

# South of Market Alleyway Improvement Project



**Workshop #1**  
Sponsored by Department of Public Works

# INTRODUCTION: Project Team

- **San Francisco Redevelopment Agency (SFRA)**
- **Department of Public Works (DPW)**
- **Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA/DPT)**
- **Planning Department**
- **American Institute of Architects (AIA)**

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# INTRODUCTION: Project Background

- **The Sixth Street Corridor Improvement Project, completed in 2006, included widened sidewalks, new street trees and ornamental street lights on Sixth Street between Market and Harrison Streets.**
- **The designs developed for this initial set of alleyways will serve as a model for future improvements to additional alleyways in the Project Area.**
- **After a concept plan for the initial set of alleyways has been approved by the Commission, the DPW project team will develop contract documents, including plans, and specifications for the selected concept.**

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# INTRODUCTION: SFRA Project Goals

## Transportation and Parking

- Encourage a balanced mix of all forms of transportation, including walking, to maximize service throughout the neighborhood.
- Encourage the mitigation of conflicts between pedestrians, bicycles, and other transportation modes to ensure neighborhood safety.
- Assist the creation of a visually prominent, safe, and clean pedestrian circulation network in the project area.
- Support the extension of bike lanes through the Project Area as alternative transportation.

## Communications

- Encourage the establishment and effectiveness of neighborhood associations on a block-by-block basis.
- Encourages and support the work of volunteers in addressing neighborhood issues and concerns.
- Improve access for elderly and disabled pedestrians by repairing or replacing broken and damaged sidewalks.



