CASTRO STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Castro Street between Market and 19th Streets is one of the most well-known neighborhood commercial districts in San Francisco, serving the needs of local residents and being the historic center of the LGBT (lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender) community. The project will enhance the streetscape experience with widened sidewalks, repaving, new lighting, and street trees. These improvements will further elevate the neighborhood experience of an already famous city destination.

A COORDINATED EFFORT
In collaboration between the San Francisco Department of Public Works, City Planning, and Municipal Transportation Agency, the improvement project sets to meet the concerns the local community addressed. Public meetings on conceptual designs were held between November 2012 to February 2013, with finalization in May 2013. The project seeks to address the community feedback on the need for safer streets, wider sidewalks, and an improved street life experience.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS
• Construct new wider sidewalks on Castro Street between Market Street and 19th Avenue.
• Install Rainbow Honor Walk inserts within the sidewalk, commemorating LGBT leaders and heroes.
• Install new special paving and barrier improvements at Jane Warner Plaza.
• Plant new street trees.
• Install new site furnishings including bike racks and perch benches.
• Install 30 new ADA compliant curb ramps.
• Install identifying crosswalk paving on the 18th Street, 19th Street, and the south end of the Castro Street/Market Street intersections.
• Construct a mid-block bulb-out to increase pedestrian safety and civic space.
• Install new pedestrian and traffic signals at Castro Street and Market Street.

Estimate Construction Cost: $7 Million
Project Team:
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Schedule:
Construction Begins: February 2014
Construction Completed: October 2014
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