Appendix C

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June 12, 2009

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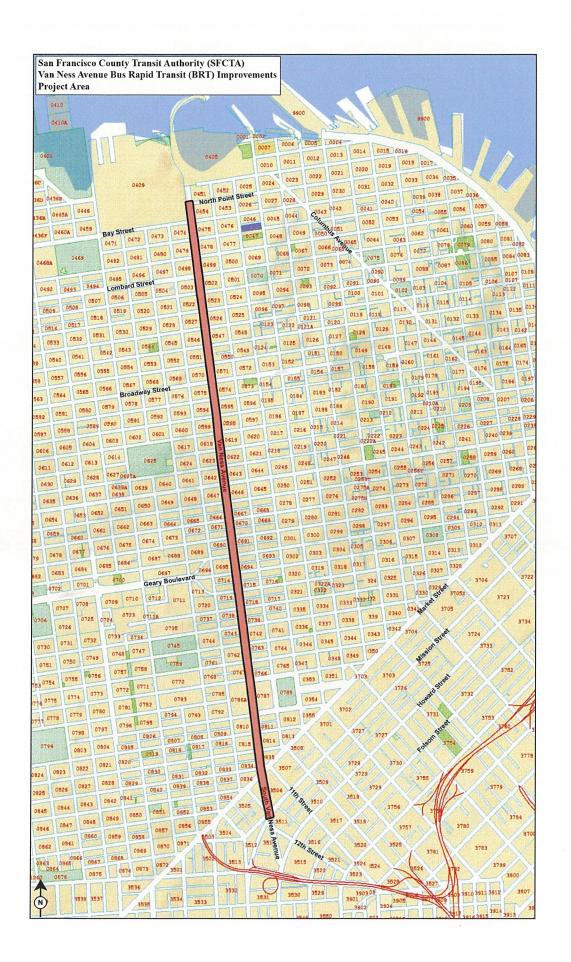
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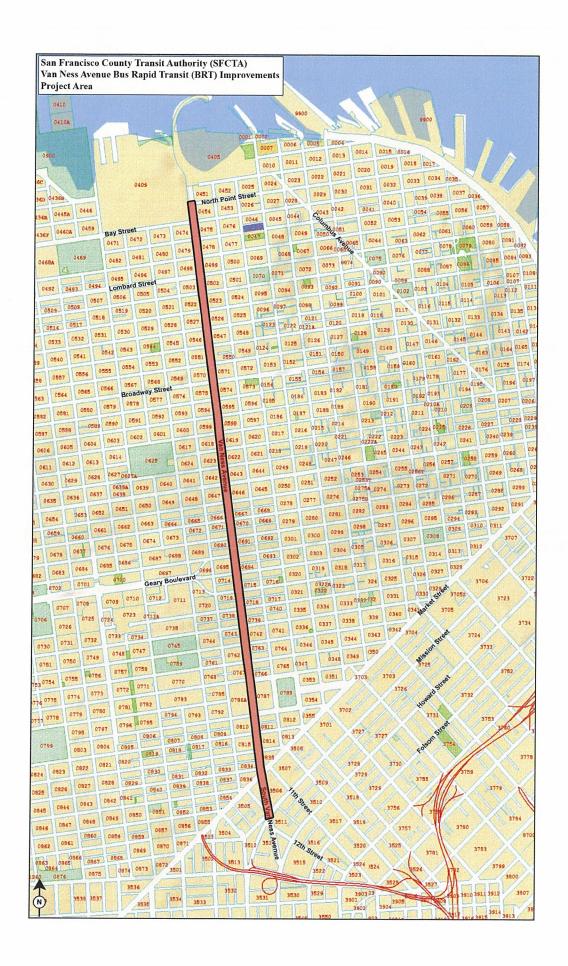
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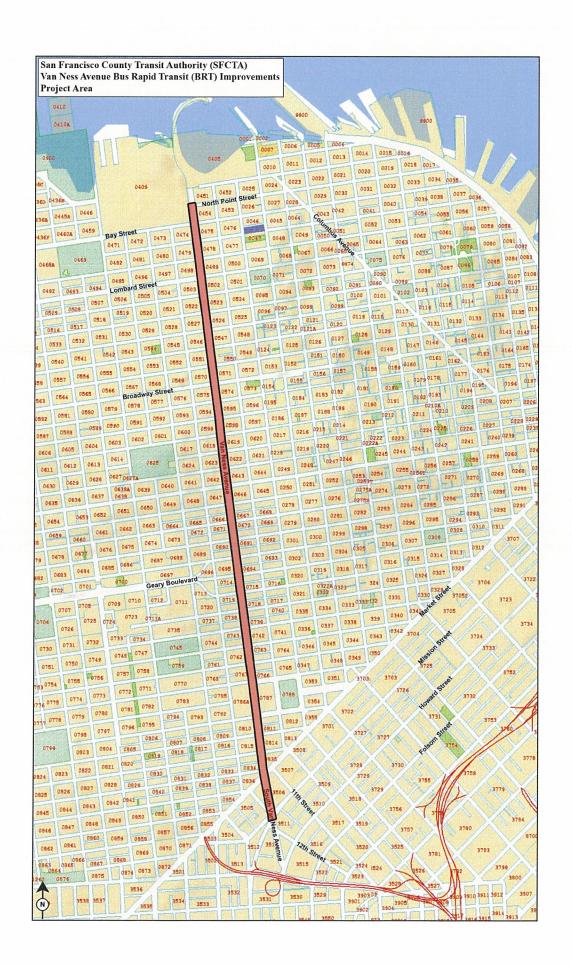
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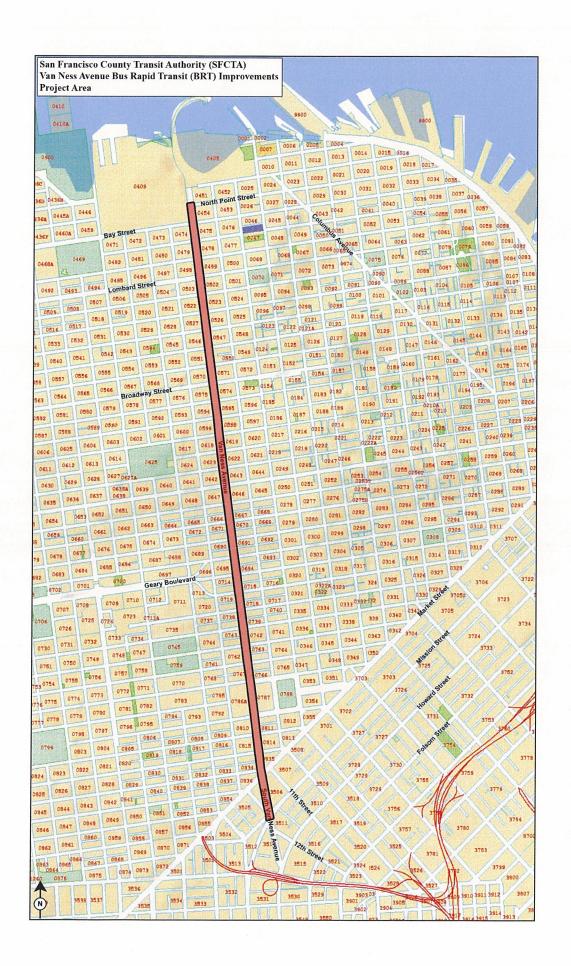
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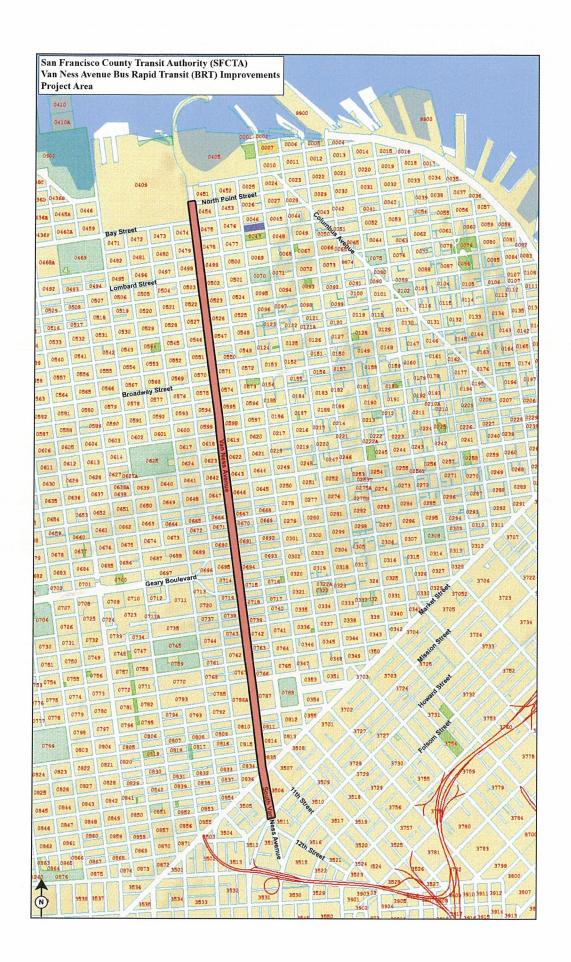
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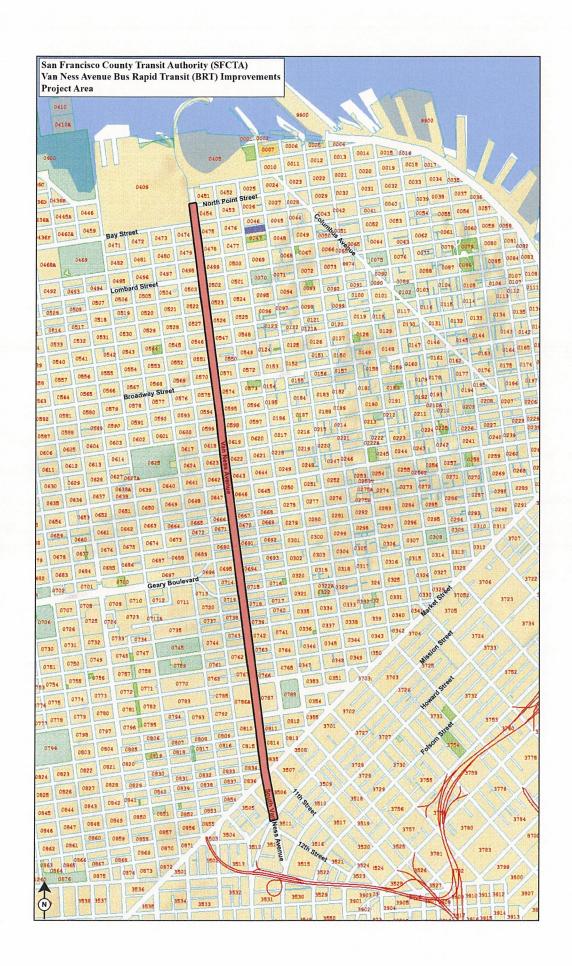
