



POTRERO GATEWAY PARK—Vision and Scope

This document intends to clarify the direction of the Potrero Gateway Park (the “Project”).

A. PROBLEMS TO BE ADDRESSED

1. Pedestrians/bicyclists using 17th Street have a negative experience:

- The sidewalks on both sides are too narrow and does not meet city standards
- Crossing Vermont is dangerous and has been identified as a crossing requiring traffic calming
- Crossing San Bruno is dangerous
- The freeway underpass is dark and dirty
- The unutilized areas of the freeway underpass encourage encampment
- Parking along southern side encourages campers, blocks visibility of pedestrians and puts eastbound bicyclists in the door zone
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2. Homes on the 400 Block of San Bruno are disproportionately affected by the freeway:

- Traffic sound reaches the homes as they are line of site with the freeway grade
- Freeway particulate pollution and litter reaches the homes
- The right-of-way encourages illegal camping, drug use, prostitution
- Overgrown grasses and bushes are fire hazards

3. Homes on the 400 block of Vermont Street are affected by freeway exit and underutilized areas:

- Vermont street exit results in downhill speeding
- Overgrown grasses and bushes are fire hazards
- Overgrown bushes and grasses encourage illegal camping and drug use

4. The project area affects the community in general:

- Potrero Hill and Showplace Square need additional public realm space
- 17th Street, an identified green connector, needs to support pedestrian and bicycle travel in a safe and attractive environment

B. PROJECT GOALS

The Project seeks to:

- Promote public health, safety, and welfare by creating open spaces, improving accessibility, and providing maintenance around the freeway
- Improve pedestrian and bicycle circulation below and around the freeway
- Provide a range of programming, amenities, art and recreation spaces for the neighborhood and the city.



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C. GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE

The Project is a reduction in scope from the Loop concept developed by Bionic. It includes the open space and sidewalks in the area from 17th Street to Mariposa Street and Vermont Street to San Bruno Avenue—the Phase I area plus the open spaces/sidewalks along San Bruno and Vermont. See map attached

D. POTENTIAL PROJECT ELEMENTS TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS

1. Sidewalks and Bike Facility:

- Expansions to Sidewalks on 17th Street, Vermont Street, San Bruno Avenue, with planting and greening were feasible
- Beautify sidewalks with native plantings in the furnishing zone where possible
- Bulb outs on the north and south corners of 17th Street at San Bruno and Vermont
- Close northside curb cut to Caltrans parcel
- Upgrade eastbound bike lane to protected facility
- Replace existing safe-hit post bike lane protection with permanent median or raise bike lanes to sidewalk-level

2. Redesign under the freeway:

- Art that removes camping accessibility, adds light, repaints the freeway underside
- Designing under-freeway space to promote circulation, prohibit unauthorized access to freeway, prevent encampment

3. San Bruno Street:

- Sound and particulate attenuating barrier on San Bruno Avenue from 17th to Mariposa (e.g., the Green Wall concept)
- At corner, plaza-type treatment with seating and terracing to green space
- Native plantings and landscaping throughout green space

4. Vermont Street:

- Benches near the viewpoint
- Places for Art- Art infrastructure for a yet to be determined art piece
- Garden and walkway space along west side of Vermont between Mariposa and 17th leading up to the viewpoint.
- Sidewalk or landscape improvements along west side of Vermont between Mariposa and 17th after SFMTA implements roadway diet from 3-lane to 2-lanes
- Native plantings and landscaping throughout green space



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Potrero Gateway Park from 17th to Mariposa bordered by San Bruno and Vermont
Phase 1 Funding for 17th Street, San Bruno Ave Plaza and Corner, Vermont Street Greenspace and Corner