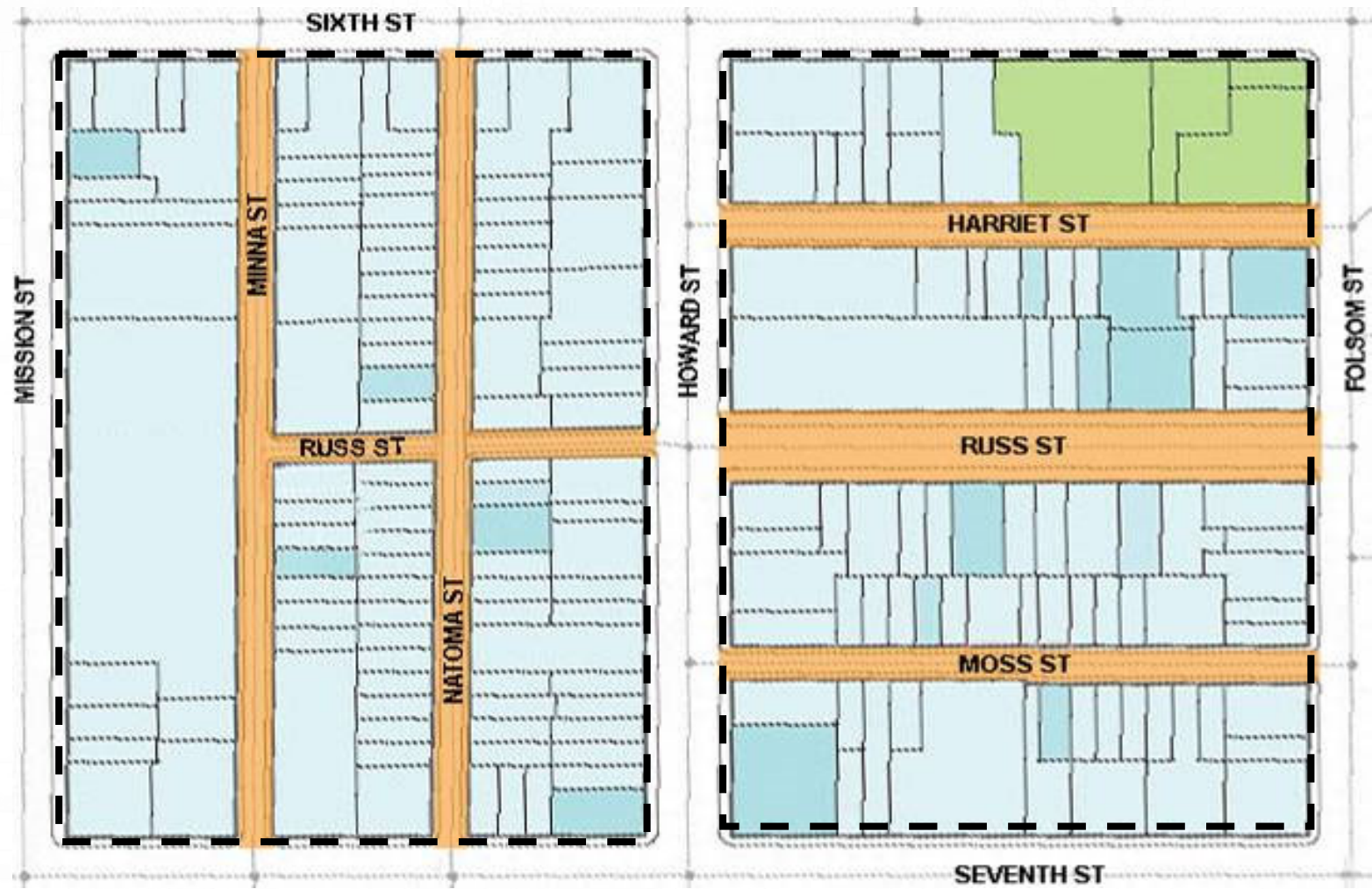
# INTRODUCTION: Overall Project Area



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# INTRODUCTION: Current Project Area



**PHASE 1**  
Budget: \$1,000,000

**PHASE 2**  
Budget: To Be Determined

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# INTRODUCTION: PHASE 1 Project Schedule

- **Planning Phase:** *August 2007 – December 2007*
- **Design Phase:** *January 2008 – April 2008*
- **Bidding Award Phase:** *May 2008 – October 2008*
- **Construction:** *November 2008 – November 2009*

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# INTRODUCTION: Tentative Meeting Schedule

**DPW Presentation/Community Workshop**

*July 30, 2007*

- **AIA Sponsored Charrette: *September 2007***
- **Community Workshop: *October 2007***
- **Present Proposed Plan: *November 2007***
- **Optional Final Meeting: *December 2007***

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# ALLEYWAY OVERVIEW: Project Goals

- Promote a network for pedestrians and bicyclists



Minna St.



Moss St.



Natoma St.



Russ Alley

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# ALLEYWAY OVERVIEW: Project Goals

- Reduce vehicular speed



Natoma St.



Russ St.



Russ Alley



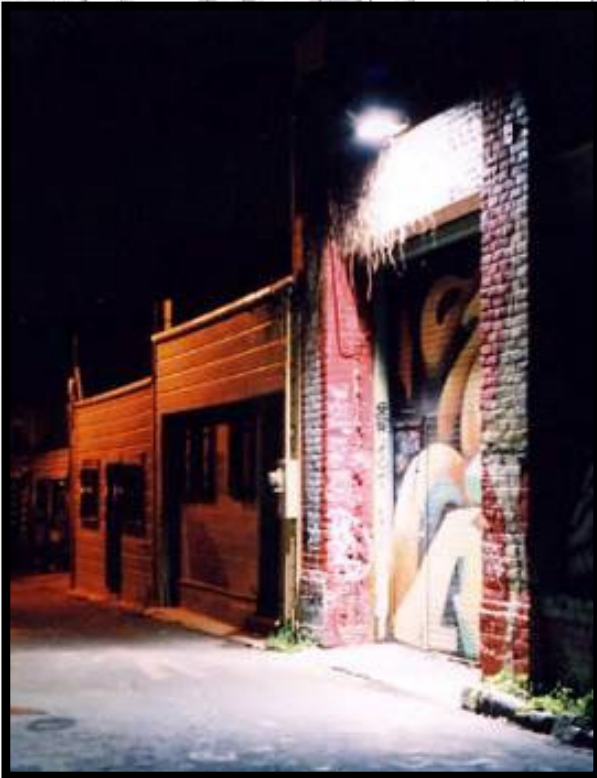
Minna St.

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# ALLEYWAY OVERVIEW: Project Goals

- Promote safety, cleanliness, and beautification



Balmy Alley



Minna St.



Shotwell St.

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# ALLEYWAY OVERVIEW: Project Goals

- **Minimize construction and maintenance costs**



**Balmy Alley**



**Waverly Alley**

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# ALLEYWAY OVERVIEW: Project Goals

- Create outdoor living rooms for the community



Howard St.



