

# The System of Streets and Open Spaces



## Principle:

Streets that support and invite multiple uses, including safe and ample space for pedestrians, bicycles, and public transit, are a more conducive setting for the public life of an urban neighborhood than streets designed primarily to move vehicles.



The Pedestrian Open Space Problem on Octavia Blvd.

## Principle:

A successful open space system is carefully woven into the overall fabric of a neighborhood's public streets, taking advantage of opportunities, large and small, to create spaces both formal and informal.



# "Living Streets"



Alleys for "living street" improvements.

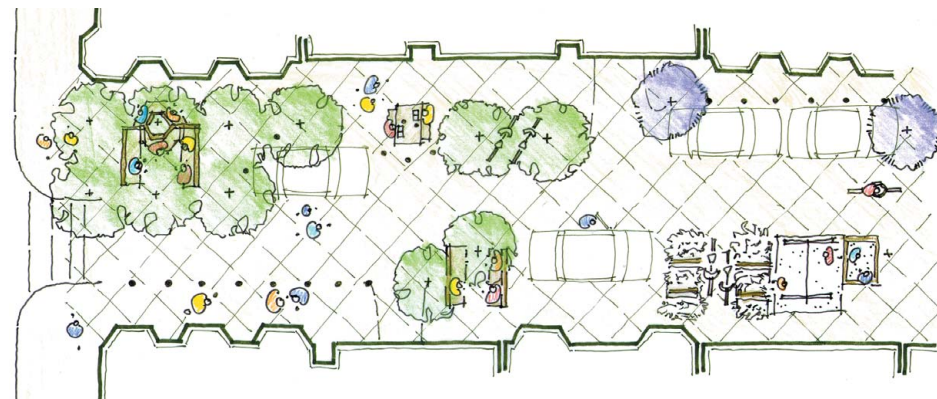


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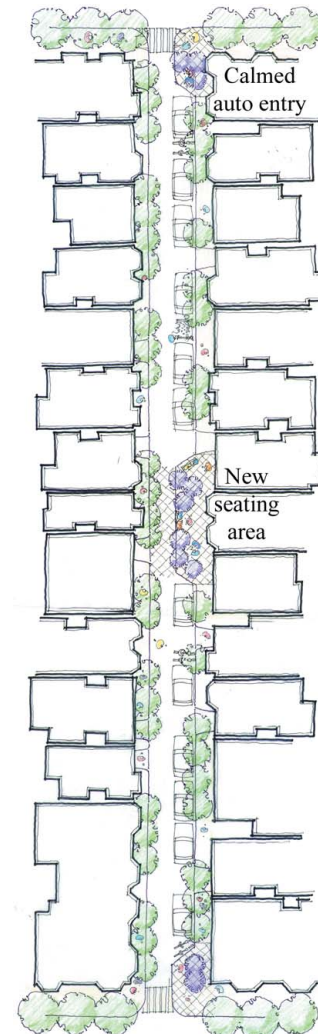
Introduce traffic-calming measures for residential alleys. Consider improvements to alleys with a residential character to create shared, multipurpose public space for the use of residents.

## New Policy

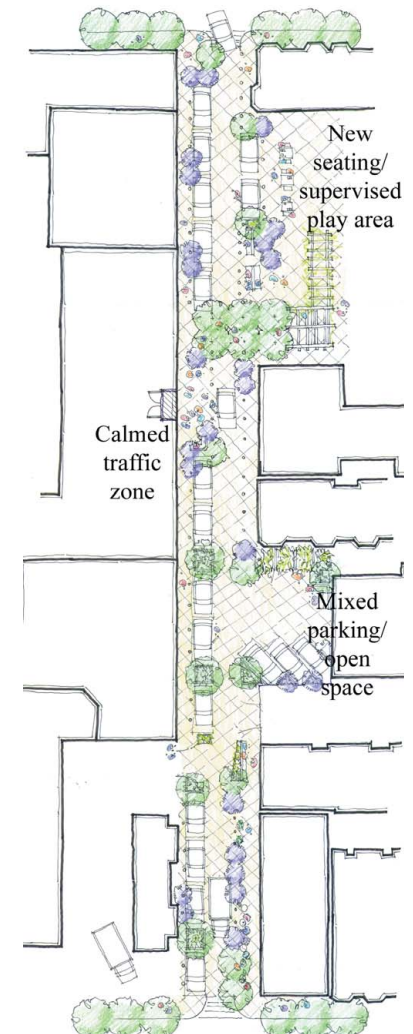
Consider improvements to non-residential alleys that foster the creation of dynamic mixed-use places.