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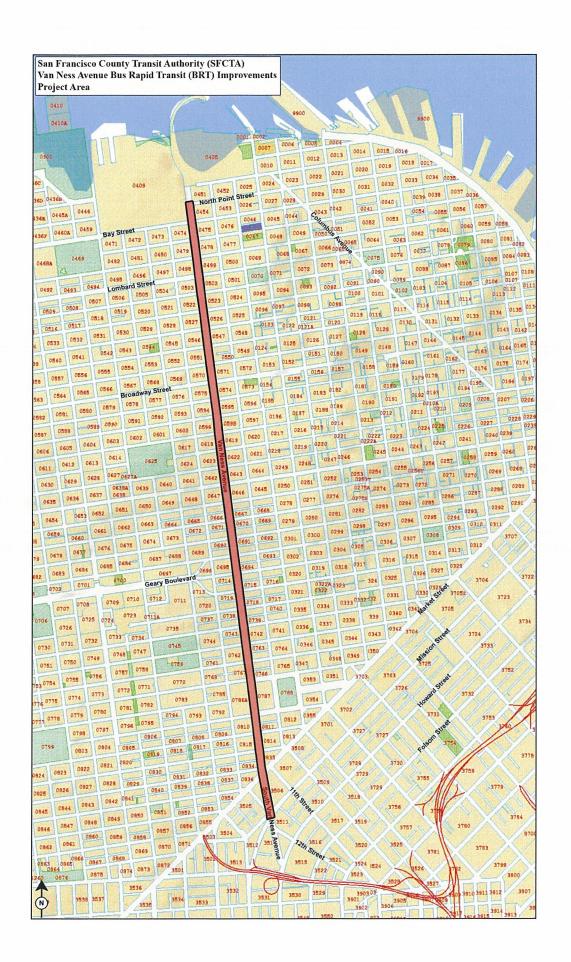
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Meta Bunse

From: Meta Bunse

Sent: Friday, June 26, 2009 10:30 AM

To: Meta Bunse

Subject: Van Ness BRT - note to file

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Mr. Haas stated that he understood that the trolley poles apparently need replacement, but also expressed an interest in the replacement poles maintaining a look that was consistent with the originals. He offered to send me an email with contact information for Laura Ackley.

