community meetings, attended 5 community/school meetings and collected 840 survey response. Participants in this outreach include residents, park and neighborhood organizations, bicycle/walking groups, and local service providers.

Sunnydale specific outreach included presentation at two community NeighborUp meetings and a site walk. SFRPD coordinated with SFMTA neighborhood Active Transportation Planning to help facilitate McLaren Park bicycle travel.

Outreach methods included direct mail and email, e-newsletters; a project webpage; social media; paper/online surveys, and government/community channels. Materials are also translated into other languages.

SFRPD outreach targets historically under-engaged populations, elderly, and persons with disabilities.

Tribal engagement: A supplemental Preliminary Archeological Report shared with SFRPD noted that there are no archaeological sites recorded within the project area nor within a ¼ mile of the project.

4. Partners

As applicable, describe the implementing partner public agencies, non-profit organizations, and other entities and individuals and their role in project implementation.

SFRPD is partnering with the following organizations:

HOPE SF Team including Mercy Housing and Related CA.

Pacific Gas and Electric: Funding from PG&E for this easement option is providing key resources for the pedestrian and bicycle safety project on Visitacion Avenue. The Project Team has been coordinating with PG&E, who is requesting future easement for installation of a transmission line that will be key to providing electric resiliency for the City of San Francisco.

San Francisco Conservation Corps: The SFCC is currently collaborating with SFRPD to refine the scope for their Habitat Conservation Fund-funded work in the Visitacion Avenue corridor. The Corps will have the opportunity to further contribute to the project by adding trees and additional plants to enhance the project

WalkSF: Walk SF is San Francisco's only pedestrian advocacy association, advocating for life-saving changes across the city to protect the millions of people who walk in San

Francisco every year.

5. Compliance with CEQA and NEPA

All projects to be funded must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"). Projects with federal funding must also comply with the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA"). CEQA and NEPA do not apply to projects that will not have either a direct or indirect effect on the environment. For all other projects, if the project is statutorily or categorically exempt under CEQA/NEPA, no further review is necessary. If the proposed project is not exempt, it must be evaluated by a public agency that is issuing a permit, providing funding, or approving the project, to determine whether the activities may have a significant effect on the environment. Please describe the status of CEQA/NEPA review.

CEQA will be initiated in Fall 2024. The CEQA application will include information of both Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the project and secures for approval for all the design options under consideration. Staff is in the process of conducting site visits and completing tree surveys.

6. Land Acquisition

If your project includes property acquisition, please describe the status and expected conclusion of landowner negotiations, as well as any key issues/considerations needing resolution.

All the property in Phase 1 is under the jurisdiction of the SFRPD.

7. Multiple Benefits

The project supports healthy lifestyles by providing bicycle and pedestrian facilities in underserved neighborhoods. Not only will the project create new walking and biking opportunities, but it will also create new social opportunities to prevent physical isolation. The project will remove and replace many non-native, failing trees with native California Buckeye, coast live oak, and toyon. These trees will enhance our urban tree canopy by continuing to reduce heat surface by providing shade and producing oxygen. The addition of trees to help reduce these pollutants can help address these pollutants. Even if in a small way, over time, planting trees in this community can help combat these pollutants and improve air quality. According to I-Tree Calculator, the 50 trees planted will remove 18.57 lbs. of PM2.5. The biodiversity of this area of the park will further be enhanced by providing important nectar sources and food, as well as nesting opportunities for resident and migratory birds.

8. Operations, Monitoring and Maintenance

Please describe plans and anticipated funding for operation, monitoring and maintenance of the project/property, including (for acquisitions) any development of an endowment, property management or monitoring plan.

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- **Design Plan** – Construction projects should include one or more design drawings or graphics indicating the intended site improvements.
 - **Site Photos** – One or more clear photos of the project site.
 - **Letters of Support (*Not Required*)** – Provide any letters of support from public agencies, non-profit organizations, elected officials, and other entities and individuals.

Long term site operations and maintenance will be provided by the SFRPD Operations and Structural Maintenance Yard Divisions. No acquisitions are required as the property is entirely within the department's jurisdiction. Monitoring of usage through usage counters may be installed once the facility is installed and operational. Native trees and plant establishment in the area north of Raymond will be monitored by a local volunteer organization, while tree plantings on the eastside will involve hiring a workforce development organization to water the trees until they are established.

9. Additional Questions

Please respond to any additional questions sent to you by the review committee.

