

## Explanatory Document

Proposal for the Temporary Exhibition of a Sculpture at the Intersection of Market and Octavia by Artist team Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson.

### Background:

The Market Octavia Citizen's Advisory Committee lobbied for funding to be provided to the Arts Commission for the placement of a rotation of temporary sculpture at the intersection of Market and Octavia. Thanks to the approval of the IPIC Committee (Interagency Planning Implementation Committee) the Arts Commission will receive funding for the next four years. This is the Committee responsible for ensuring that the Arts Commission receives annual funding for temporary projects at Patricia's Green.

Arts Commission staff conducted curatorial research and identified a proposal that we believe will be successful at the site in terms of its imagery and scale. After receiving the enthusiastic endorsement of the Market Octavia Citizens Advisory Committee, we are bringing it to the Visual Arts Committee for review and consideration.

The artist team of Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson have proposed a sculpture of a 20' tall free sculpture of a California Grizzly bear entitled *Also Curious* which will be clad in brand new copper pennies. The sculpture is similar to an earlier work entitled *Ursa Mater* by the Fergusons which had been displayed at Burning Man in 2017. The core of the sculpture will be constructed from hand-carved styrofoam, covered in a concrete skin with US and Canadian pennies inserted to give the appearance of fur. The claws and noses will be blacksmith hammered from steel and the eyes are made from blown glass. As with all temporary sculpture projects, the artists will be required to work with a structural engineer to submit signed stamped drawings for the project. The earlier *Ursa Mater* sculpture has been displayed in other exterior locations and has withstood varying environmental conditions.

Motion: Motion to approve the temporary one year installation of a sculpture to be placed on a small plaza at the intersection of Market and Octavia Streets by the artist team of Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson. The sculpture entitled *Also Curious* stands 20' high and depicts a free standing California Grizzly Bear which shall be clad in new copper pennies then sealed with a protective coating. The sculpture installation is tentatively scheduled for completion and installation in early July 2020, pending coordination with SFMTA. The artists are to be paid a total project cost not to exceed \$45,000 based upon final cost estimates.

# 95% REVIEW

NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION

WALLER ST.

OCTAVIA ST.

L.O.W.

Existing artwork

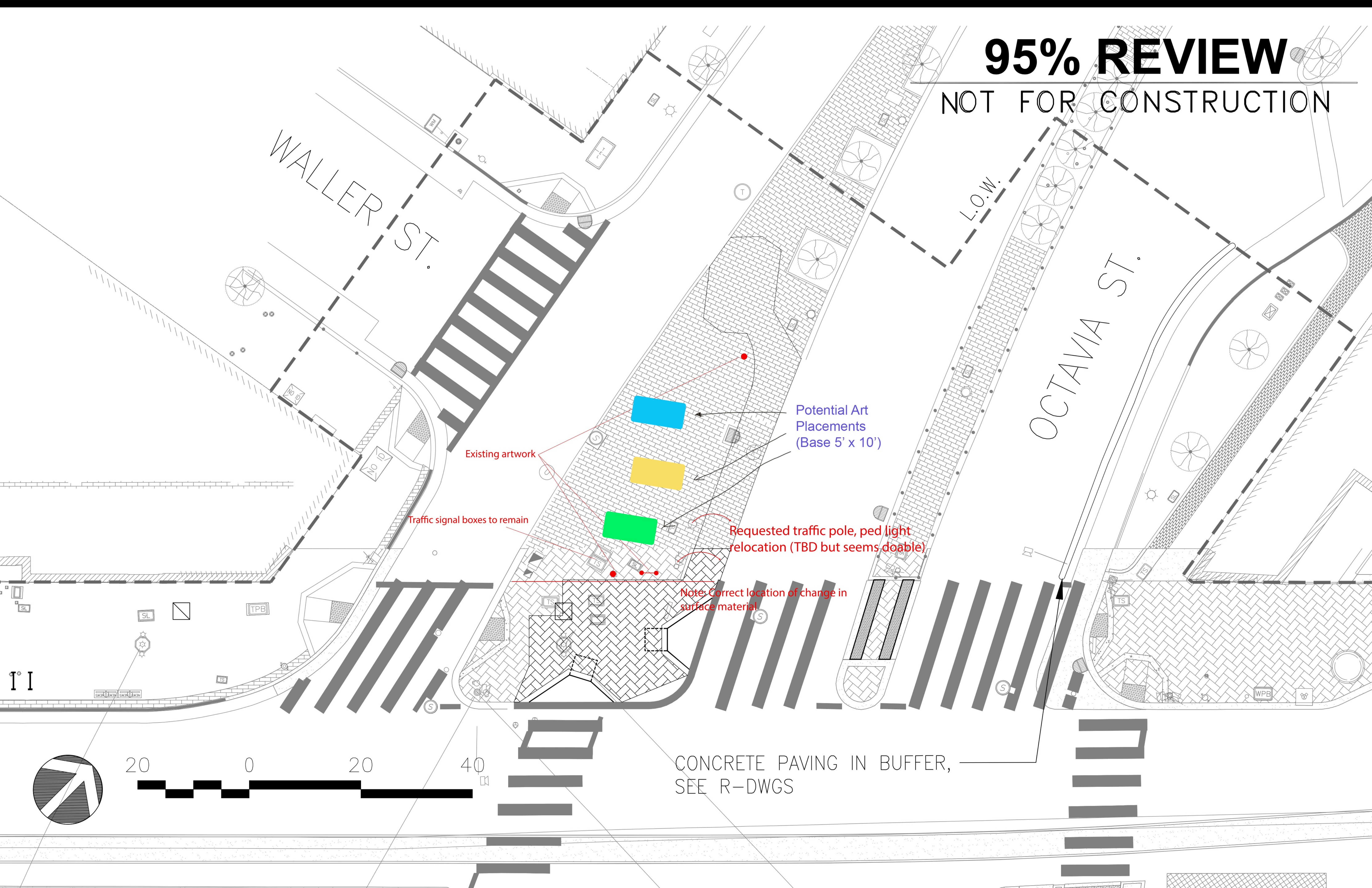
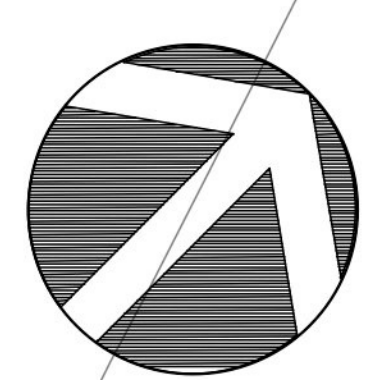
Potential Art Placements  
(Base 5' x 10')

Traffic signal boxes to remain

Requested traffic pole, ped light  
relocation (TBD but seems doable)

Note: Correct location of change in  
surface material

CONCRETE PAVING IN BUFFER,  
SEE R-DWGS





ON RED

OCTAVIA

SKATEBOARD AND BICYCLE RAMPING PROHIBITED ON SIDEWALK

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Also Curious

Mr & Mrs  
Ferguson  
Art  
2018