Meta Bunse, Partner JRP Historical Consulting, LLC 1490 Drew Ave., Suite #110 Davis, CA 95618 Tel. (530) 757-2521 Fax (530) 757-2566

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From: JWHaasESQ@aol.com

Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2009 7:30 PM

To: Meta Bunse

Subject: Van Ness Light Poles

You will recall that we spoke about the history of the Van Ness light poles. I said that I had heard of a person who had done her PhD thesis on the lighting of the PPIE and might know something about the poles. Her name is Laura Ackley and she lives in San Rafael. He phone is 415-456-2327. I hope that she is helpful.

JIM HAAS

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Andrew Wolfram, President DOCOMOMO US/Northern California P.O. Box 29226 San Francisco, CA 94129-0226

June 12, 2009

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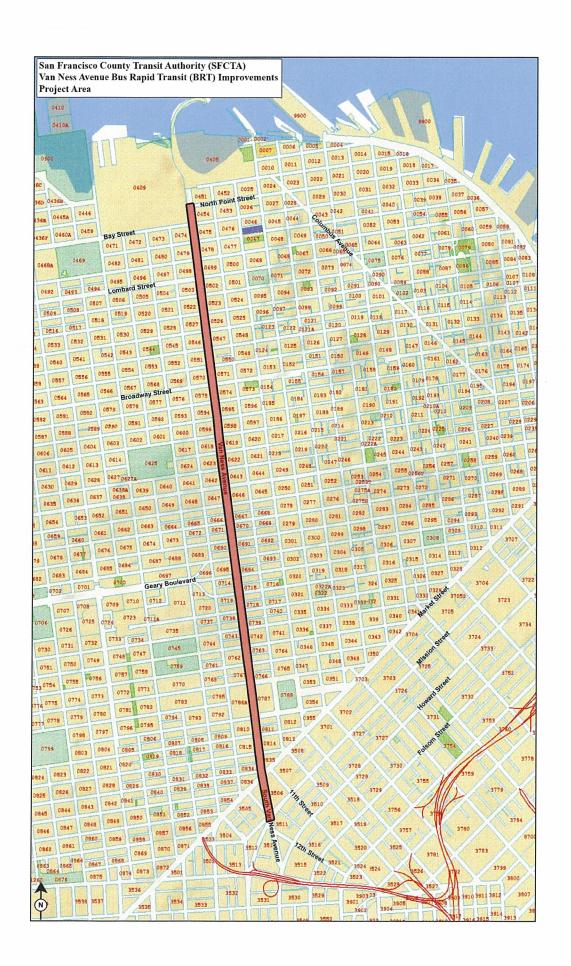
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Dave Goggin 920 Van Ness Avenue, Apt. 102 San Francisco, CA 94109