Minna St.



Minna St.

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# ALLEYWAY OVERVIEW: Project Goals

- Promote city and community partnerships



Shotwell St.

Guerrero St.

7TH STREET

7TH STREET

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# Potential Roadway Improvements

## ● Directional Flow

- One-way traffic restrictions can reduce cut-through traffic
- Allows for narrowing the roadway
- Speed may increase with one-way traffic
- Resident petition required for implementation



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# Potential Roadway Improvements

- **Raised Crosswalk at Entries**

- **Creates continuous sidewalk at intersection**
- **Driveway cut at alley entry slows entering vehicular traffic**
- **Forms a "gateway"**



Waverly Alley



Waverly Alley

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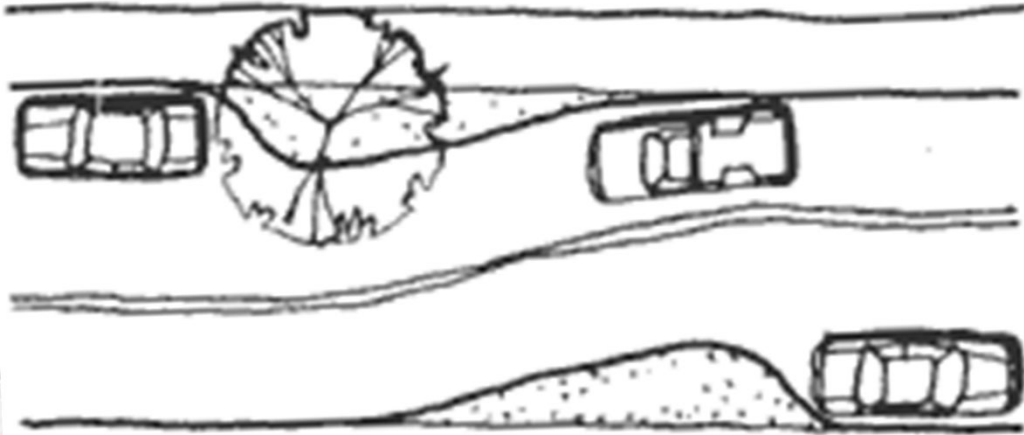




# Potential Roadway Improvements

## ● Shift Traffic Lane Alignment (Chicane)

- Slows traffic by creating a jog in the roadway
- On one-way street, shifts on-street parking to create effect
- Breaks sight line of vehicle lane
- Provides landscaping opportunity



Waverly Alley

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# Potential Roadway Improvements

- **Speed Table**

- **Roadway level with sidewalk, creating unified paving surface**
- **Can include a crosswalk**



Octavia Blvd. @ Hayes St.



Octavia Blvd. @ Hayes St.

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# Potential Roadway Improvements

- **Paving Texture and Color**

- Enhances aesthetic quality of roadway
- Promotes roadway as a pedestrian-friendly plaza space
- Slows vehicular traffic



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# Potential Streetscape Improvements

- **LIGHTING**
  - Improves safety
  - Improves aesthetics
  - Creates a pedestrian scale to corridor



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# Potential Streetscape Improvements

## ● **BOLLARDS**

- **Defines vehicular and pedestrian realms**
- **Improves aesthetics and pedestrian experience**
- **Controls illegal parking**
- **Improves safety**



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# Potential Streetscape Improvements

## **SIGNAGE**

- Enhances neighborhood identity
- Improves aesthetics and pedestrian experience



# Potential Streetscape Improvements

- SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS**



Shotwell Street



Folsom Street

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# Potential Streetscape Improvements

## ● **PLANTING**



**Shotwell Street**



**Elgin Park**



**Elgin Park**



**Linden Alley**

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# Potential Streetscape Improvements

- BENCHES**



Waverly Alley

Shotwell St.