- *Please provide additional information on the stormwater runoff elements and benefits*

The original project scope identified two rain gardens adjacent to the Bicycle and Pedestrian facilities that were to be funded by San Francisco Public Utilities Commission funding. However, the site plan has since been modified, and these rain gardens removed. As the Project design becomes solidified, opportunities for green infrastructure will become clear and may be added back to the scope. As mentioned in the narrative, stormwater generated in the upper portion of Visitacion Avenue does divert to the Leland Rain garden. The SFRPD continues to work closely with SFPUC on reducing stormwater from entering our combined sewer system. We are constructing other rain gardens in the park with funding support from the SFPUC.

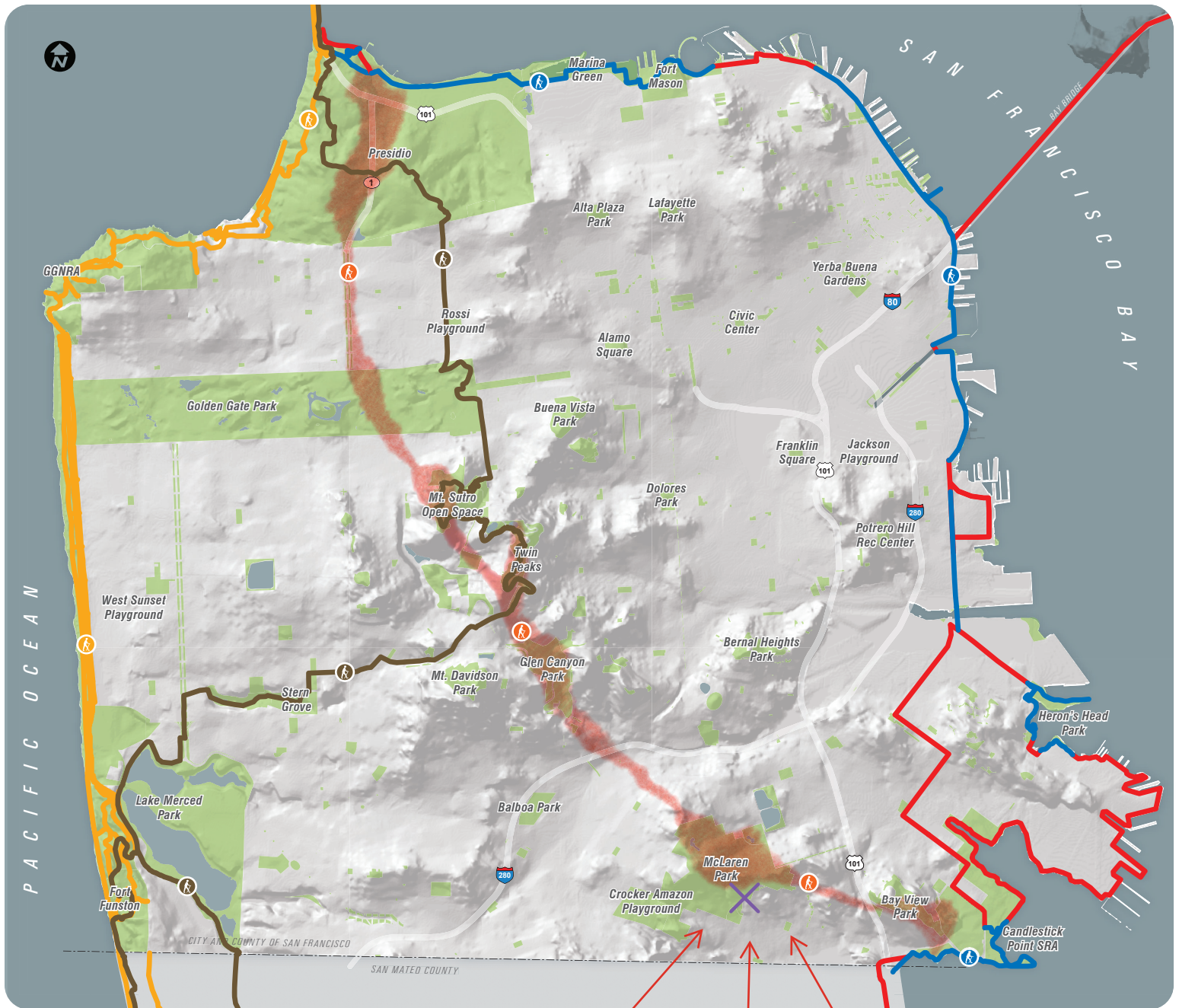
- *Please describe the anticipated approach to development of interpretive signage, if any*

Interpretive sign design and content is being considered at the park scale, with our 2020 McLaren Park Bond Planning. SFRPD will work with our Natural Resources Division staff, the San Francisco Estuary Institute, and Nature in the City for content generation. We will also review and possibly pull content from the Cultural Landscape report being prepared by our consultant, ARG. Finally, we will investigate incorporating wood form trees removed in McLaren Park into the signage construction.