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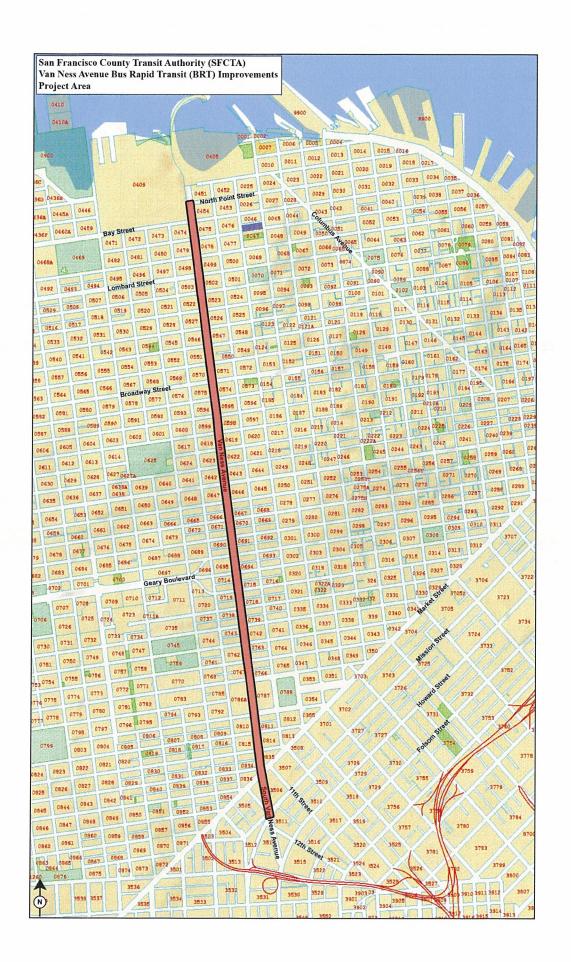
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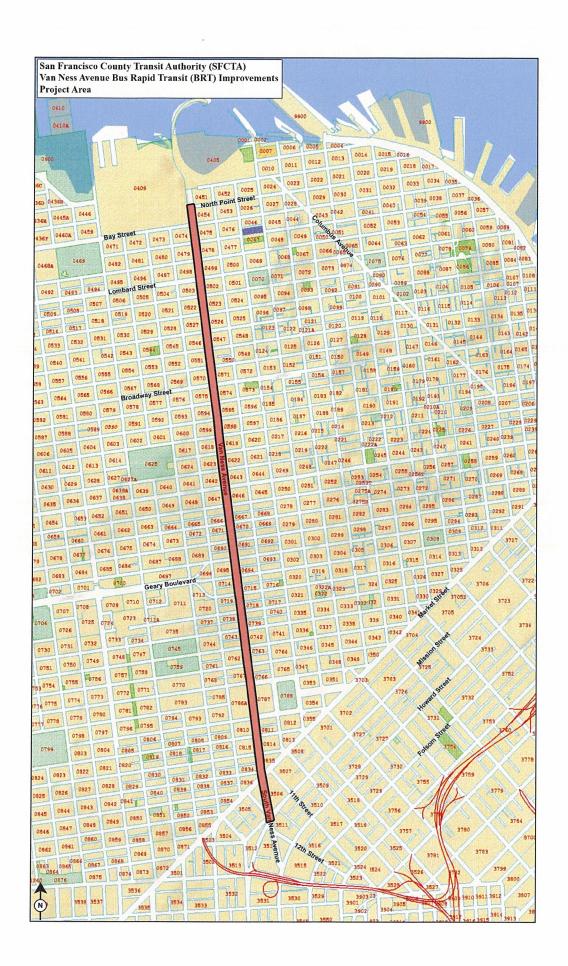
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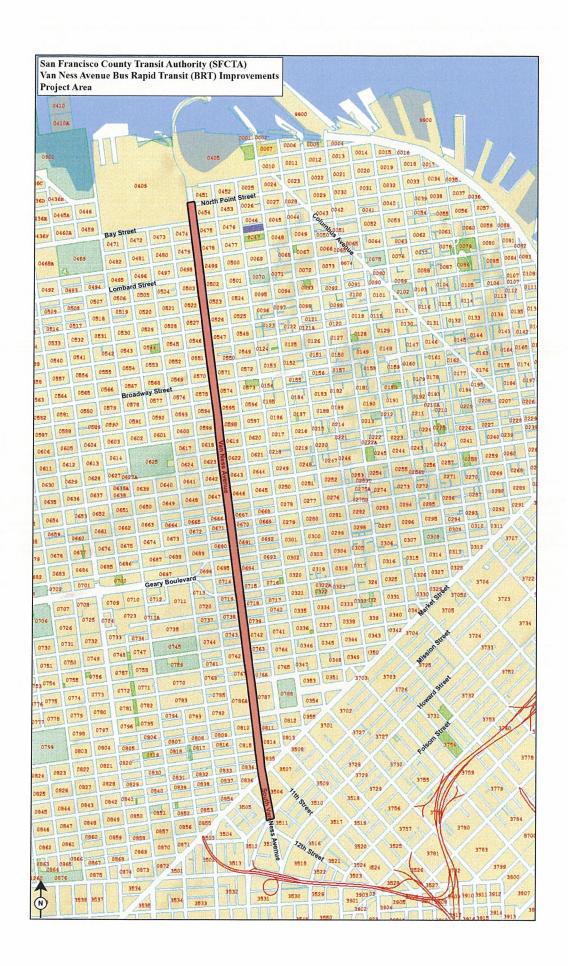
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Katry Harris (Transportation)
