SF Railyards Project

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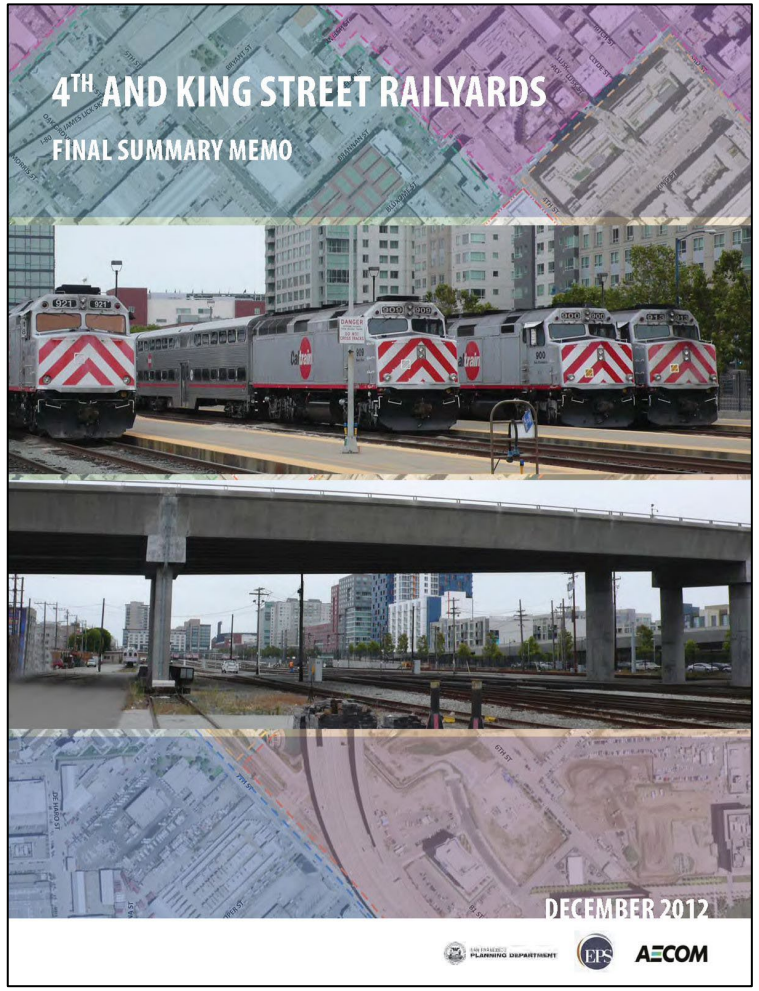
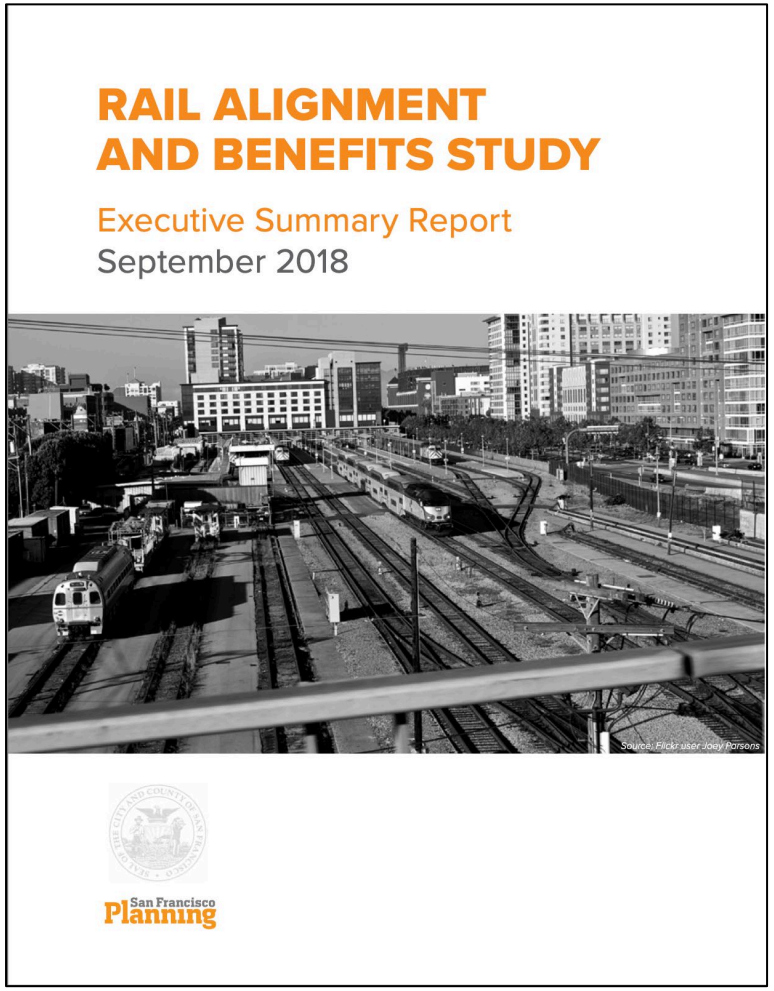
Eastern Neighborhoods CAC – September 2022

