Better Market Street proposes new sidewalk paving that is accessible, durable and easily maintained. Sidewalk use zones will be delineated using variations in paving materials and the scale, proportion and color of those materials. The design of paving patterns will result in an urban design that is memorable and unique to Market Street.

A Pedestrian Realm Focus Group working with the project team and the Mayor’s Office on Disability, evaluated the sidewalk paving on Market Street. The resulting report recommended replacing the brick on Market Street with a safe, durable and smooth paver. And in 2018, San Francisco adopted a paving standard for city sidewalks that requires concrete pavers to have joints at least 18” apart.

Market Street has uniquely oblique intersections. The sidewalk paving design will highlight this characteristic through paving color and texture.

The project intends to reuse the existing granite curbs throughout the corridor, either as curbs or site furnishings.

A delineation zone is needed between the pedestrian walkway and bikeway. A study was conducted in summer 2019 to select a detectable separation material. The trapezoid shape is recommended.