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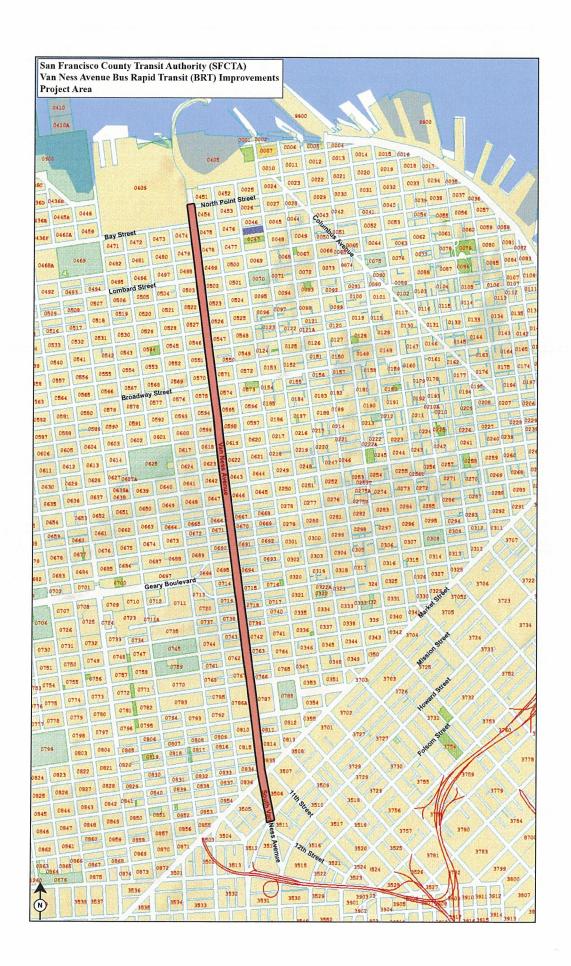
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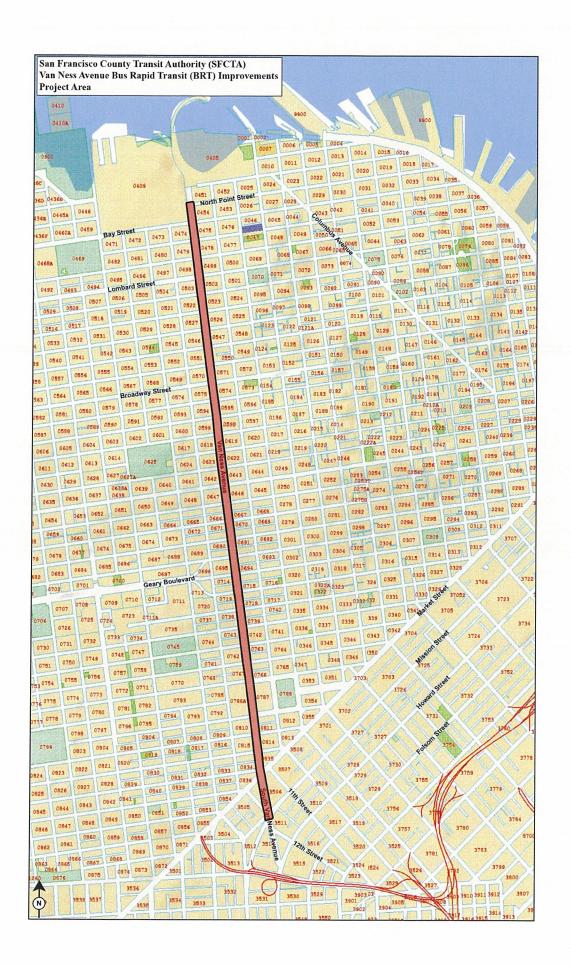
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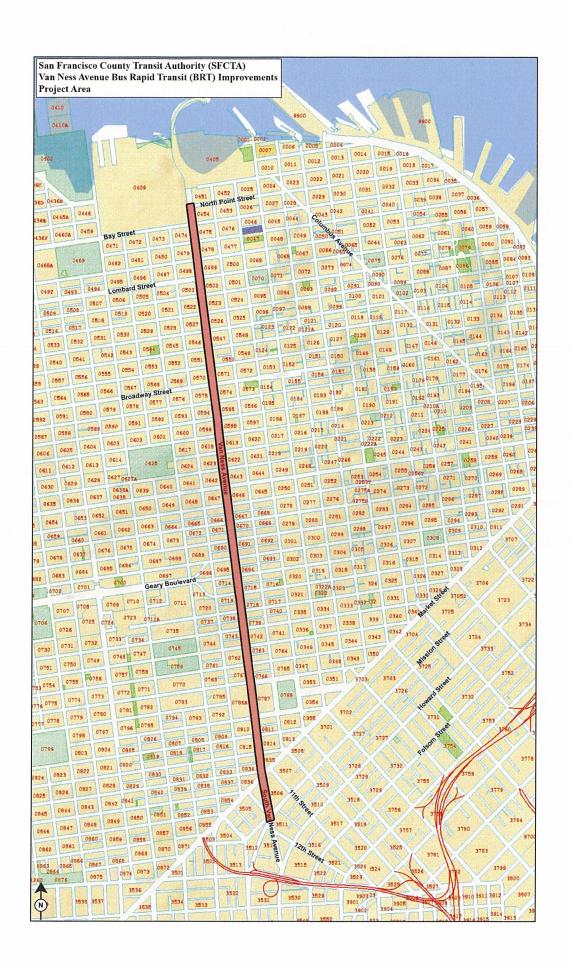
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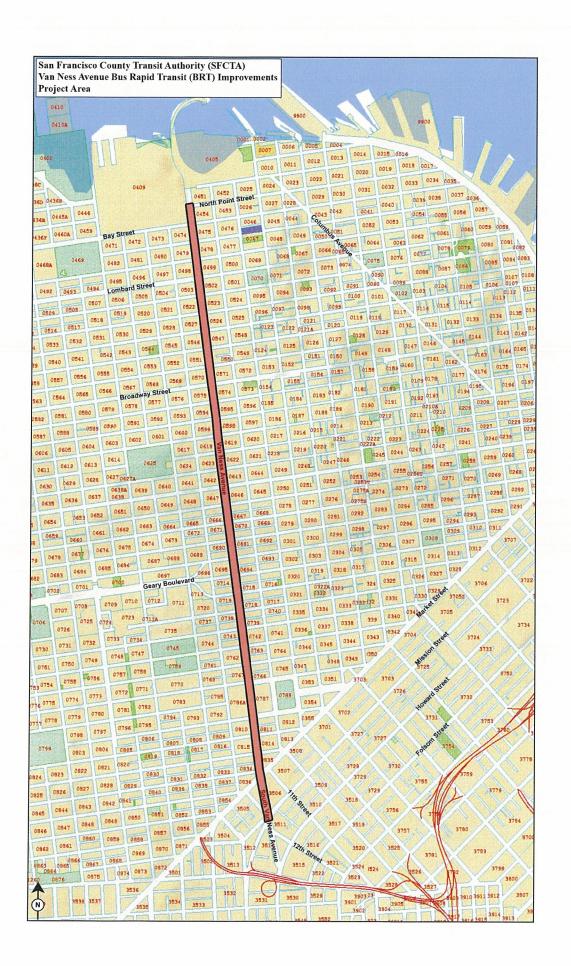
