



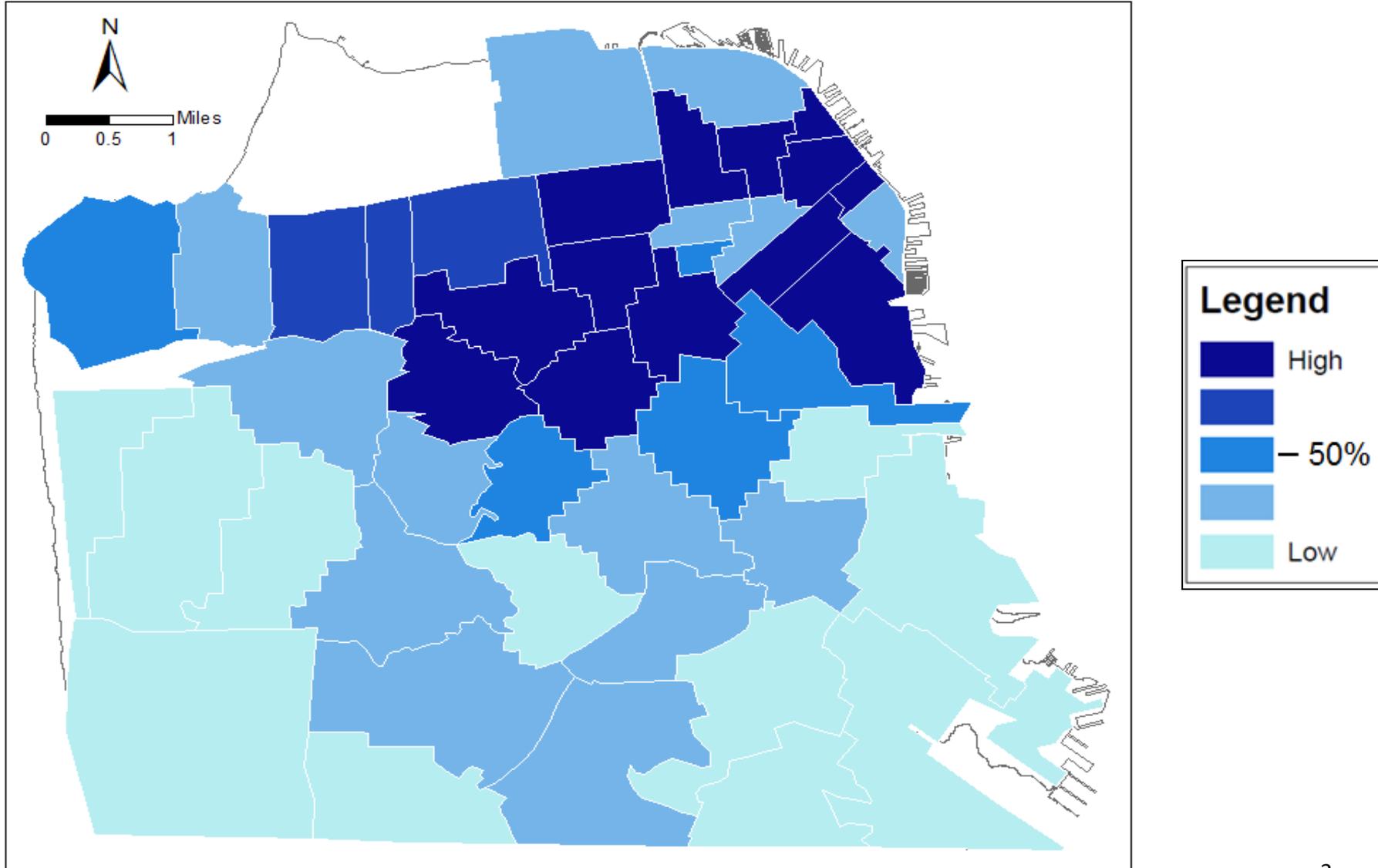
# Assessment of Fire Suppression Options for Westside

