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Thank you for joining us this evening for our first community workshop!
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**ACTIVE PLANS AND PROJECTS IN THE CIVIC CENTER AREA**

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The Van Ness Improvement project will create dedicated bus lanes along two miles of Van Ness and South Van Ness Avenues, from Lombard to Mission streets. The lanes will be used by Muni 49 and 47 routes and Golden Gate Transit.

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Better Market Street is the City’s multi-agency proposal to transform 2.2 miles of Market Street, from Octavia Boulevard to The Embarcadero - improving safety and accessibility; providing more reliable and efficient bus and streetcar service; and enhancing the streetscape and public realm.

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OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

YOUR IDEAS ARE SHAPING THIS PLAN

THE PUBLIC SPACE DESIGN SURVEY RESULTS ARE IN!

PLANTING
The majority of respondents preferred more planting than paving in Civic Center Plaza, Fulton Mall, and UN Plaza.

Deciduous trees were the preferred tree type, followed by evergreen. The majority of respondents also indicated a preference for grouped plantings.

PAVING
Paving that has a geometric or bold/artistic pattern was favored over that of an organic pattern. Respondents also indicated that paving should have varied tone and texture.

LIGHTING
Light-based public art was the preferred lighting type, followed by facade lighting.

BASELINE AMENITIES
Permanent seating and bathrooms were two baseline amenities desired for the Civic Center area.

EVENTS & ATTRACTIONS
Top 5 EXISTING events and attractions that bring people to the space:
- Heart of the City Farmers' market
- Marches, protests, and civic events
- Off the Grid food trucks
- Art installations/interactive exhibits
- Public library programming

Top 10 NEW events and attractions respondents wanted to see:
- Temporary public art
- Gardens and greenery
- Performance events
- Open air market
- Music & food festivals
- Permanent retail/food kiosks
- Permanent public art
- Mobile retail/food kiosks
- Free community events
- More places to sit and socialize

THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO HELPED SPREAD THE WORD!

826 Valencia - Tenderloin Center
Alliance for a Better District 6
Arab American Grocer Association
Asian Art Museum
Bay Area Women's and Children's Center
Bayanihan Community Center
Boys and Girls Club of Tenderloin - Afterschool Program
Boys and Girls Club of Tenderloin - Teen Clubhouse
Canon Kip Senior Center
Charity Cultural Services Center
Chinese Newcomers Service Center
Civic Center Commons First Sundays
Civic Center Commons Steering Committee
Civic Center Commons Third Thursdays
Civic Center Community Benefit District Board
Civic Center Stories Interviews
Civic Center Tree Lighting
Community Youth Center
Curry Senior Center
De Marillac Academy
First Place for Youth
Glide Memorial Church
Hayes Valley Merchants/Neighborhood Association
Heart of the City Farmers' Market
Helen Diller Civic Center Playgrounds Opening
Hospitality House
Independent Living Resource Center
Instituto Familiar De La Raza, Inc.
Intercept Surveys
La Voza Latina
Library for the Blind
LightHouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired
Mercy Housing - The Arlington
Mid Market CAP Community Ambassador Program
Mission Economic Development Association (MEDA)
Mission Hiring Hall
Mission Neighborhood Centers - Precita Center
Mission YMCA
Mujeres Unidas y Activas (MUA)

OMI Senior Center (Catholic Charities)
Place-Oriented Social Services Committee
Project Homeless Connect
Safe House Arts
Safe Routes to School
Salvation Army Kroc Center
San Francisco AIDS Foundation
San Francisco Bicycle Coalition
San Francisco LGBT Pride Celebration and Parade
San Francisco Public Library - Main Library
San Francisco Travel Association Board
Self Help for the Elderly
Senior & Disability Action
SF Day Labor Program and Women's Collective
SFLGBTQ Center
Shih Yu Lang Central YMCA (Boeddeker Park)
South of Market Community Action Network (SOMCAN)
Southeast Asian Community Center
SPUR
St. Anthony Foundation
St. Anthony's Dining Room
St. Francis Living Room Foundation
Sword for Plowsshares
Tenderloin Community Benefit District
Tenderloin Housing Clinic
Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation (TNDCC)
Tenderloin People's Congress
Tenderloin Safe Passage
The Central City SRO Collaborative
The Mix at the SF Public Library
Tool Works
Vietnamese Youth Development Center
Walk SF
War Memorial Trustees
Woman Inc
Year Up
YMCA Chinatown