PROJECT GRAPHICS AND ATTACHMENTS

Provide the following project graphics and attachments with your application. If you already submitted these with your letter of intent, you do not need to resend. Maps can be sent as pdf or jpg files. Project photos should be provided in jpg format.

- **Regional Map** – Identify the project's location in relation to prominent area features and significant natural and recreational resources, including regional trails and protected lands.
- **Site-scale map** – Show the location of project elements in relation to natural and man-made features on-site or nearby. Any key features discussed in project description should be shown.



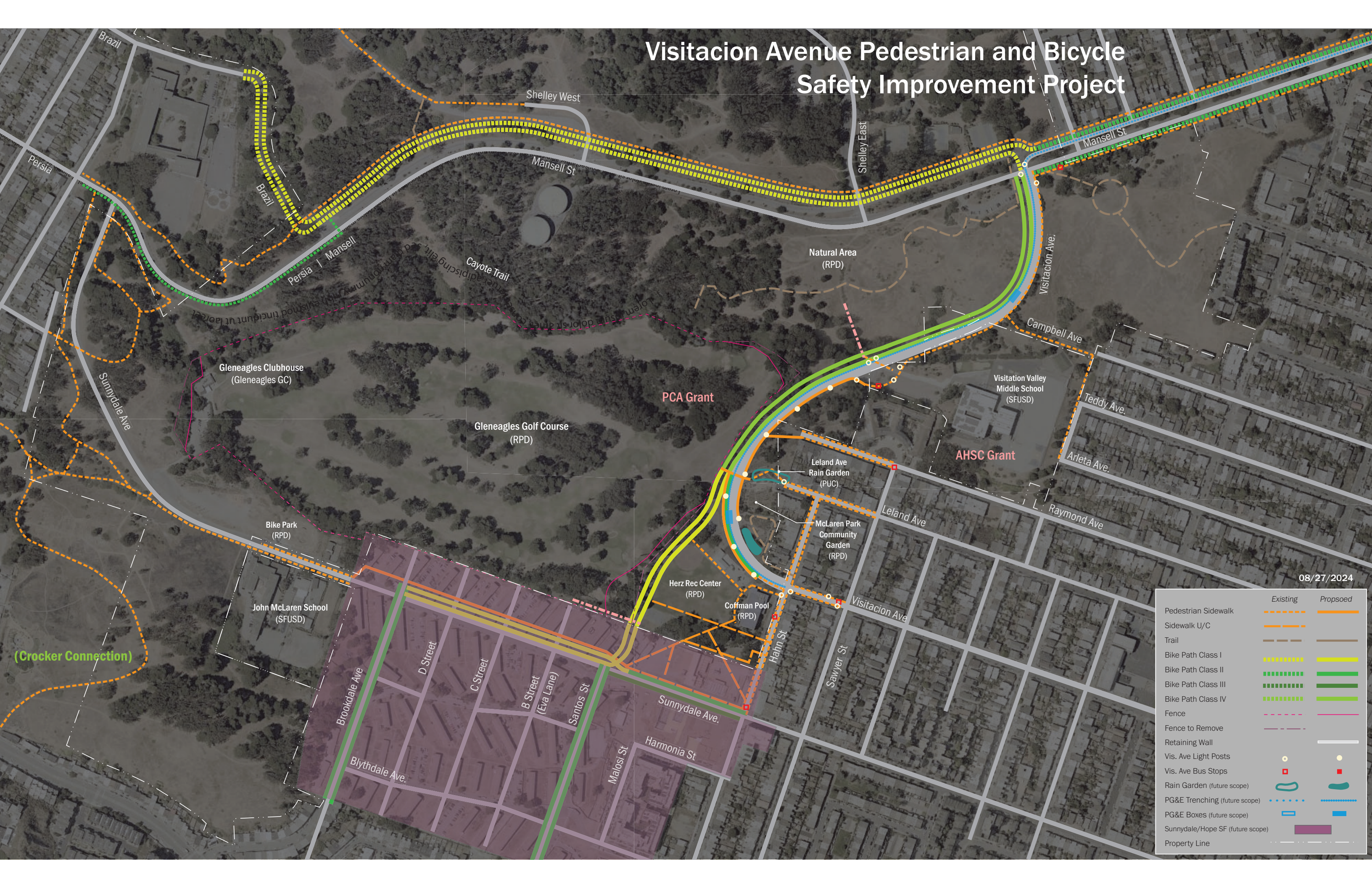
Regional Trails

-  San Francisco Bay Trail
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-  California Coastal Trail
-  Bay Area Ridge Trail
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MAP 12