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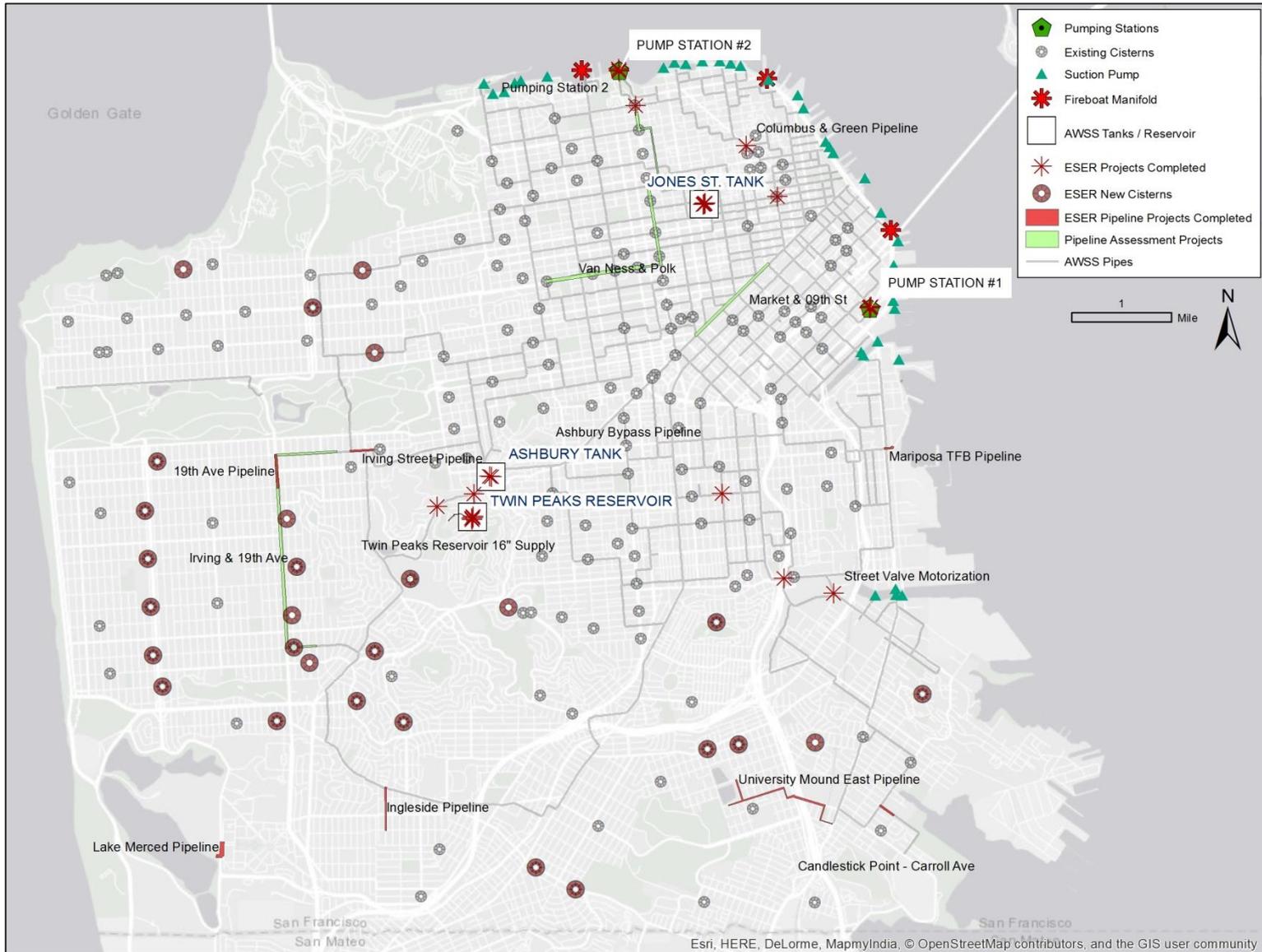
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- Since 2010 - SFPUC, SFFD, and Public Works have been implementing projects to improve the AWSS.
- SFFD is the end user: System improvements and expansion **must meet SFFD quality standards.**
- SFPUC employs the City's experts in the design, construction, operation & maintenance of water systems.
- SF Public Works provides project management expertise and guidance
- Hydraulic Modeling utilized to guide decision making.

