Activities from Working Group 12-4-17

On December 4, 2017, the Excelsior & Outer Mission Neighborhood Strategy Working Group met. During the meeting, the Working Group spent time considering the strategies that had been identified to date and prioritizing them in regards to (1) the potential impact the strategies may have and (2) the sequence in which to implement them.

Those present broke into small groups. They used paper, glue, and tape to layout the strategies they prioritized. The following pages reflect the execution of this exercise by the small group.

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GOAL: Clean the public realm.

Investigate root causes of dumping.

Enforce existing sidewalk cleanliness regulations.

GOAL: Green the public realm.

entify an appropriate and desirable **plant palette** to guide planting choices on the corridor.

ncourage near-term, small-scale greening through planter boxes and filling empty tree wells.

**Prune the trees** currently located on the commercial corridor.

GOAL: Encourage active street frontage.

ctivate vacant storefronts through pop-up shops and art installations.

Prioritize attracting new businesses to vacant storefronts.

Encourage active and welcoming streets by encouraging **storefront transparency** through outreach to shop owners and enforcement.

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fy a series of "nodes" to create a sense of distinct places and destinations along the corridor

Develop nodes based on identifiable assets in each node.

Work with nearby businesses in the development of each node.

ider policies that can encourage certain uses to concentrate in each node.

Develop *multi-cultural and multi-lingual* branding for the corridor that contains sub-brands for each node.

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GOAL: Develop a stable and secure source of funds to construct, maintain, and enhance public realm improvements.

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Establish a committee of property & business owners to *investigate and* research the impacts and viability of a **community benefits district.** 

Establish a committee of property & business owners to *investigate and* research the viability of a green benefits district.

Analyze the potential funds generated from impact fees charged to new development; analyze the costs and benefits of the impact fees.

GOAL: Ensure access to transit for all.

Rider Experience: Promote a positive and intentional culture on mass transit (bus, rail)

Connectivity: Enhance connectivity within the neighborhood by exploring other ways to get around such as jitneys, e-bike share, and other options smaller than a bus.

Connectivity Enhance connections to other neighborhoods beyond downtown.

Efficiency & Speed: Ensure pedestrian safety remains a high priority, versus fast traffic--including fast bus traffic.

Frequency: Buses are so frequent you don't have to check the schedule!

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GOAL: Establish parking standards and controls that promote quality of place, support the commercial core, and do not adversely affect residents.

Encourage **turnover of parking spaces** on the commercial corridor to increase the volume of motorists who have access to the NCD each day.

Build a **parking structure** near the commercial corridor to allow motorists to more easily visit the corridor.

Enforce meter time so people don't overstay meter time

Install more short-term meters (20 min, 30 min, 1 hour)

Sharing of private parking lots during "off hours"

Allow a **period of "free" meter time,** such as first 10 or 20 mins a vehicle is parked.

GOAL: Pedestrian connections to Mission Street are safe and inviting.

Identify and create **safe pedestrian connections** from neighborhoods to the Mission Street corridor.

Enhance pedestrian connection **between Mission NCD and regional transit hubs** (Balboa Park and Glen Park BART).

**Fund and implement** pedestrian improvements planned for **Ocean Avenue**, from CCSF to BART and from BART to Mission Street.

GOAL: Bike connections to and through the NCD are safe and free from vehicular collisions.

Identify and create **safe bike connections from neighborhoods** to the Mission Street corridor.

Enhance **bike connection between Mission NCD and regional transit hubs**(Balboa Park and Glen Park BART)

Identify gaps in the bike network and work to create a complete network of separated and protected bike lanes.

AL: Improve permitting process for businesses at the City & County level

\*\* Streamline the permitting process - Produce recommendations on how to reduce the number, cost, and time required to obtain permits for opening, operating, and expanding small businesses

Have single point of contact for new businesses opening in district, shepherding entrepreneurs and property owners through the permitting processes.

GOAL: Encourage more jobs on the commercial corridor to bring opportunities to residents and bring more daily visitors to the corridor.

Support the development and expansion of institutions and programs that help entrepreneurs and small business owners.

Support the development of a Business Incubator

Support the development of a **Food Hall** - Food vendors can reduce costs through a shared space. Can also be a destination.

Support the development of a **Shared Market Space** - Entrepreneurs can reduce costs through a shared space.

Support the development of a *Maker Space* - Provides opportunities for youth and adults to learn about making things (with technology like 3D printers or "old school" tools) and to collaborate.

Consider permitting a greater variety of uses on the second floor, such as offices. Assess the potential demand for and impact of such uses. Develop means to connect local residents to these jobs.

GOAL: A network of vibrant public spaces--including parks, plazas, and open space--offer places where neighbors and visitors can sit, socialize, play, and share.

Develop a **public space plan** that identifies (1) public locations that could be enhanced and (2) private locations that could be acquired for public space.

Allocate funds to develop a conceptual design of the Persia Triangle.

Allocate funds to develop a conceptual design for public space at Whittier and

Mission Street.

Engage more businesses in the construction of **parklets** (or farmlets) to create more open space.