Visitation Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Improvement Project



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PHASE 2 (2028)

Name: Sunnydale HOPE SF Block 2 Open Space (incl. connecting multi-use path from Sunnydale to Herz)
Grant: TBD
Scope: Develop Block 2 Open Space with park amenities, connecting pedestrian paths to Herz Rec Center, and multi-use path from Sunnydale to Herz (that connects to Visitation)
Grant Name/ID: TBD
Grant Amount: TBD
Grant execution date: TBD
Construction start date: TBD
Construction closeout: Target completion is June 2027 when Block 9 housing completed.
Cost Estimate: TBD
Lead Agency: Mercy Housing / MOHCD

PHASE 1 (2028)

Name: Visitation Ave/Herz West Path Project (temp name)
Grant: PCA Grant (capital - 2024)
Scope: Herz West multi-use path + additional funding for two-way bikeway in Visitation Ave from Middle School to Leland Crosswalk
Grant Name/ID: ?
Grant Amount: \$1,000,000
Grant execution date: target November 2024
Construction start date: no deadline
Construction closeout: no deadline
Cost Estimate: TBD
Lead Agency: SF Rec Park
Project Manager: Marien Coss
Grant Representative/Administrator: Toni Moran
Cannot open until property line to Sunnydale Bike path is completed.

PHASE 1 (2028)

Name: Lower Visitation Ave (Leland Crosswalk to Hahn)
Scope: Sidewalk from Hahn to Leland Crosswalk; temporary Class IV two-way bikeway protected by k-rail on southwest side of road.
Grant Name/ID: 21-AHSC-16994
Grant Amount: \$?
Grant execution date: 6/8/2021
Construction start date: 4/30/2027
Construction closeout: 4/30/2028
Cost Estimate: ???
Lead Agency: SF Rec Park
Project Manager: Marien Coss (RPD)
Grant Representative/Administrator: Ryan Vanzuylen (MOHCD)

PHASE 2 (TBD)

Name: Lower Visitation Ave (Leland Crosswalk to Hahn)
Scope: Traffic calming road improvements, sidewalk, parking,
Grant Name/ID: 21-AHSC-16994
Grant Amount: \$?
Grant execution date: 6/8/2021
Construction start date: 4/30/2027
Construction closeout: 4/30/2028
Cost Estimate: ???
Lead Agency: SF Rec Park
Project Manager: Marien Coss (RPD)
Grant Representative/Administrator: Ryan Vanzuylen (MOHCD)

PHASE 1 (2028)

Name: VIS AVE PERMANENT IN ROAD PROJECT
 Scope: STI #1, TRA #2 to Build Class IV bike facility on Vis Ave (Mansell to Leland Ave), Middle School and Leland Ave crosswalks, sidewalk from Middle School to Hahn St, lighting, signage
 Grant Name/ID: 21-AHSC-16994
 Grant Amount:
 Grant execution date: 6/8/2021
 Construction start date: 4/30/2027
 Construction closeout: 4/30/2028
 Cost Estimate:
 Lead Agency: SF Rec Park
 Project Manager: Marien Coss
 Grant Representative/Administrator: Ryan Vanzuylen (MOHCD)

INFO Only

Name: Herz Rec Center
Source: 2020 Bond? & Mercy Housing?
Scope: New Rec Center; paved paths around Rec Center and to basketball court & play area; play area/workout area
Construction start date: ?
Construction closeout: ?
Cost Estimate: ????

