



# Archaeology at the Temporary Terminal Site

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## Memorandum of Agreement

### **MOA outlines steps to be taken regarding archaeological resources.**

- Prepare draft archaeological research design and treatment plan (ARDTP):
  - Identify types of archaeological properties
  - Identify research themes
  - Propose archaeological testing
- Submit the Draft ARDTP for review and comment by MOA signatories
- Revise Draft ARDTP per comments
- Execute agreed upon archaeological testing
- Prepare final report to document findings



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# Archaeological Research Design and Treatment Plans

An archaeological research design and treatment plan (ARDTP) to be considered and prepared for each area of work.

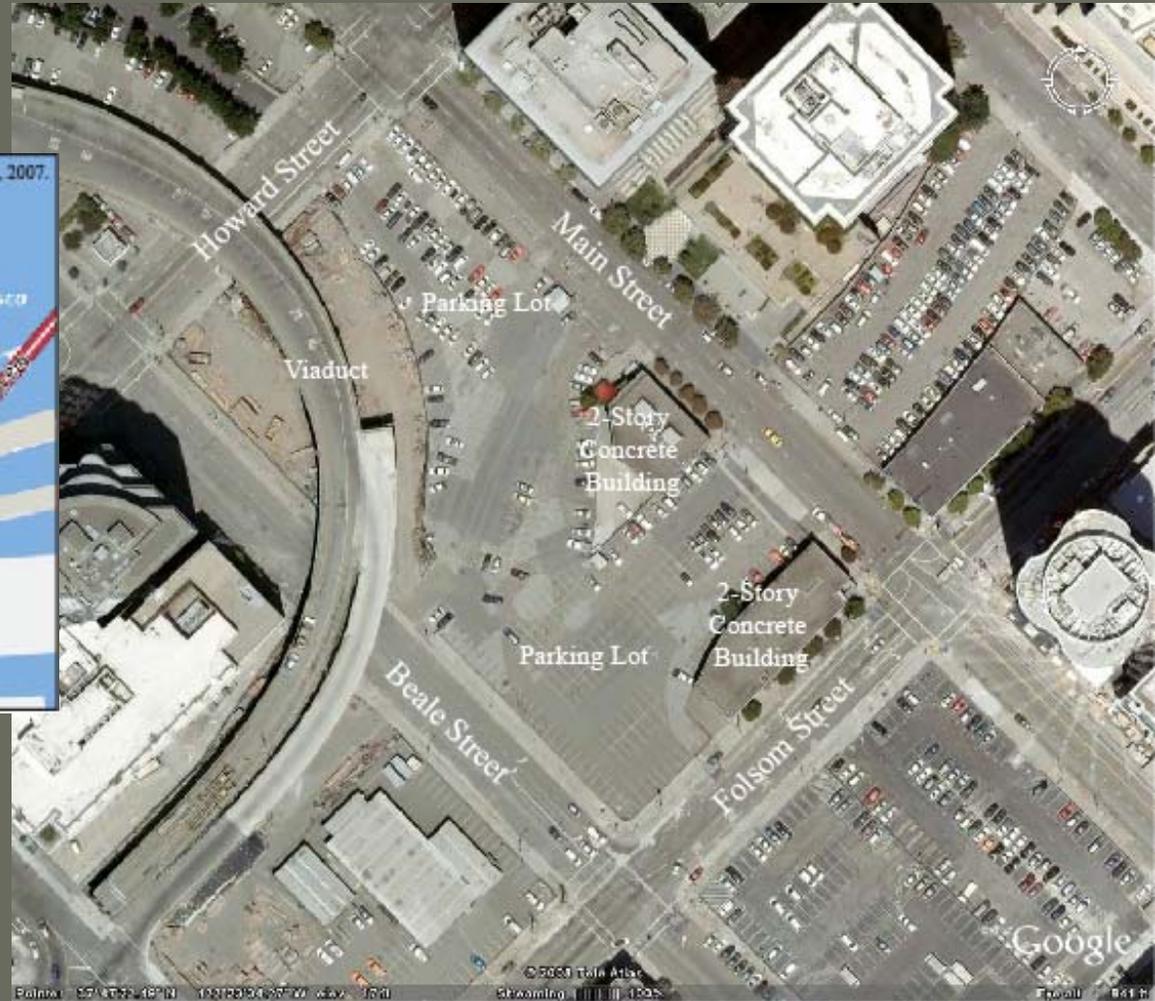
**These include:**

- Temporary Terminal  
Draft ARDTP submitted to MOA signatories for comment
- Bus Storage
- Utility Relocation / New Transit Center Foundation
- DTX Alignment