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# Potential Streetscape Improvements

- ART ENRICHMENT**



Minna Alley



Balmy Alley



Jack Kerouac Alley

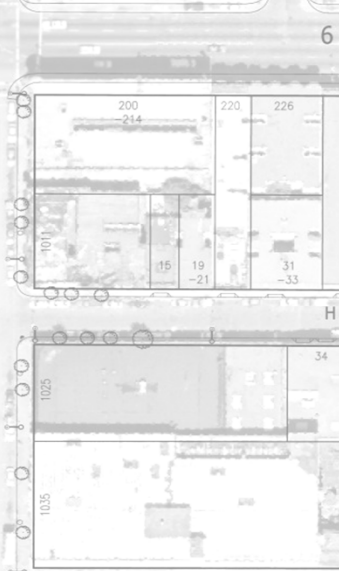


Clarion Alley

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# ALLEYWAY DESCRIPTIONS: Minna Street



**View Downtown**

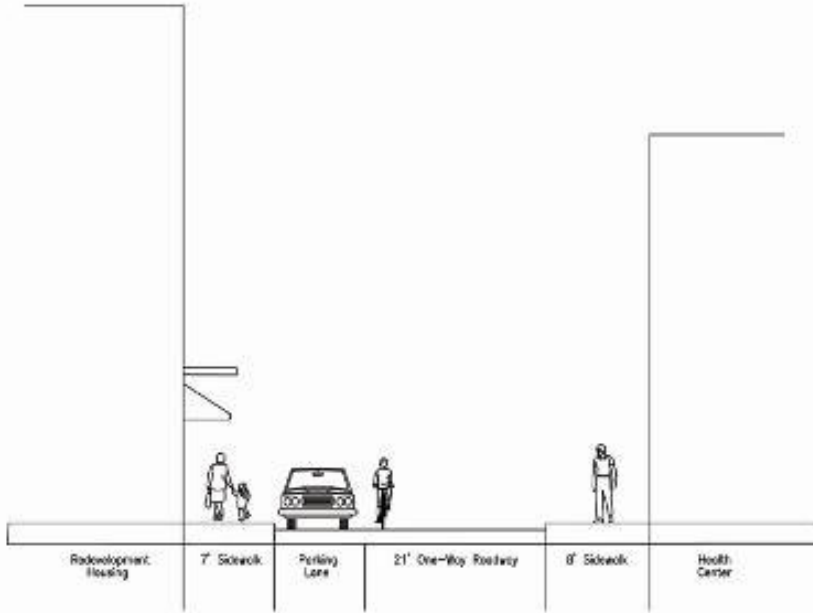


**Urban Oasis**

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# ALLEYWAY DESCRIPTIONS: Minna Street



MINNA STREET  
Typical Section



View Toward 7th Street



View Toward 6th Street

## Right-of-Way Characteristics

- **Street Length: 826 feet**
- **Width: 21 feet**
- **North Sidewalk: 7 feet**
- **South Sidewalk: 8 feet**
- **Traffic: One Way going South**
- **Parking: Parallel on West Side**

## Land Use

- **Large Redevelopment Residential**
- **Park**
- **Health Center View Looking North-East**
- **Hotel**
- **4 story Residential**

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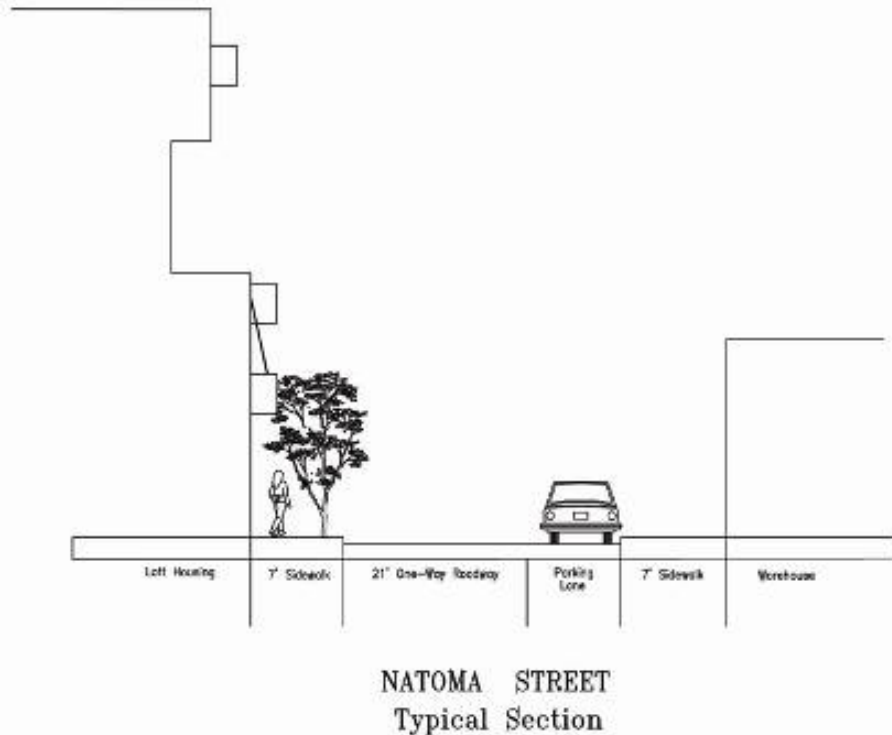
# ALLEYWAY DESCRIPTIONS: Natoma Street