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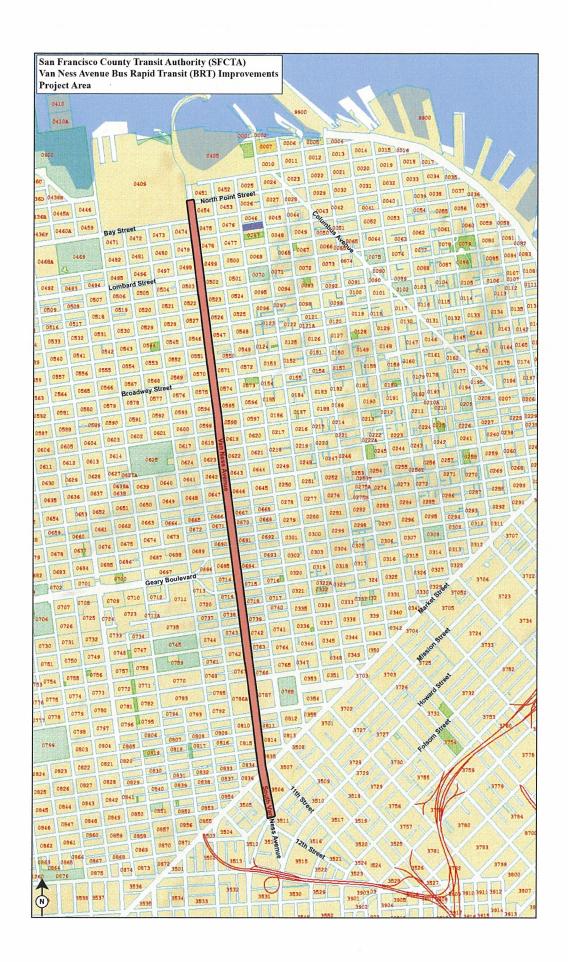
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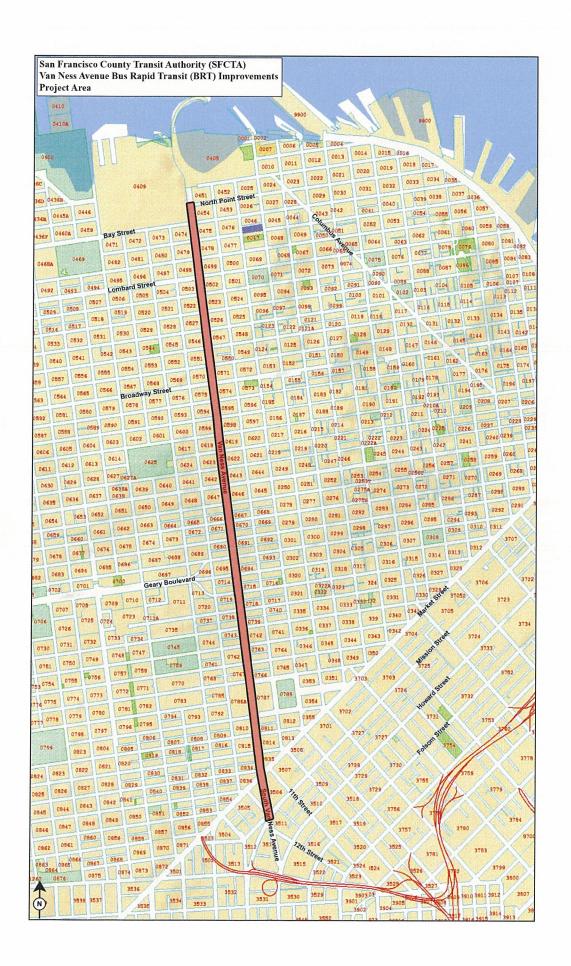
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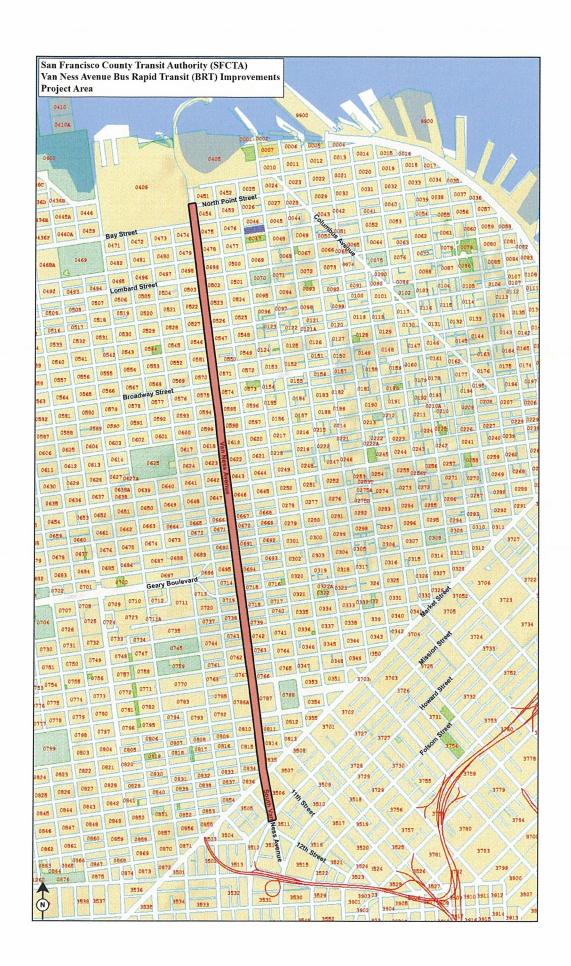
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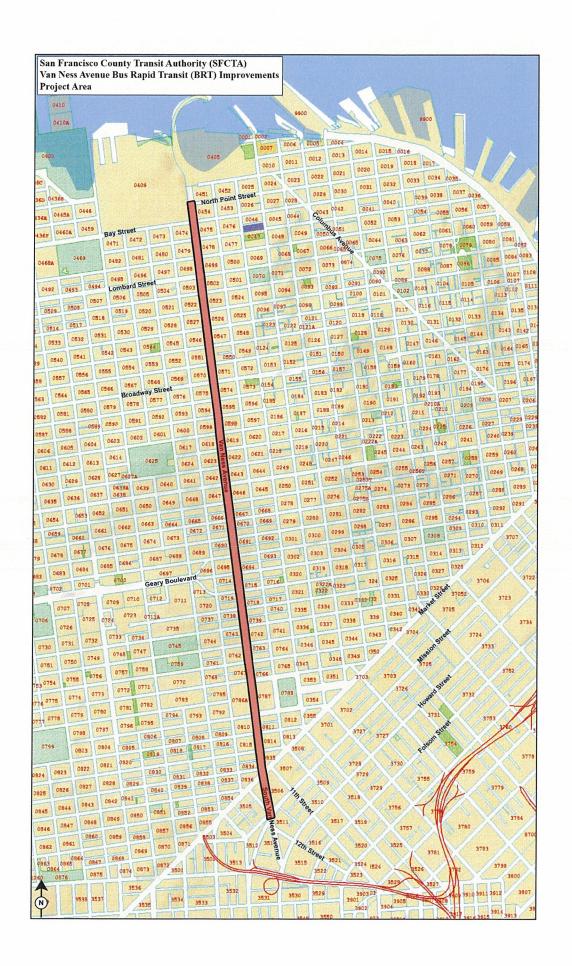
