2.5 SECOND STREET: HISTORIC CONNECTOR

Second Street is an important historic connector and serves as a major north-south link from Market Street south to AT&T Park on King Street. It forms the western boundary of the project area. The streetscape vision for Second Street should be considered for a more significant length than the three blocks that fall within this project’s boundary, as part of a larger analysis of this important connector street. Second Street is almost entirely built-out and many of the buildings are historic. There are some new developments that have occurred near the intersection of Mission and at Folsom. The proposed improvements should be considered as a new standard between Market Street and the Bay Bridge in order to create a stronger public presence for Second Street.

Today there are stretches of magnolia trees with cast iron tree grates corresponding with new developments. Where older and historic structures exist, sub-sidewalk basements are common. The existence of these structures precludes street trees from being planted. Until the time these parcels are redeveloped, there will be segments where street trees cannot be planted (unless an owner opts to put trees in planters on the sidewalk).

MTA and SFCTA have been evaluating Second for potential bike lanes, which could require removing a lane of traffic and installing turn pockets. This would need to be studied further and coordinated with the design of any corner bulb-outs, which are recommended in this concept plan based on current conditions.
SECOND DESIGN FEATURES

1. 2 lanes each direction
2. Corner bulb outs at most intersections
3. Parallel parking both sides
4. Maintain existing sidewalk width both sides
5. Trees 22' apart in cast iron tree grates
6. New roadway & pedestrian lighting
1. New corner bulb outs at each intersection would improve the pedestrian experience along this busy corridor.

2. The bus ramp shown here provides a gateway opportunity (See Section 2.1) to formally mark the entrance into the district.

Second - Cross Section looking north from Howard
SECOND DESIGN FEATURES

1. Trash receptacles
2. News rack housing
3. Bike racks
4. 4 foot black granite setts
5. Dark gray concrete band
6. High visibility zebra stripe crosswalk
7. New roadway & pedestrian lighting
8. Trees 22' apart in 4 x 8' cast iron tree grates
9. Light gray concrete with saw cut joints
10. ADA compliant access ramps

Second - Enlarged layout plan