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# ALLEYWAY DESCRIPTIONS: Natoma Street



**View Toward 6<sup>th</sup> Street**



**View Toward 7<sup>th</sup> Street**

## Right-of-Way Characteristics

- **Street Length: 825 feet**
- **Width: 21 feet**
- **North & South Sidewalk: 7 feet**
- **Traffic: One Way going North**
- **Parking: on East Side**

## Land Use

- **Primarily 2 -3 story Residential**
- **Small businesses**
- **Warehouse spaces**

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# ALLEYWAY DESCRIPTIONS: Russ Street



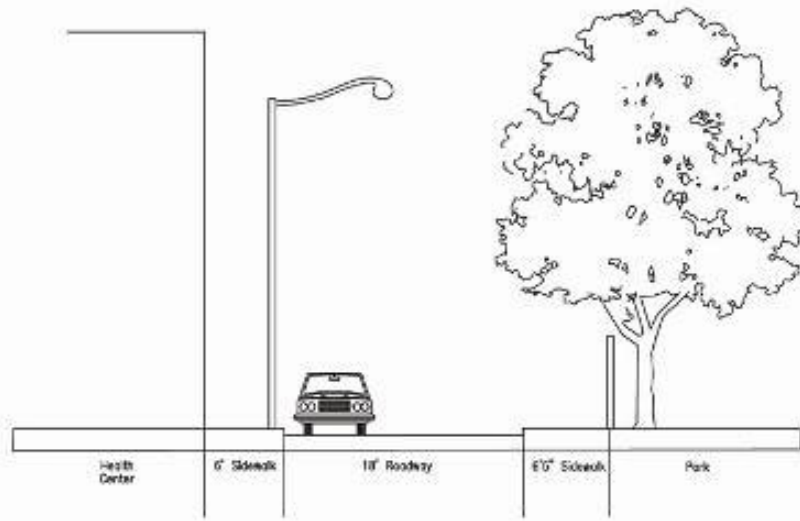
Graffiti Art

Decorative Wall

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# ALLEYWAY DESCRIPTIONS: Russ Street



RUSS ALLEY  
Typical Section



View Toward Minna Street



View Toward Howard Street

## Right-of-Way Characteristics

- Street Length: 354 feet
- Width: 18 feet
- East Sidewalk: 6.5 feet
- West Sidewalk: 6 feet
- Traffic: Two-Way
- No Parking

## Land Use

- Park
- Health Center
- Murals and Art Enrichment

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# ALLEYWAY DESCRIPTIONS: Harriet Street