SF RAILYARDS
CENTRAL SOMA
Townsend St
6th St
7th St
Berry St
I-280



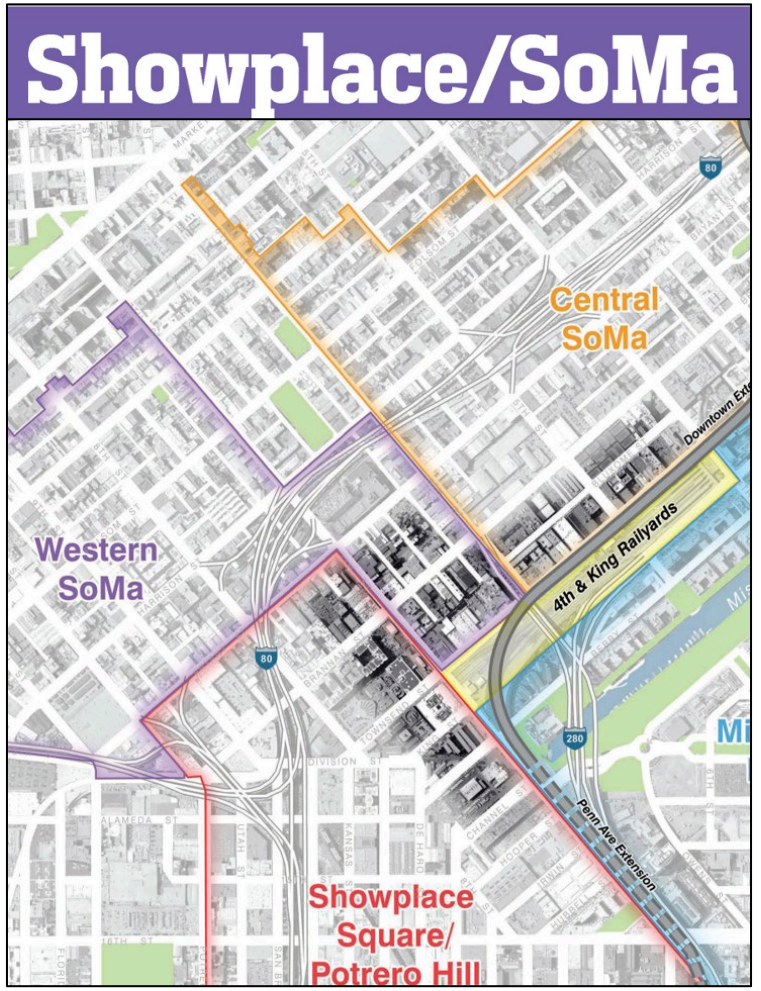
2012

Railyards TOD Study



2018

Rail Alignment & Benefits Study (RAB)



2019, paused in March 2020

Showplace/Soma Neighborhood Analysis & Coordination Study (SNACS)

WHY THIS PROJECT MATTERS

Redesigning the SF Railyards is an opportunity to:

- Increase Caltrain service and connections to High-Speed Rail, Central Subway, and MTA
- Support future Caltrain service operations and other public benefits
- Create transit-oriented development to increase access to regional jobs, housing and destinations
- Reduce climate impacts by replacing car trips with more regional transit options
- Connect neighborhoods to the waterfront, schools, and open spaces
- Increase the resilience of the station and neighborhood