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# Temporary Terminal Site Existing Conditions





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# Temporary Terminal Site Gold Rush Era

- Located almost entirely within the waters of Yerba Buena Cove
- Single building (Building 22) constructed in the southern corner



Source: U.S. Coast Survey 1853



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# Temporary Terminal Site View from Rincon Hill, 1851



Temporary Terminal Site

Howard Street

Fremont Street

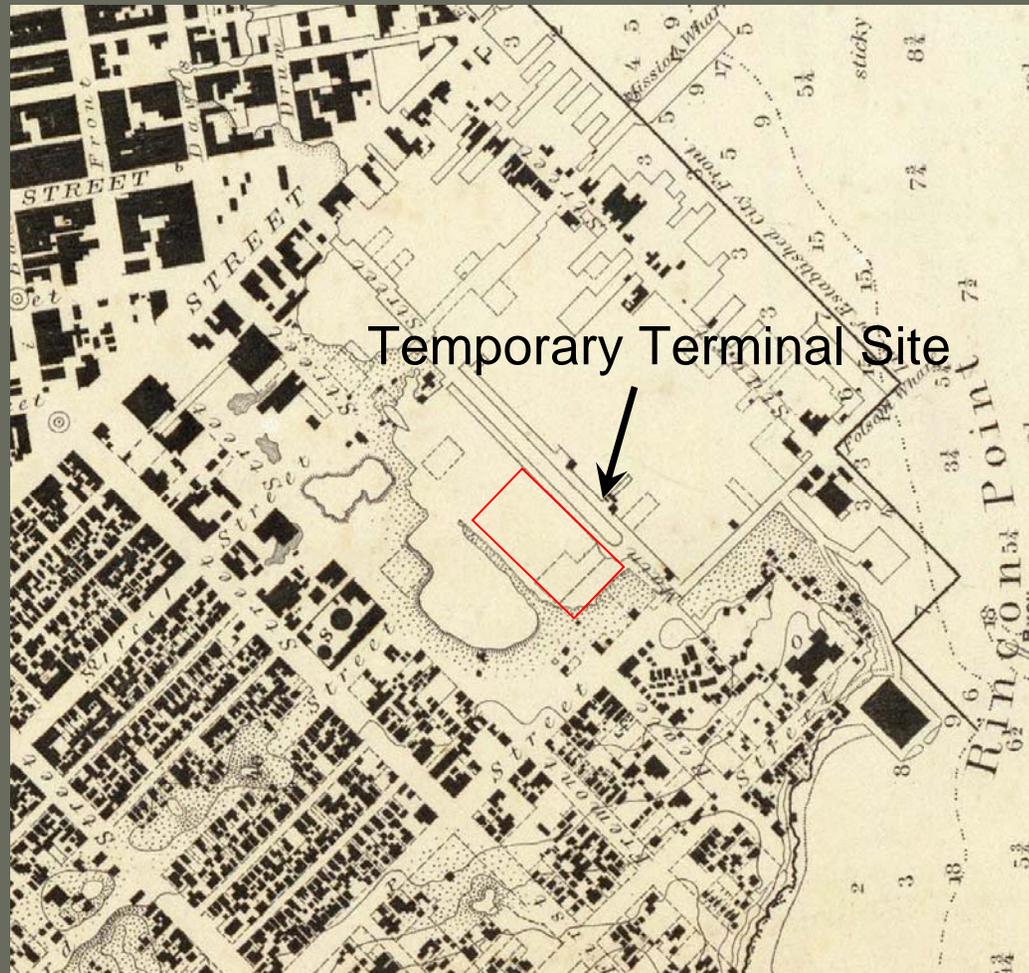
Building 22



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# Temporary Terminal Site Filling the Cove

- Block has been partially filled
- Structures along Folsom Street
- Bounded by Main Street double wharf