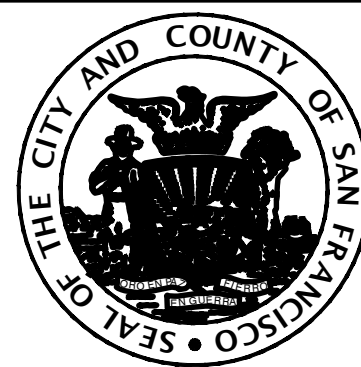
Lead Agency: SF Rec Park
Project Manager: Alexis Ward/Eoanna Goodwin (RPD)

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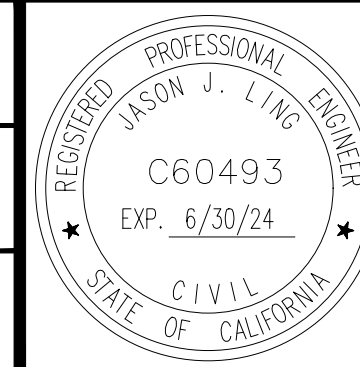


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**VISITACION AVENUE PEDESTRIAN AND
BICYCLE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

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August 26, 2024

Phil Ginsburg
General Manager, Recreation and Park Department
501 Stanyan Street
San Francisco, CA 94117

RE: Letter of Support for San Francisco Recreation and Park's Priority Conservation Area Grant Application

Dear General Manager Ginsburg,

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Walk San Francisco is the city's only pedestrian advocacy organization, advocating for life-saving changes across the city to protect the millions of people who walk in San Francisco every year.

As a pedestrian advocacy organization, we support the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's Visitacion Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Improvement Project because it will introduce vitally needed safety improvements to Visitacion Avenue, which is on the City's "high-injury network," the 12% of streets where 68% of traffic crashes occur. Safety upgrades include new sidewalks, a pedestrian refuge island, and traffic calming – including near Visitacion Valley Middle School. We see this work as absolutely necessary for our goals of ending traffic crashes that kill and severely injure people on city streets.

Furthermore, the project will enhance access to McLaren Park and Herz Playground from the underserved Sunnysdale and Visitacion Valley neighborhoods and make multiple connections to McLaren Park's trail network. The project also creates a welcoming entrance at the border of Sunnysdale, where residents have historically felt isolated from Park trails and amenities. These objectives will take San Francisco one step closer to becoming the most pedestrian-friendly city in the world.

Walk SF is offering our strong support for the Visitacion Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Improvement Project.

Sincerely,

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Jodie Medeiros, Executive Director

Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development
City and County of San Francisco



London N. Breed
Mayor

Daniel Adams
Director

September 4, 2024

Phil Ginsburg, General Manager
Recreation and Park Department
501 Stanyan Street
San Francisco, CA 94117-1898

RE: MOHCD Letter of Support for Priority Conservation Area Grant Application

Dear Mr. Ginsburg,

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MOHCD funds and assists with affordable housing development and is deeply invested in the Sunnydale HOPE SF redevelopment as it seeks to rebuild the existing Sunnydale-Velasco public housing site into nearly 1,770 new residential units, streets, utilities, infrastructure, parks and pedestrian/bike pathways. With grant funding for the bikeway link proposed in this project, the City can continue to deliver on its promise to create a vibrant and healthy community at Sunnydale HOPE SF.

We look forward to continuing our support of this improvement to McLaren Park and the Visitacion Valley and Sunnydale neighborhoods of San Francisco.

Sincerely,

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Daniel Adams
Director, San Francisco Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development



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The Priority Conservation Grant will provide essential funding to create a critical bikeway link between the Sunnydale HOPE SF area to McLaren Park's Visitacion Ave and Visitacion Valley Middle School. We know that San Francisco Recreation and Park has been collaborating with Sunnydale HOPE SF to ensure that the bikeway built at Herz Playground connects to the planned bikeway at Sunnydale Block 2 Open Space, and the Sunnydale Ave cycle track known as the Sunnydale Linear Open Space.

Along Visitacion Avenue, the project will create a barrier protected Class IV bikeway, and vitally needed sidewalks to connect to the Park and Visitacion Valley Middle School from nearby neighborhoods.

The SFCC is currently collaborating with SFRPD to refine the scope for their Habitat Conservation Fund-funded work in the Visitacion Avenue corridor, as part of the McLaren Trails Priority Improvements project. On that project, SFCC crews will work with SFRPD Natural Resources Staff and the prime contractor to support demolition, clearing and grubbing, and planting of the area. SFRPD staff have informed us of a synergistic opportunity for the Corps to further contribute to enhancing placemaking, safety, and natural beauty in McLaren Park, by adding trees and additional plant establishment to our contract, should PCA funding be received.

We look forward to continuing our support of this improvement to McLaren Park, and the Visitacion Valley and Sunnydale neighborhoods of San Francisco.

Sincerely,

James Walker

Executive Director