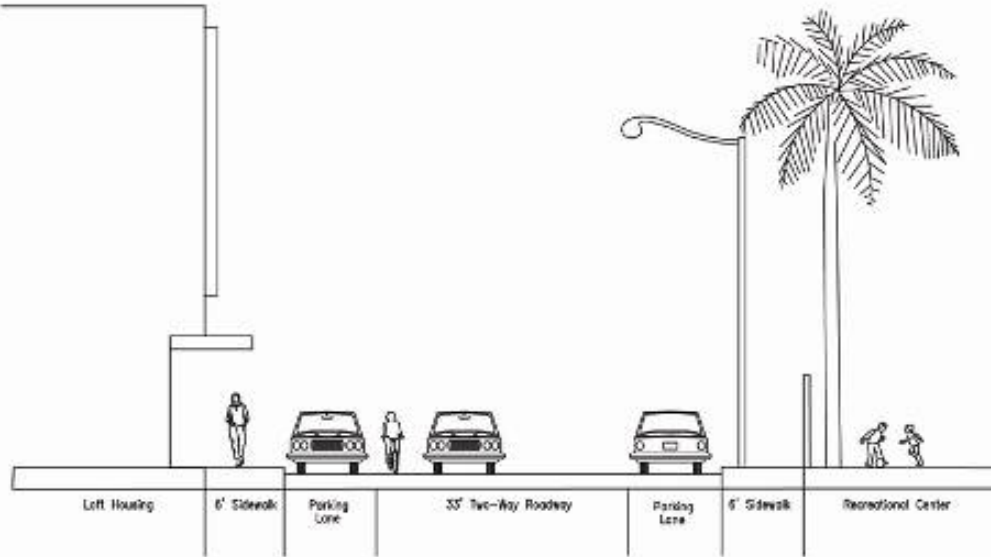
Senior Housing



Redevelopment Housing



# ALLEYWAY DESCRIPTIONS: Harriet Street



HARRIET STREET  
Typical Section

## Right-of-Way Characteristics

- **Street Length: 551 feet**
- **Width: 33 feet**
- **North & South Sidewalks: 6 feet**
- **Traffic: Two-Way**
- **Parking on North and South Sides**



**View Toward Folsom Street**



**View Toward Howard Street**

## Land Use

- **Large Recreational Center**
- **Small businesses**
- **4 story residential and new loft spaces**
- **Community Services**

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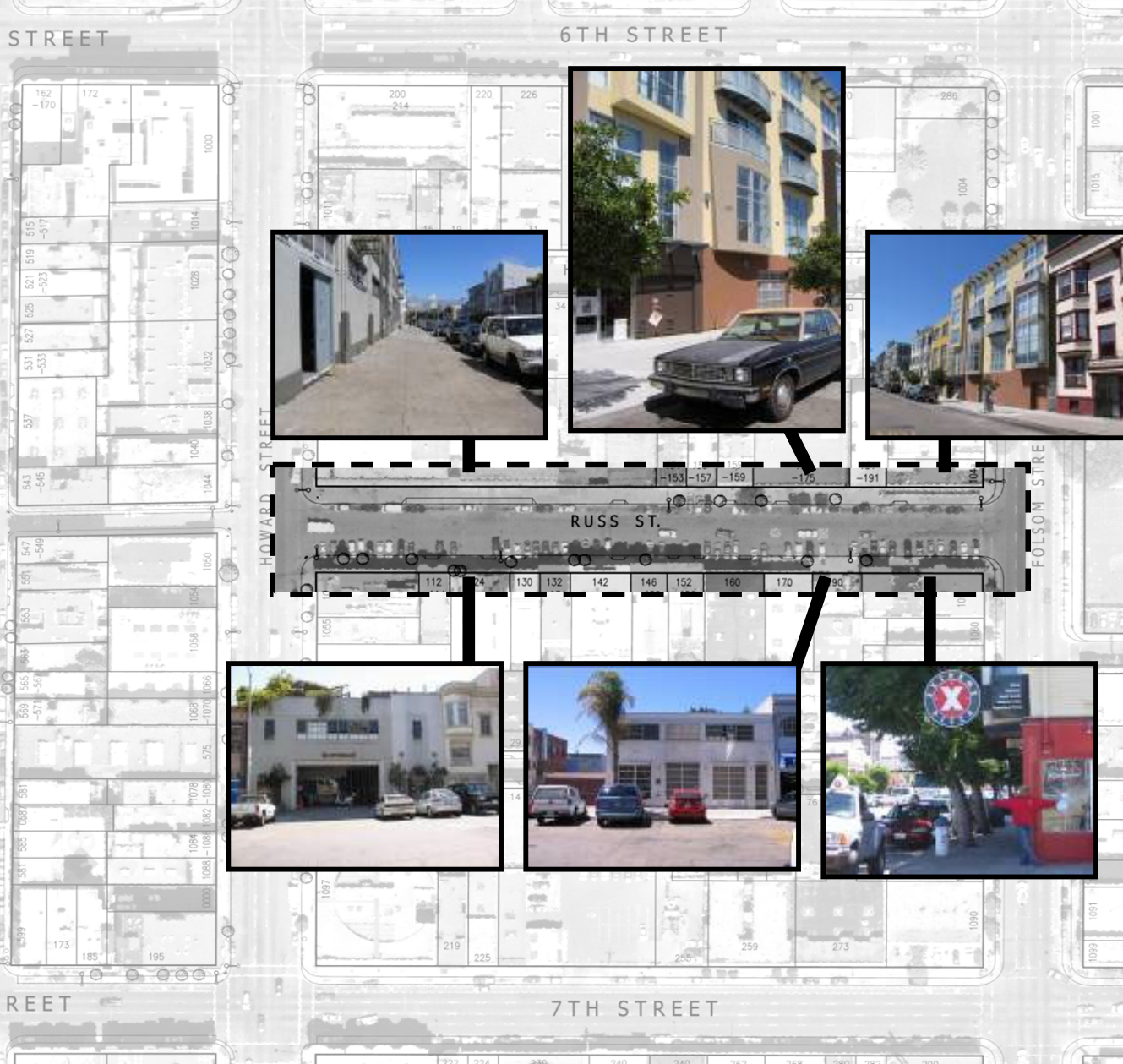
# ALLEYWAY DESCRIPTIONS: Russ Street