Source: U.S. Coast Survey 1859



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# Gifford's Birds-Eye View, 1864

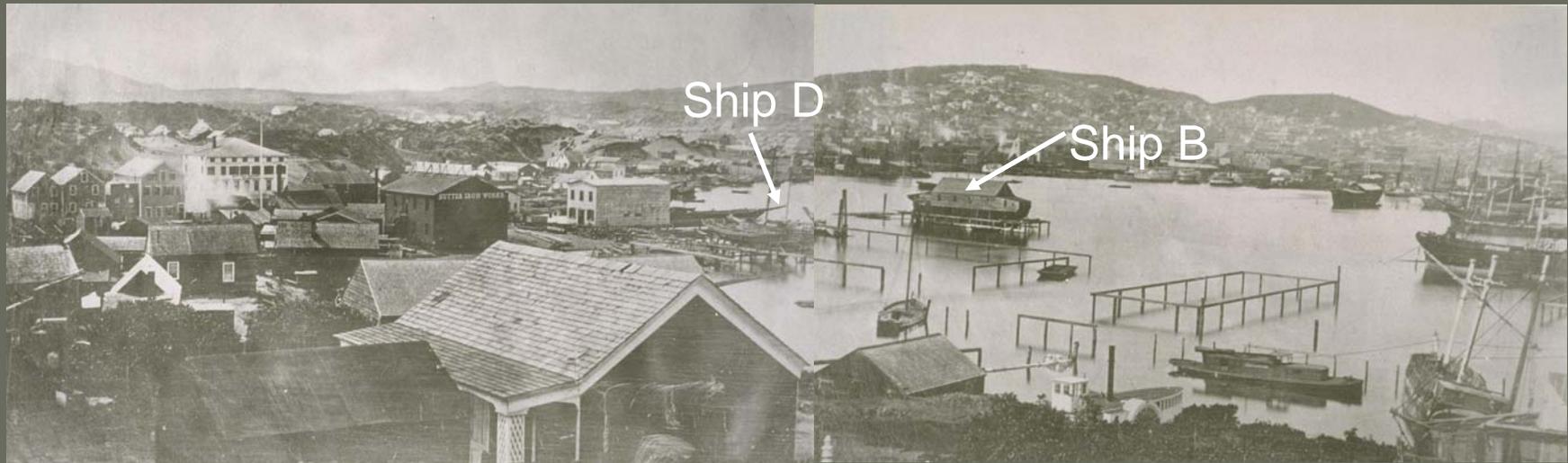


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## Temporary Terminal Site Abandoned Ships