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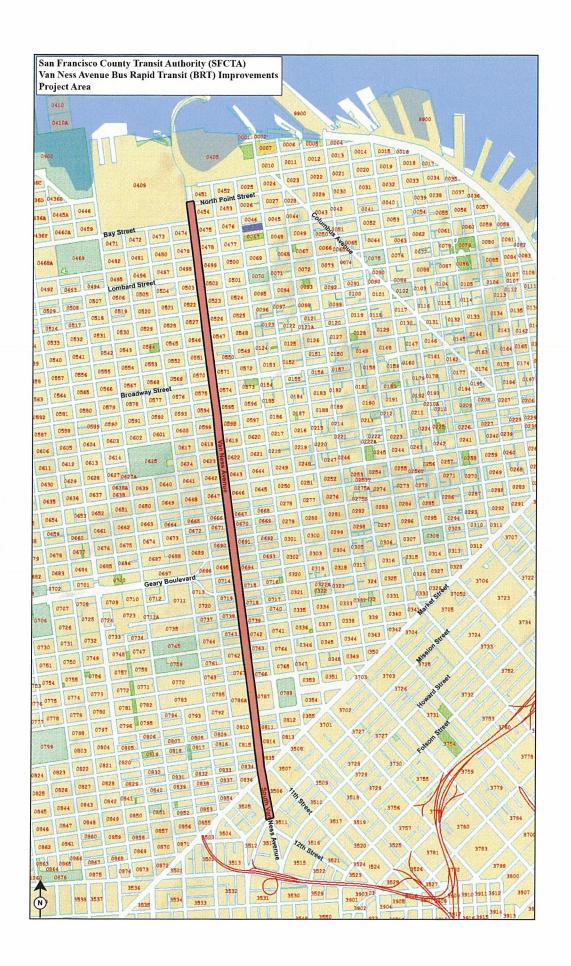
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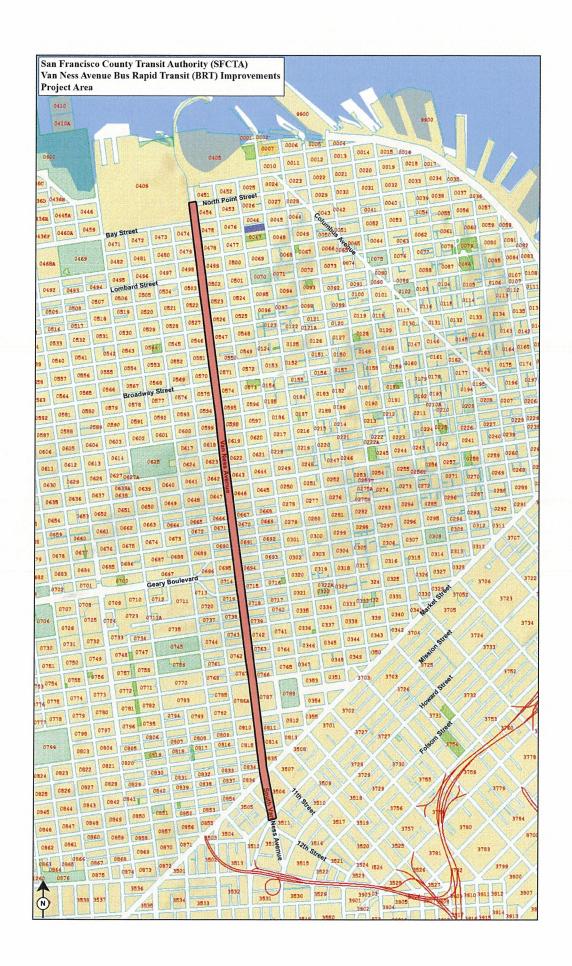
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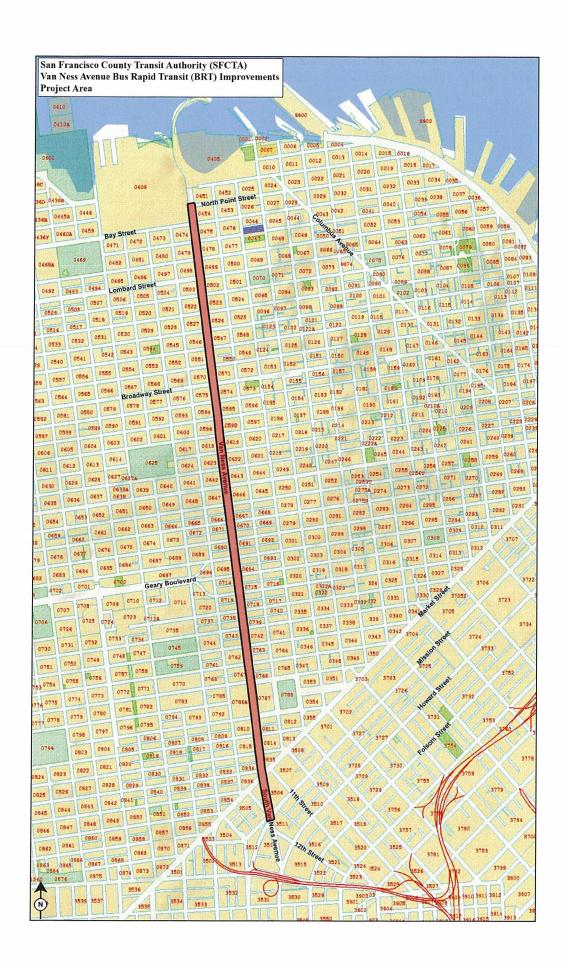
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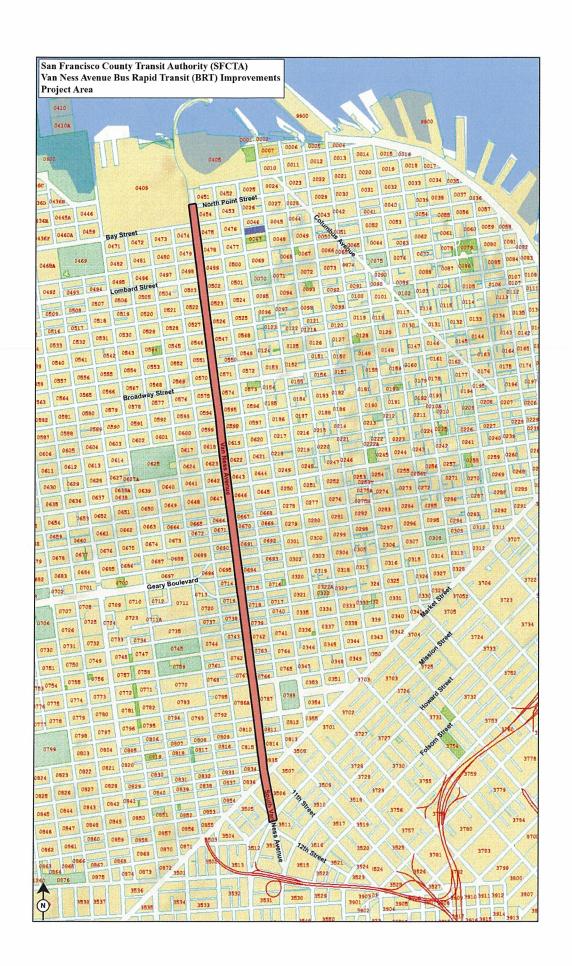