GOAL: Use art and design to create a sense of place that reflects and reinforces the character and identities of the area.

Develop a **public art plan** that, integrates with the public realm plan, to identify areas for art within each node. The plan should consider a wide range of public art types, includes types not seen as frequently such as sculpture, sidewalk murals, signage, banners, and other ideas. Consider art that is unique to the commercial corridor (as opposed to murals that are in many parts of the city).

Develop entry signs at "entrances" to the district and at different nodes

Use "everyday" objects to give identity to nodes and serve practical purposes: benches, street lights, plantings, signage, banners

Develop a "historic sign program" that would help identify and restore signs that contribute to neighborhood history and character.

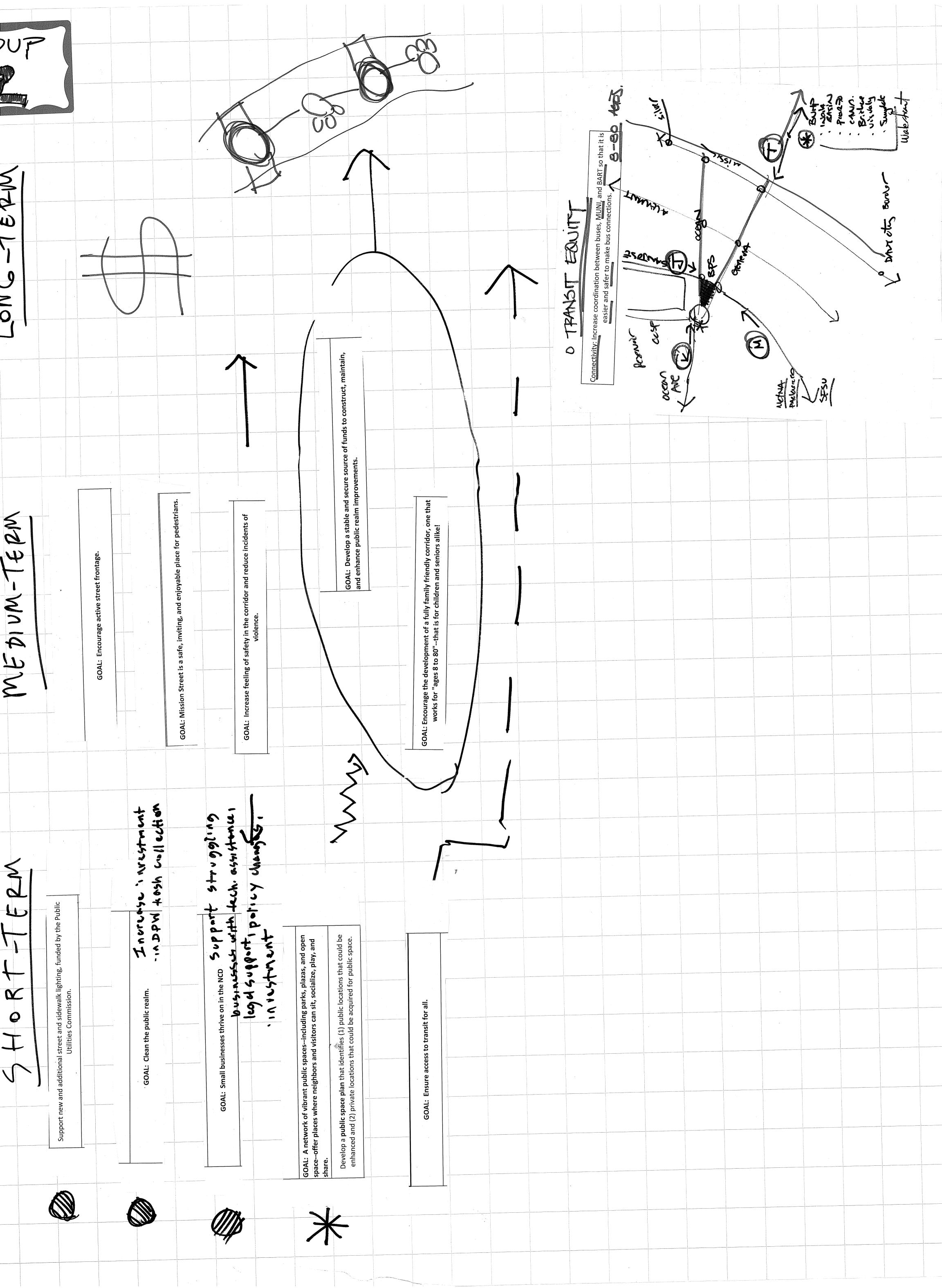
All branding, art, design, and communication strategies must be multi-lingual and multicultural so that everyone feels connected to the corridor.

GOAL: Encourage the development of a fully family friendly corridor, one that works for "ages 8 to 80"--that is for children and seniors alike!

Incorporate play features into public open spaces and plazas

Define the **types of businesses and services families and seniors need i**n the neighborhood.

Increase the number of family-friendly businesses through attraction of new businesses and adaptation of existing businesses.



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