Racial and social equity

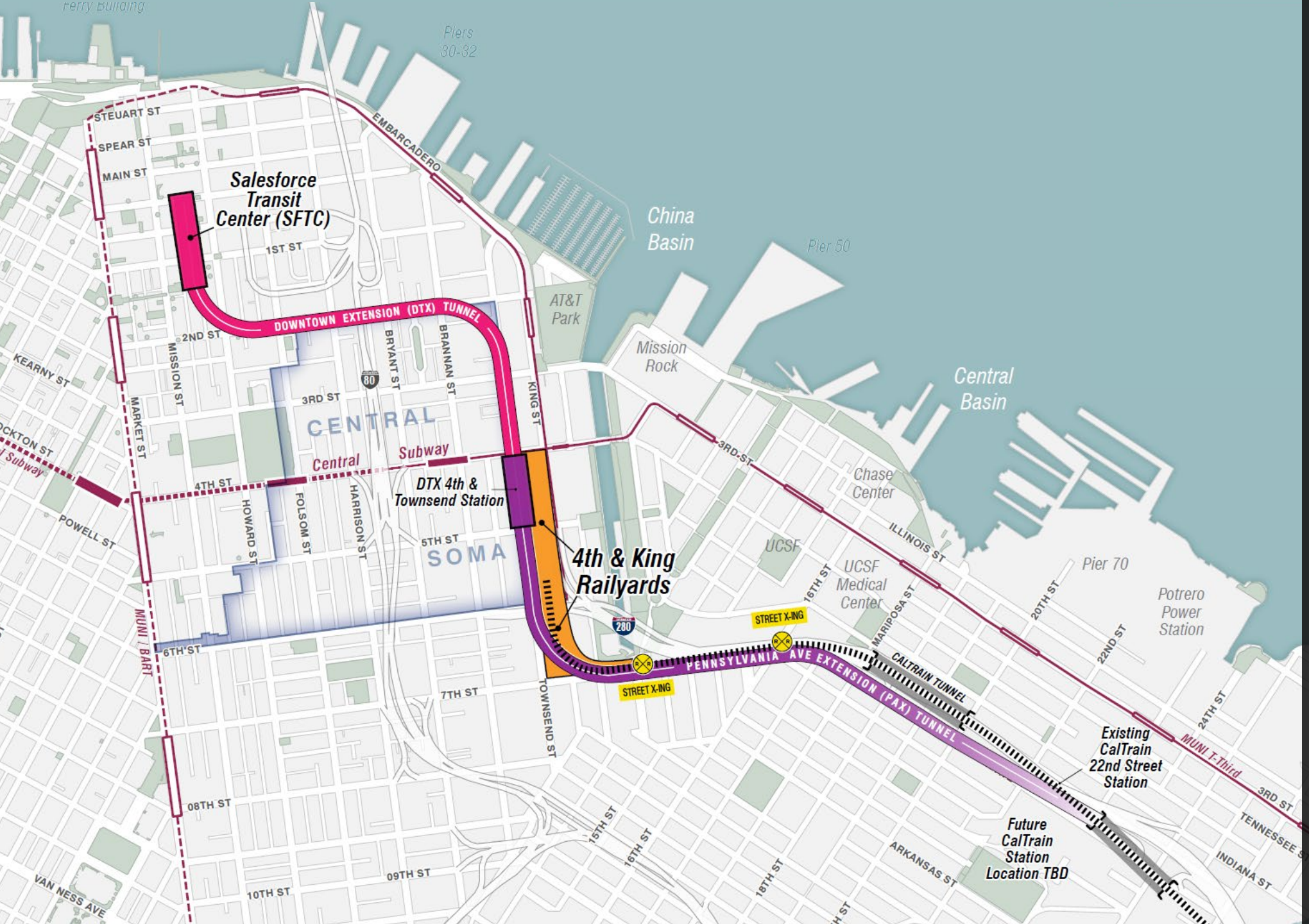
- **Staff conducted an equity review of the Rail Alignment & Benefits (RAB) Implementation work program,** following the passage of Resolution 20738: *Centering Planning on Racial and Social Equity*