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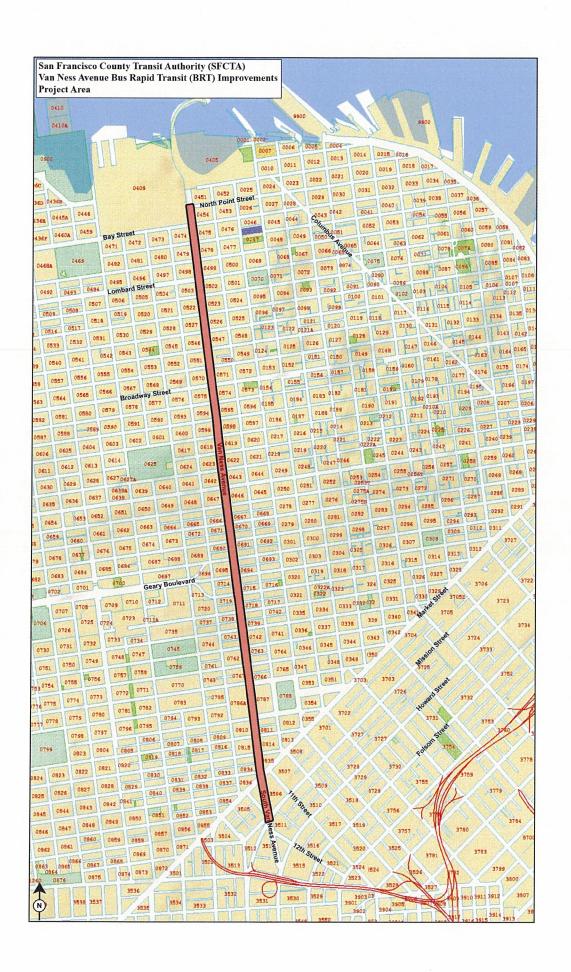
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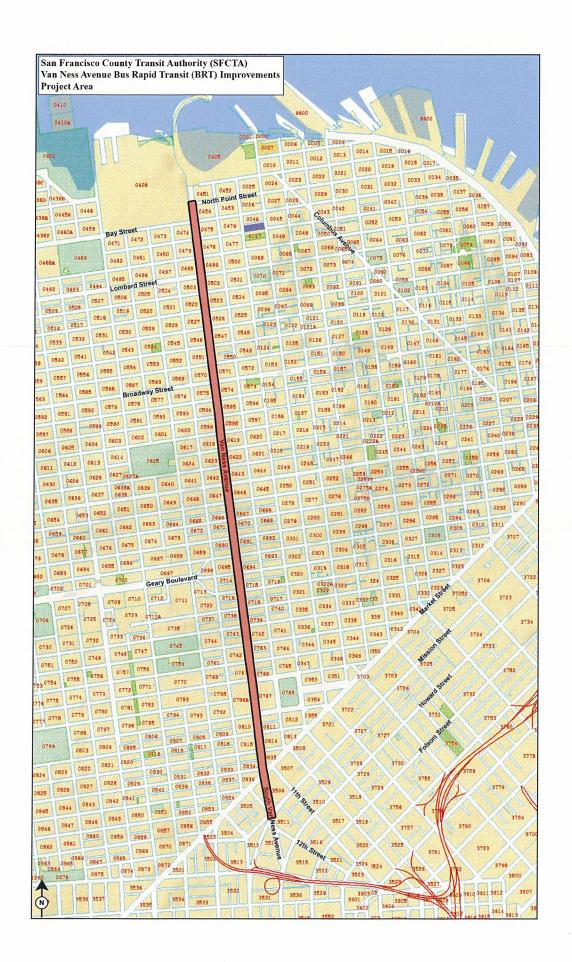
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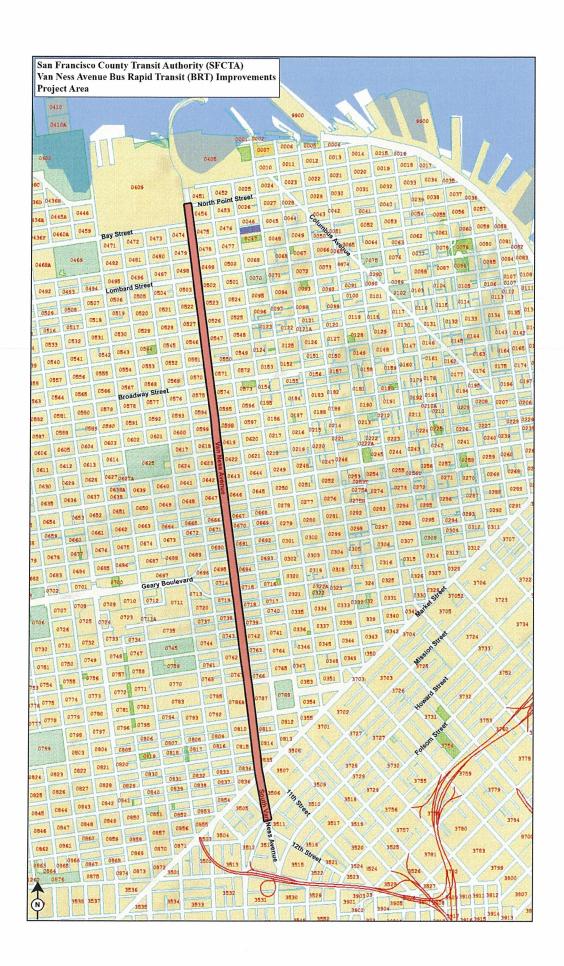
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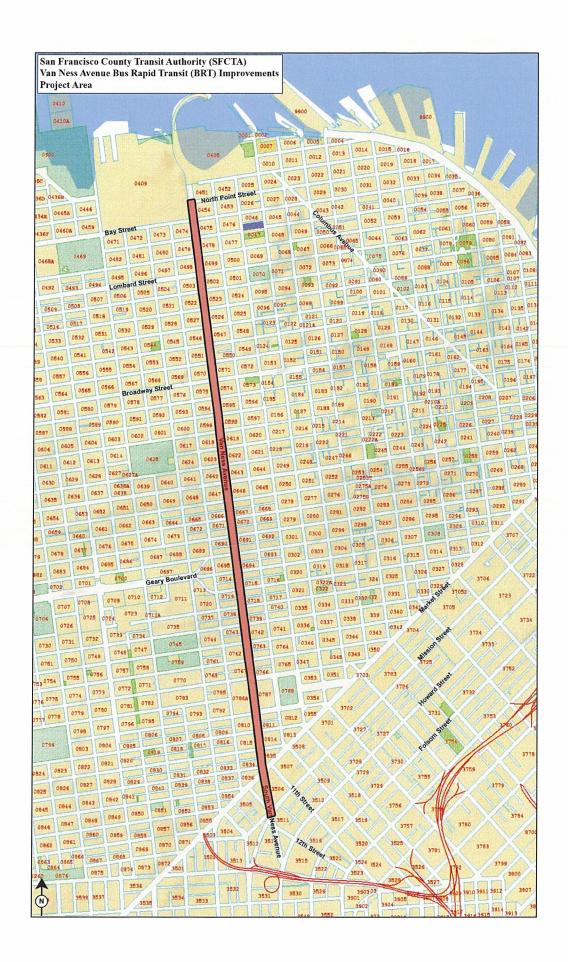
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