

## *PAUSE*, A LIVING INNOVATION ZONE PROJECT

Living Innovation Zones (LIZ) are temporary installations on Market Street, the City's cultural, civic and economic spine. The primary goal of the program is to activate public spaces by engaging and delighting the public. The program is structured to seed cross-disciplinary collaborations that result in place-based experiences. LIZs can serve as opportunities for testing new ideas, projects, and technologies. They are intended as enhancements to the public realm, encouraging people to connect with each other and their city. The LIZ Program is co-managed by the Planning Department, the Mayor's Office of Civic Innovation and the Arts Commission.

The City's first LIZ, *Pause* on Market Street, is an interactive installation sited at the intersection of Yerba Buena Lane and Market Street. The installation features two parabolic "whisper dishes" "singing bench" as well as passive seating. The project was a partnership between the Exploratorium (who designed and fabricated the installation), the Yerba Buena Community Benefit District (YBCBD) and the City; and was funded by grants from the Summit Foundation and the YBCBD.

The LIZ was initially permitted to be installed for two years via Public Works Director's Order starting on October 21, 2013. The two-year window is now coming to a close. In the long-term, the City would like to relocate the *Pause* on Market Street to another site (possibly Annie Alley and Market Street), and put a new LIZ at the original site at Yerba Buena Lane. The project team has begun initial conversations to start this process. We are asking the Commission to authorize a six-month extension of the LIZ so that we may have more time to facilitate this process.