- **Finding room for improvement, we:**
  1. Drafted equity evaluation memo to be issued for the RAB
  2. Added an analysis of Bayview station alternatives to the 22nd Street station study
  3. Advocated successfully with Caltrain to pilot means-based fares for low-income riders and for permanent discount fare
  4. Will establish Railyards Working group and additional focused outreach to reach diverse communities

LAND USE CONTEXT

- 19-acre site with active rail operations
- Railyards is a physical barrier
- Central SoMa plan: 8,800 units & 32,000 jobs
- Complex subsurface conditions: brownfield, landfill, utilities
- Future 5th Street bike/ped connection across Mission Creek
- Proximity to major event destinations
- Sea Level Rise inundation zone; action planning underway

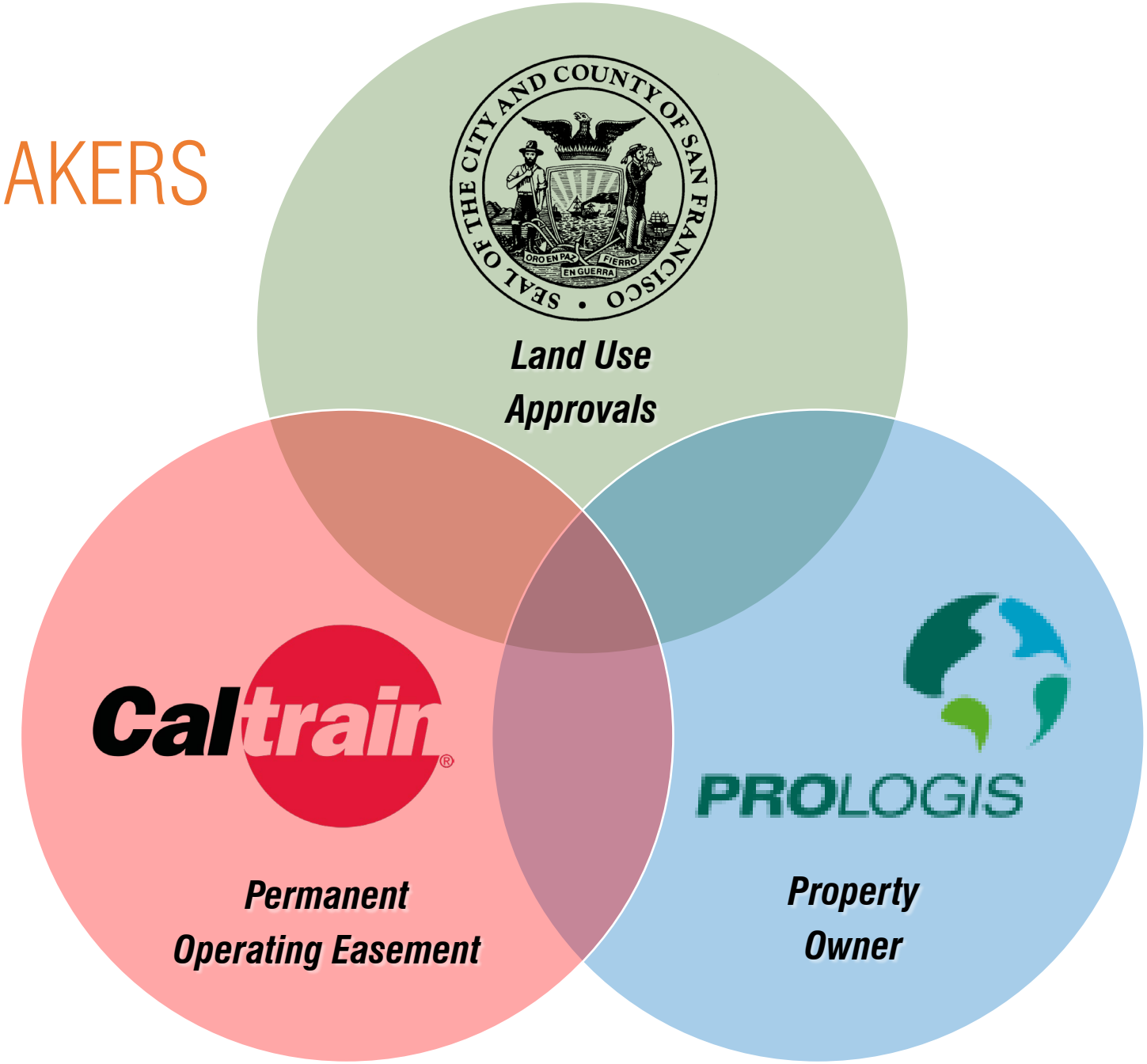
Photo source: Sergio Ruiz



TRANSPORTATION CONTEXT

- Downtown Extension (pink) adjacent on Townsend St, connects to Salesforce Transit Center
- Caltrain's 2040 Service Vision: 8 trains per peak hour in each direction
- High-Speed Rail: 4 trains per peak hour in each direction
- Central Subway adjacent on 4th Street
- Pennsylvania Avenue extension (purple), via 7th St and Pennsylvania Ave
- Multiple freeway ramps
- Caltrain corridor electrification under way
- In 2019, 4th & King accounted for 20% of Caltrain's weekday ridership

LAND USE DECISION MAKERS



PROJECT PARTNERS

PROLOGIS