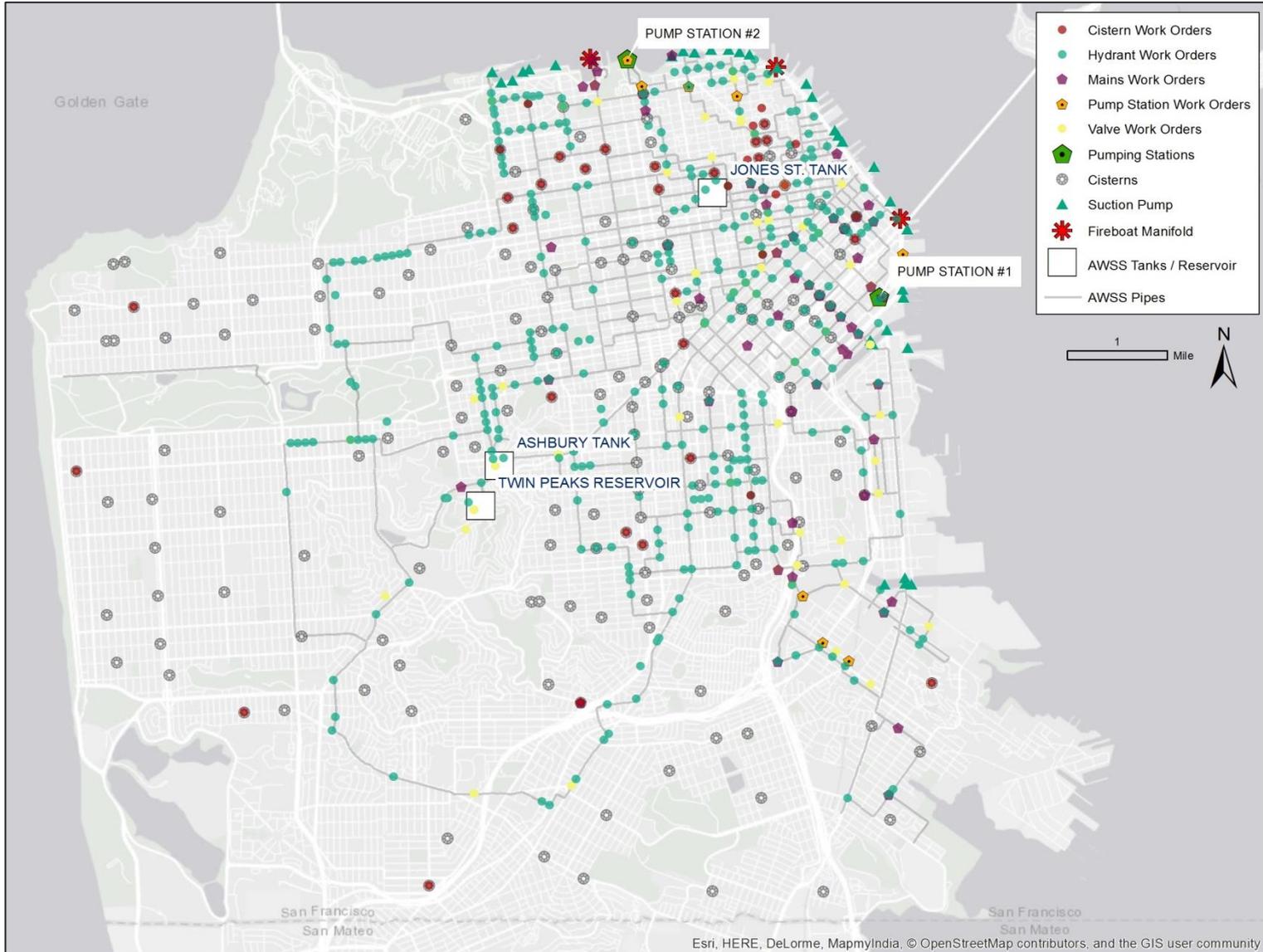
# Reliability in 2010



# Achievements – Capital Projects



# Achievements – Maintenance



# Work in Progress

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- Connecting the 70 million gallon South Basin of the University Mound Reservoir to AWSS;
- 16 pipeline and tunnel projects – including Ocean Ave., Lake Merced, and Ingleside pipelines;
- Continued motorizing of valves for remote control, and improvement of their electronic control system;
- Structural and seismic upgrades of Seawater pump station #2; and
- Design of pump station at Lake Merced.

# Development Projects

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- Large Development Projects install AWSS pipes within their development boundaries.
- SFFD & SFPUC negotiate with Developers for projects outside of the development boundaries.
  - **Mission Rock**
  - **Mission Bay**
  - **Pier 70**
  - **Potrero Powerplant**
  - **Potrero HopeSF**
  - **Sunnydale HopeSF**
  - **Park Merced**
  - **Candlestick**
  - **Hunters Point/Shipyard**
  - **Executive Park**
  - **Visitation Valley**
  - **India Basin**

## March 2017 - Government and Audit Oversight Committee request:

1. Report analyzing options for Westside :
  - a) AECOM Contracted to analyze 12 options:
    - i. Expansion of AWSS – 7 options
    - ii. Installation of a Potable AWSS – 5 options
  - b) Collaborative review of report by SFPUC & SFFD
  - c) Final recommendation by Chief and General Manager
  
2. Independent Review by 3rd party expert
  - a) Professor Charles Scawthorn to perform review

- **Designed to meet the robust performance standards required by SFFD to fight large fires.**
- Utilizes the **same or better** earthquake resistant pipes, seismically-reliable valves, hydrants, and components utilized by the AWSS.
- In addition, system rated to meet drinking water standards:
  - During non-fires, minimal connections to low-pressure water system by seismically reliable valves.
  - If fire occurs, valves are closed and the pressure of the system is increased via redundant pumps.
  - **Main Ancillary Benefit:**  
**After firefighting following an earthquake, system is able to provide drinking water to the Sunset and Richmond Districts even if the City's low-pressure drinking water distribution system incurs numerous breaks and leaks.**

- Options 1-7: Expansion of AWSS
- Options 8-12: Potable AWSS
- **Criteria for Analysis:**
  - Modeled and analyzed for hydraulic performance fighting fires after a 7.8 earthquake.
  - Reliability of water supplies
  - Design of piping network
  - Impacts to other areas served by AWSS
  - Ancillary benefits
  - Cost