Older Character



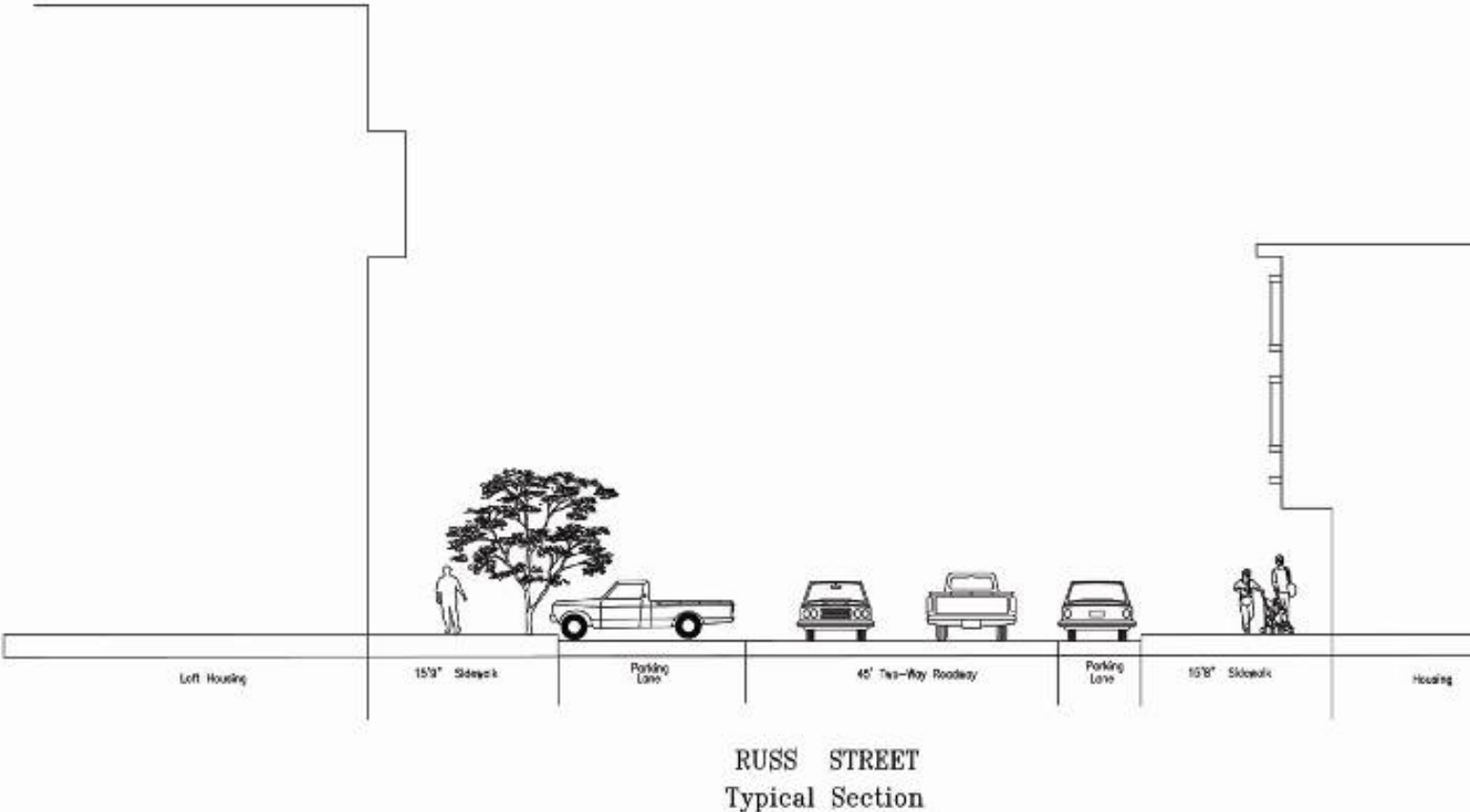
Unique Architecture



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# ALLEYWAY DESCRIPTIONS: Russ Street



View Toward Folsom St.



