

**Announcement to the Dental School Community – SoMa Neighborhood News**  
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I know that many of you are interested in the school's future new neighborhood. Please see below for recent news coverage and links to some of the activity going in the South of Market area, which is becoming one of the more dynamic areas of downtown San Francisco.

Our project will be among the activities that involve expanded or upgraded retail, transportation, higher education, commercial, non-profit and residential spaces.

Here are a few links if you would like to learn more:

**San Francisco Old Mint Renovation.** This project at 5<sup>th</sup> and Mission is projected to include a new Bay Area History Museum and visitors' center.

- Website: [http://www.themintproject.org/our\\_bold\\_plan/index.html](http://www.themintproject.org/our_bold_plan/index.html)
- "Group Wants to Breathe New Life into Old Mint" - ABC 7  
[http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/assignment\\_7&id=8095631](http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/assignment_7&id=8095631)

**5M Project at the San Francisco Chronicle Building.** This project involves turning the Chronicle building at 5<sup>th</sup> and Mission and the 4.5-acre block around the building into a commercial and residential campus for innovation.

- The *San Francisco Business Times* recently featured the new breed of tech companies opening in the Chronicle's space, which is being called "5M" for 5<sup>th</sup> and Mission. "5M: A Template for Next-Generation Office Space" - <http://www.bizjournals.com/sanfrancisco/print-edition/2011/06/24/a-template-for-next-generation-office.html>
- "Chronicle and Building Are Reflection of Economy" – *The New York Times*  
<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/04/10/us/10bcheerst.html>

**Higher Education Projects in SoMa.** A front-page story in the *San Francisco Business Times* covered several higher education projects, including USF's purchase of a building in SoMa and our dental school project. Please see the attached PDF – "SoMa's Next Boom: Education."

**Metreon 2.0 Renovation.** This renovated property at 4<sup>th</sup> and Mission is projected to open in Spring 2012, with the city's first Target store opening late 2012. It will also include a CityView event space.

- "Target to Transform Appearance of S.F.'s Metreon" - *San Francisco Chronicle*  
<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/05/05/BUMS1JC324.DTL>

**SFMOMA Expansion.** A major expansion at 3rd between Howard and Mission is proposed.

- Website: [http://www.sfmoma.org/our\\_expansion/expansion\\_project](http://www.sfmoma.org/our_expansion/expansion_project)
- "SFMOMA wing gently expands reach in early plans" - *San Francisco Chronicle*  
[http://articles.sfgate.com/2011-05-26/news/29584815\\_1\\_new-wing-public-plaza-design-concept](http://articles.sfgate.com/2011-05-26/news/29584815_1_new-wing-public-plaza-design-concept)

**Transbay Center.** Dubbed the "Grand Central Station of the West," a 1 million square-foot Phase 1 Transit Center at 1<sup>st</sup> and Mission is projected to be completed in 2017.

- Website: <http://transbaycenter.org>

**CityPlace Retail complex.** This proposed project on Market Street between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> involves 250,000 square feet of new value-based retail.

- Website: <http://www.discovercityplace.com/>

As you can see, the SoMa neighborhood is undergoing some exciting changes. We plan to share more updates about the neighborhood's development and its amenities as our project moves forward.

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