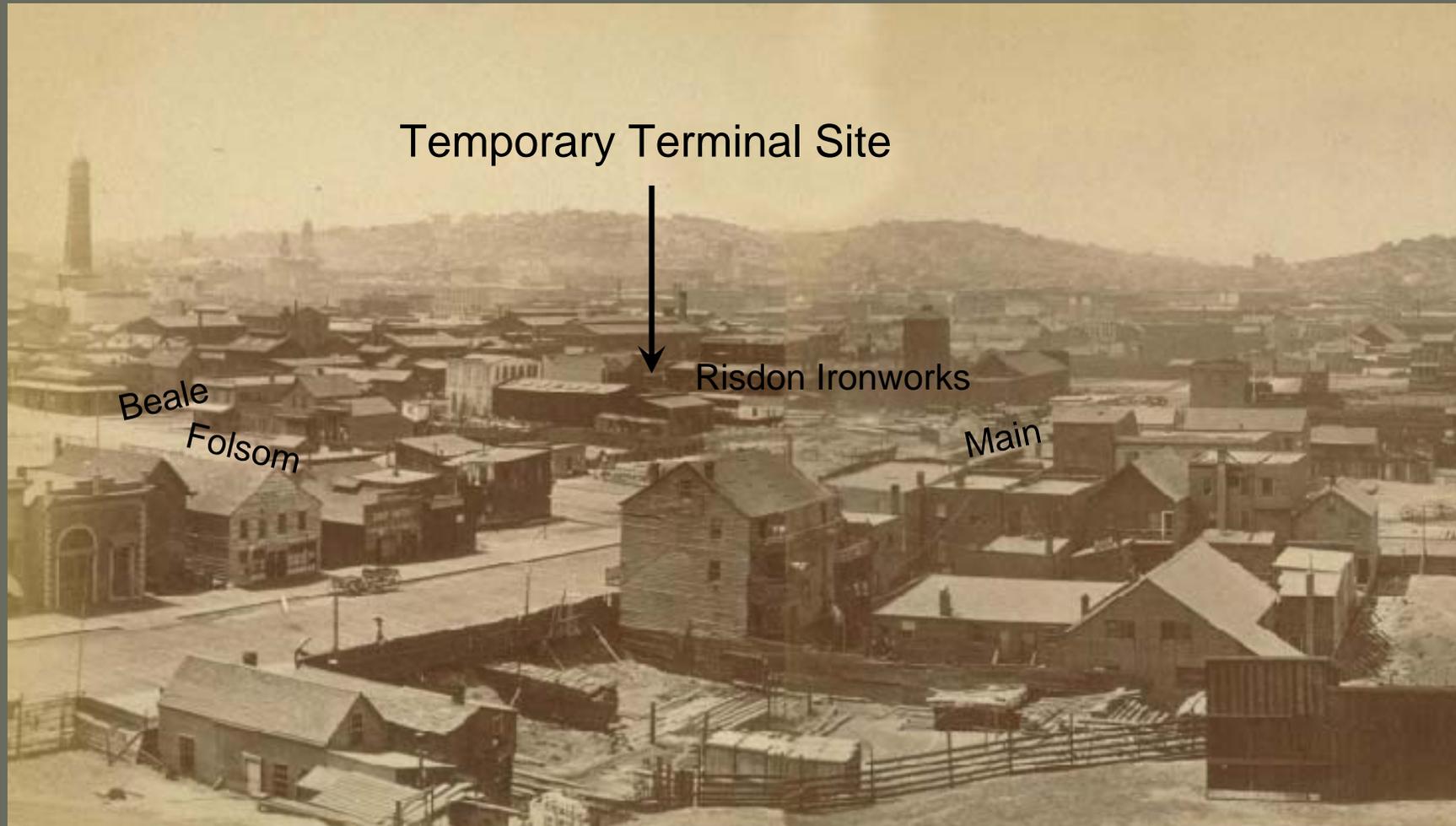
Shew Panorama, 1853

- **Ship B** – abandoned, roofed over and used for storage in 1853; by 1857 it had been removed or dismantled and covered by fill
- **Ship D** - appears in 1852-1853 photos; no evidence of remains found during 1990 borings; Temporary Terminal construction will not disturb soil to depth below fill
- Ship remains potentially buried under 10-18 ft. of historic fill



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# Temporary Terminal Site Industrial Development



View from Harrison and Main, 1872

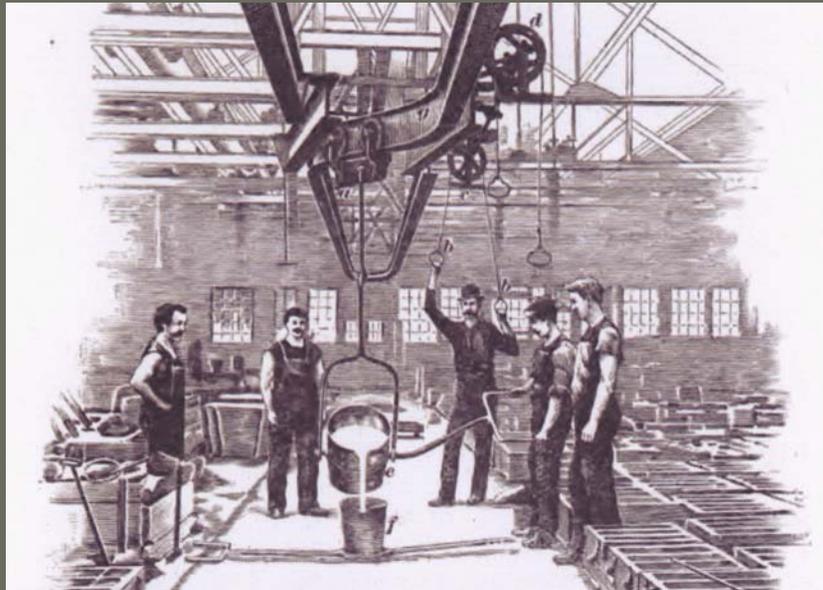


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# Temporary Terminal Site Industries, 1887