View Toward Howard St.

## Right-of-Way Characteristics

- Street Length: 551 feet
- Width: 45 feet
- North Sidewalk: 15'9"
- South Sidewalk: 15'8"
- Traffic: Two-Way
- Parking: Perpendicular on South, Parallel on North

## Land Use

- Small businesses
- 4 story residential and new loft spaces
- Community Services

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# ALLEYWAY DESCRIPTIONS: Moss Street



Planting Elements



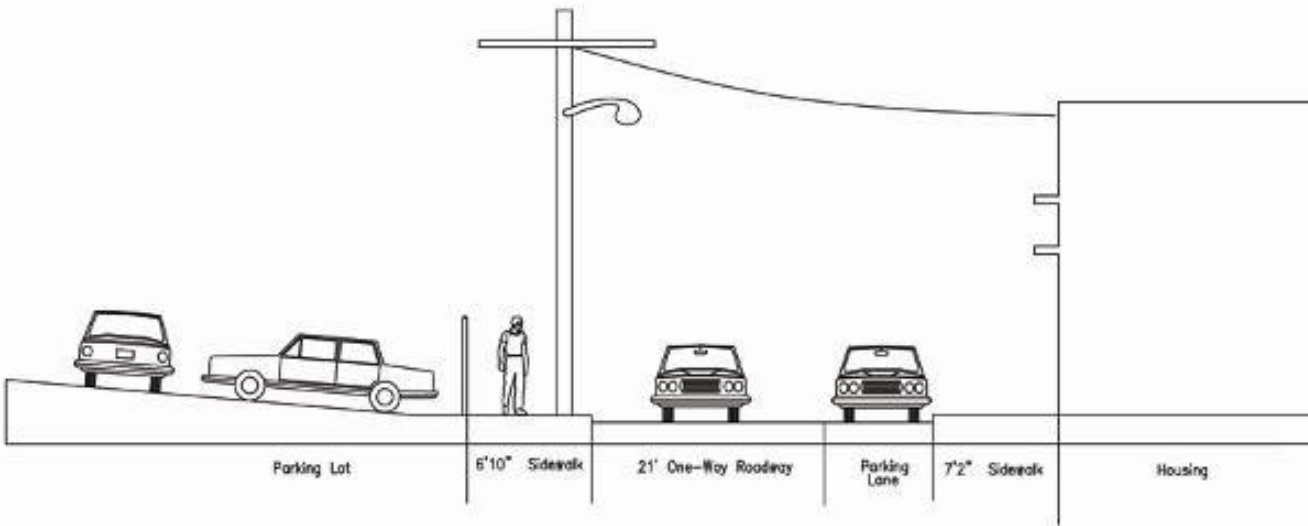
Quiet Atmosphere



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# ALLEYWAY DESCRIPTIONS: Moss Street



MOSS STREET  
Typical Section



View Toward Folsom St.



View Toward Howard St.

## Right-of-Way Characteristics

- Street Length: 551 feet
- Width: 21 feet & 26 feet
- North Sidewalk: 7'2"
- South Sidewalk: 6'10"
- Traffic: One-Way going East
- Parking: Parallel on the North side

## Land Use

- Small businesses
- Residential
- Large parking lot

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# ALLEYWAY NETWORK



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# Model for Workshops: SOMA West

- **Example of Ancillary Project community meetings**



**Presentation**



**Workgroup Site Analysis**



**Workgroup Design**



**Workgroup Presentations**

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# COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

## Neighborhood Site Analysis:

- **Note Special Destinations**
- **Note Opportunities for Neighborhood Improvements within the Goals of this Project**
- **Note Concerns within the Framework of this Project**
- **Present Concepts to the Group** *(5 min each group)*

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