Railyards site owner, development lead

Caltrain

Train corridor operator and owner

TJPA
TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

Builder and operator of the Downtown Extension, 4th & Townsend station, and Salesforce Transit Center

High speed rail builder and operator (CA High Speed Rail Authority)

Policy lead (Mayor's Office of Transportation)

San Francisco Planning

City's lead for planning, design and outreach (SF Planning)

SAN FRANCISCO
Office of Economic and Workforce Development

City's lead development partner (OEWD)

Pennsylvania Ave Extension technical lead (SFCTA)

SF Railyards Project

Envisioning the SF Railyards as a regional transit center with a new rail station, added Caltrain service, and mixed use neighborhood

Caltrain/Prologis Business Case

Includes track layout and development concept recommended for further detailed development

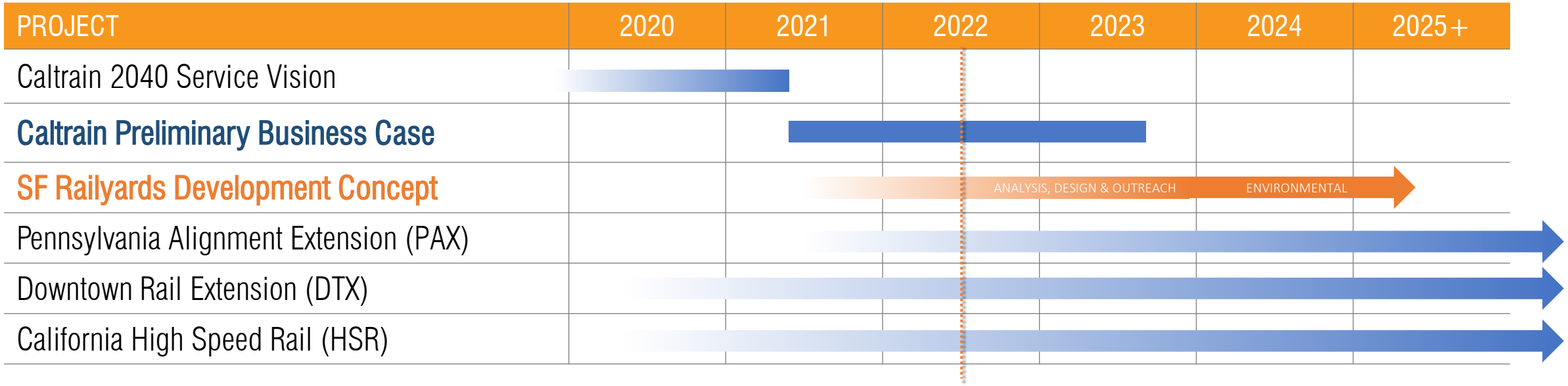
(anticipated in Summer 2023)

Development Concept

Includes zoning proposal and community benefits priorities

(drafts anticipated in 2023)

SF Railyards Projects & coordinating across agencies



HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Attend Railyards Working Group meetings

- End of October, date to-be-determined

Attend public events:

- October 5: Caltrain/Prologis webinar

Learn more and sign up for updates at *sfplanning.org/railyards*

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