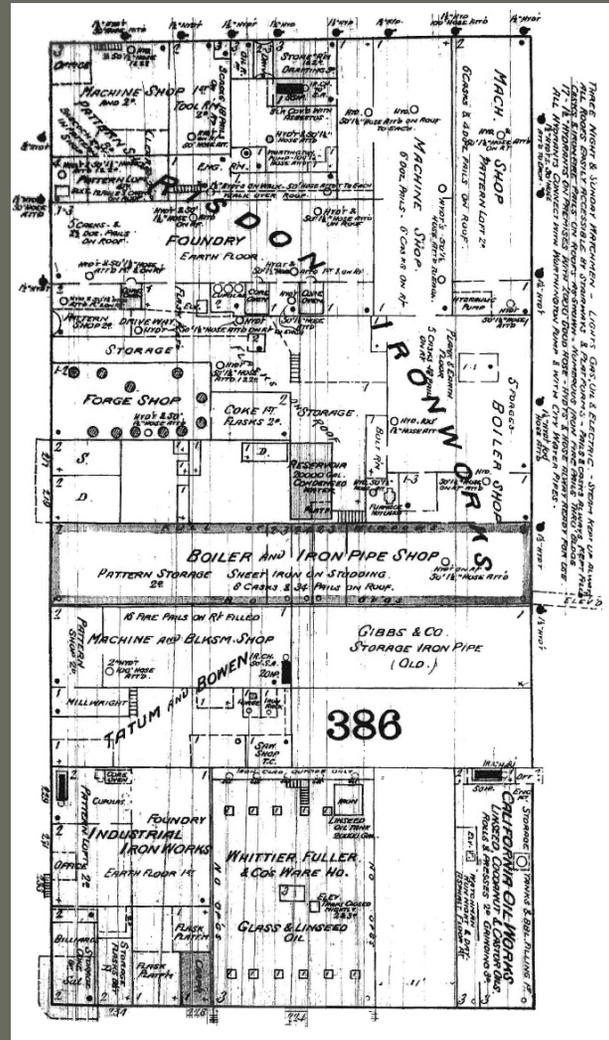
Howard

- Risdon Ironworks (est. 1868)
- Tatum & Bowen (machine and blacksmith shop)
- Industrial Ironworks
- Whittier Fuller & Co. Warehouse
- California Oil Works