# Analysis of AWSS Options

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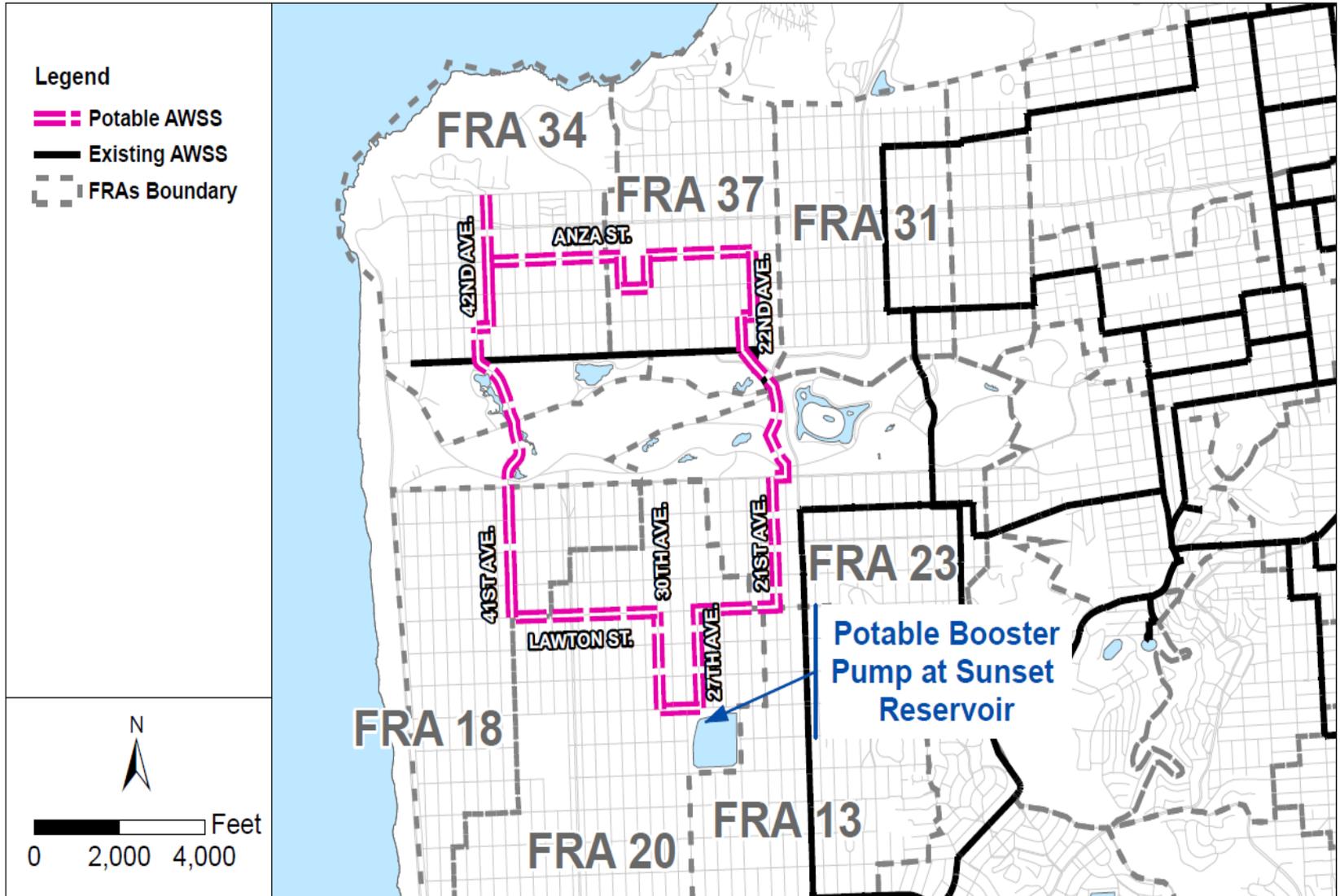
- Modeling results show there is **not enough supply and pressure in the current AWSS** to effectively serve the Richmond District.
- Piping network can be configured to increase pressure in Richmond District, but it reduces pressures to below performance levels in other areas of City.
- There is **not enough pressure to reach the Sunset District.**
- Need to add supplies from Sunset Reservoir or Lake Merced.
- For about the same cost of an AWSS for Richmond District only, both the Richmond and Sunset districts can be served using a Potable AWSS network.

