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Site Visit Notes

Time of visit	Weather

Land Use

The goal of understanding the existing conditions of land use at the project site and in the surrounding neighborhood is to assess whether the proposed new construction would be compatible with, or improve, the neighborhood's setting. What purpose do these buildings serve, now and in the future?

Serve, now and in the luture:	
Land Uses in the vicinity (residential,	Predominant Scale of the neighborhood
commercial, office, industrial?)	(Number of stories of surrounding buildings)
Existing buildings and uses on property	

Housing

How can we house all San Franciscans equitably, sustainably, and affordably now and into the future?

Why is this development good (or bad) for this site? For the neighborhood? For the city?
What are this neighborhood's greatest needs?
Does this development help meet those needs?



Transportation

The goal of understanding the existing transportation setting is to understand the current demand (number of people driving, walking, and taking the bus) and estimate what the future demand for transportation would be. How do people access this place, now and in the future?

Number of parking spaces on the existing site. Are they full?	Number of Housing Units
	Number of Freight/Loading Spaces (where do trucks unload?)
Condition of the sidewalks	Location and condition of Bus stops, bus lanes, benches and shelters. What bus routes?
Are there nearby bike lanes?	Night Lighting conditions
Curb cuts? Where? How big?	Nearby public parking?



Amenities for Residents and Neighborhood Visitors

Are there any public places to hang out or relax nearby?	Is there any public art nearby? Do you see potential places for public art?
Are road signs and signs for people walking available? Are they in good condition?	

Streets + Sidewalks

Many San Franciscans get around on foot — either walking to the bus or making their entire journey by walking. Others drive, take the bus, or a combination of both. Understanding how the streets and sidewalks are used now and in the future will inform if any improvements should be made during the construction of the new building.

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Review the surrounding 4 streets (Ocean Ave, Alemany Blvd, Onondaga Ave, and Cayuga			
Ave) and consider the following:			
1. How many lanes wide is the street? Who can use the street (cars, bus, bike?)			
2. Sidewalk width and condition			
3. Location of Bike lanes (direction, condition and type)			
4. Curb cuts and places where cars cross			



Urban Design

What does the city look like? Are the buildings mismatched or is there a continuous style you see in many buildings in the neighborhood. What do buildings look like from far away? What do buildings look like up close?

If you were the developer or architect of this be important to you and how would you des surrounding environment?	• • •
What urban design elements do you think Urban Design reviewers from the Planning Department would care about?	What urban design elements do you think people in this building and in the neighborhood would care about?

Historic Preservation

Historic Preservation focuses on maintaining buildings and places that are associated with San Francisco's history. Buildings that are important because events occurred there, important San Franciscans lived there, or because the building style represents a particular time in our history.

Do you think there is a historic resource at this site? Why or why not?	What type of development do you think can happen on this site if you think a historic resource needs to be preserved?