Beale

Main



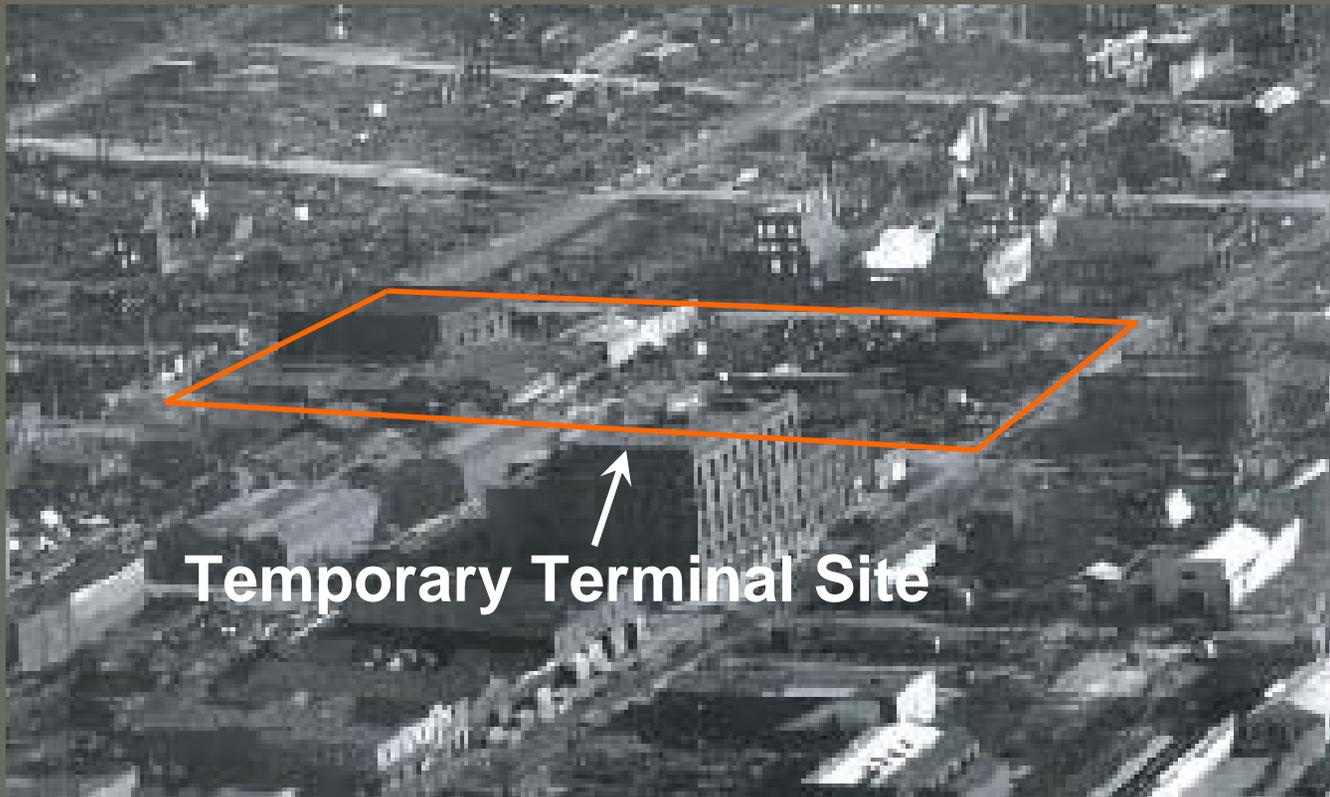
Folsom

Source: 1887  
Sanborn Map



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# 1906 Earthquake & Fire



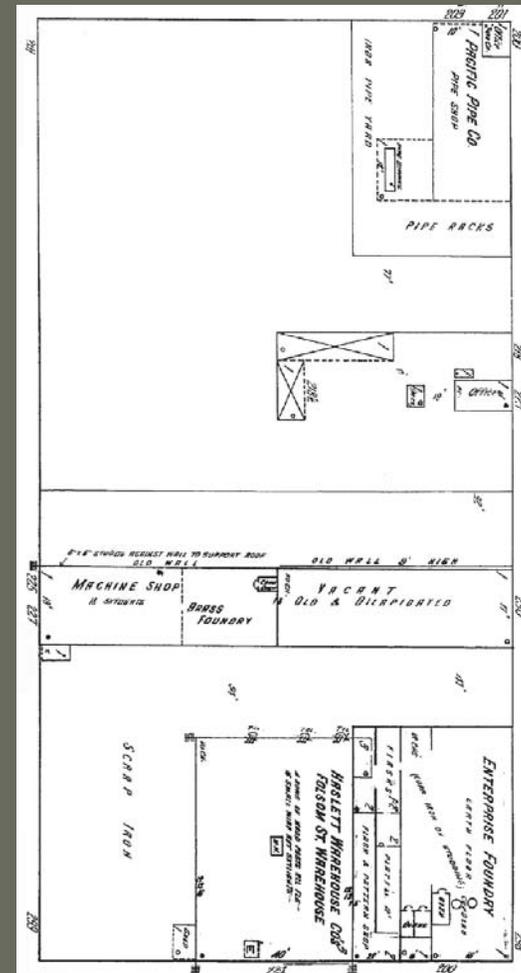


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# Temporary Terminal Site Post-quake Rebuilding

- Most of site vacant land in 1913
- Pacific Pipe Co.
- Machine Shop
- Brass Foundry
- Enterprise Foundry
- Haslett Warehouse
- Scrap Iron Storage
- Vacant Building