A residential alley, designed as a "living street."



Linden Alley, with calmed entries and new public spaces.

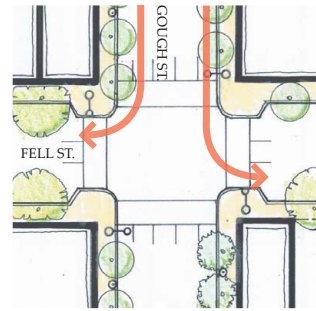


Hickory Alley, with integrated public spaces for the International School and other users.

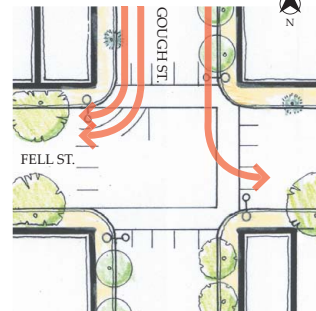


## Improved Pedestrian Crossings

**New Policy**  
Establish and maintain a seamless pedestrian right-of-way throughout the plan area.



Fell and Gough Streets, existing condition



Fell and Gough Streets, with corner plazas and improved pedestrian crossings

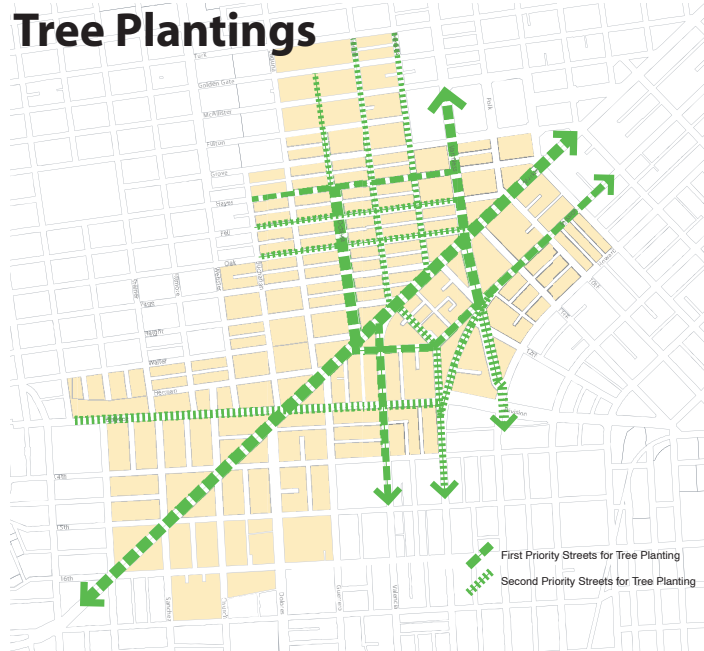


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## Tree Plantings



Street trees create a comfortable sense of scale and enclosure on residential streets.



Streets without trees, like this portion of Buchanan Street, often feel harsh and exposed.

## Public Art

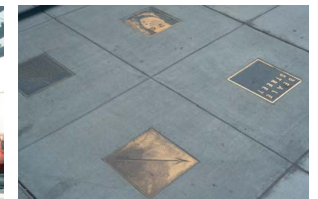


An art panel by Colette Crutcher and Mark Roller, Ocean View Public Library, San Francisco.



Transit shelters along The Embarcadero.

Photos courtesy of the San Francisco Arts Commission.



Decorative tiles along The Embarcadero.

**Policy 4.1.4**  
Encourage the inclusion of public art projects and programs in the design of streets and public spaces.