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 5th 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)

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

**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 4th 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](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)

**Transbay Center.** Dubbed the “Grand Central Station of the West,” a 1 million square-foot Phase 1 Transit Center at 1st and Mission is projected to be completed in 2017.
- Website: [http://transbaycenter.org](http://transbaycenter.org)

**CityPlace Retail complex.** This proposed project on Market Street between 5th and 6th involves 250,000 square feet of new value-based retail.
- Website: [http://www.discovercityplace.com/](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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