Beale



Howard

Main

Folsom

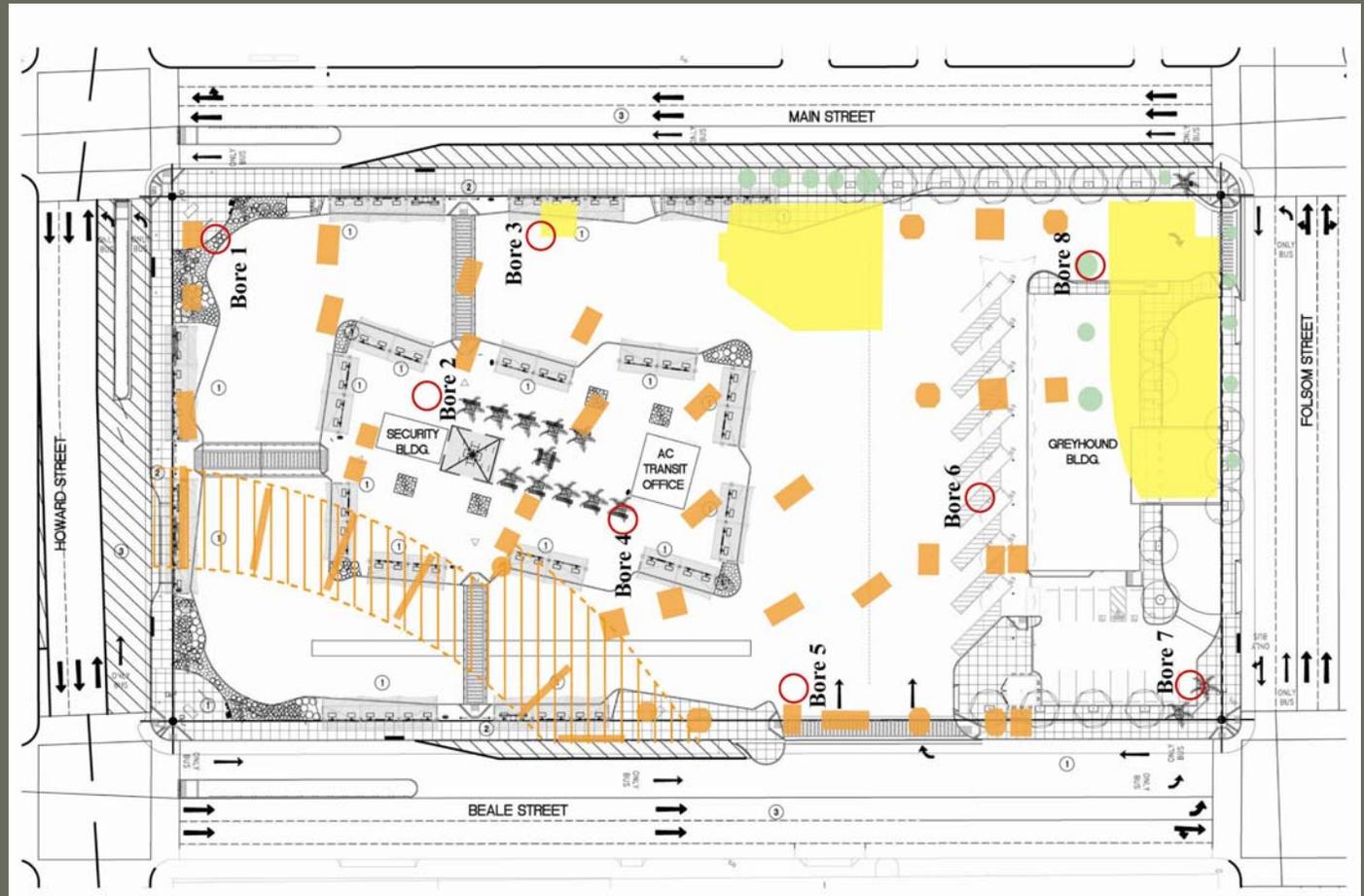
Source: 1913 Sanborn Map



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# Temporary Terminal Site Previous Disturbance

- Transbay Viaduct
- Footings for SF-480
- Soil Bores
- Buildings





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# Temporary Terminal Site Proposed Testing Program

- 5 test trenches (each 3 ft. wide, 4 ft. deep)
- Intact archaeological deposits limited by previous disturbance
- Testing limited to areas of proposed ground disturbance for current project
- Testing designed to identify archaeological deposits that are potentially eligible for listing in the NRHP