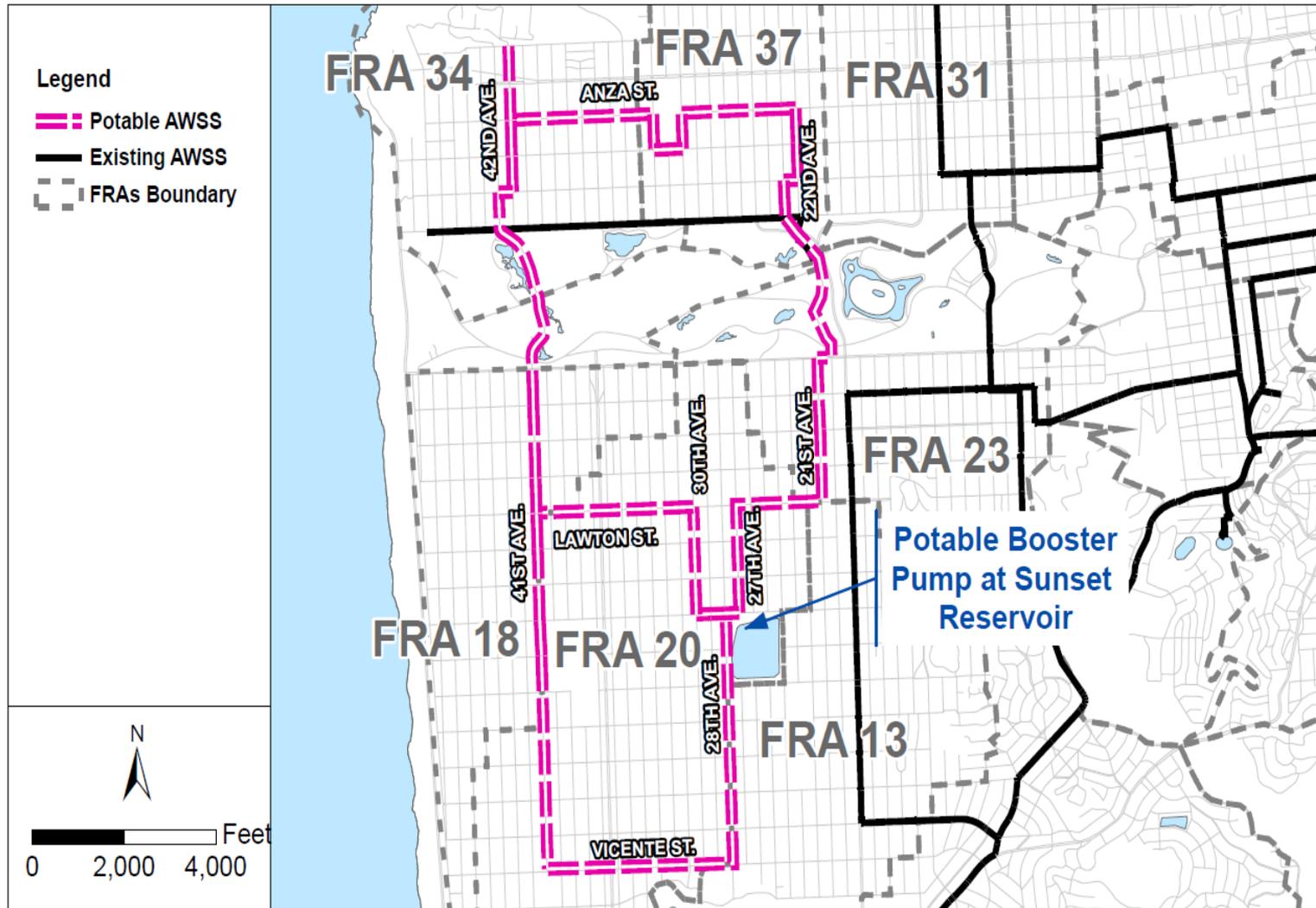
- Sunset Reservoir is the supply for Potable AWSS:
  - Connects to the seismically reinforced North Basin of Sunset Reservoir
  - The North Basin contains 90 million gallons of water, and is isolated from the South Basin.
  - The reservoir is constantly being replenished by the seismically strengthened Hetch Hetchy system, and will receive water within 24 hours of a big earthquake.
  - To empty the reservoir, ALL of the fire department's engines pumping at maximum capacity for 24 hours, with no refill from Hetchy System:
    - SFFD Confirmed they would never have all engines pumping from this reservoir.
    - Hetchy will refill it within 24 hours.

# Potable AWSS Piping Analysis

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- **Potable AWSS options 8-10:**
  - Lack redundancy in their pipe networks.
- **Potable AWSS options 11-12:**
  - Inherently greater reliability due to redundant looped pipe networks.
  - Meet the performance requirements of SFFD and SFPUC.
  - Do not negatively impact performance of existing AWSS.
  - Can be designed to assure post-earthquake reliability comparable to the existing AWSS reliability.



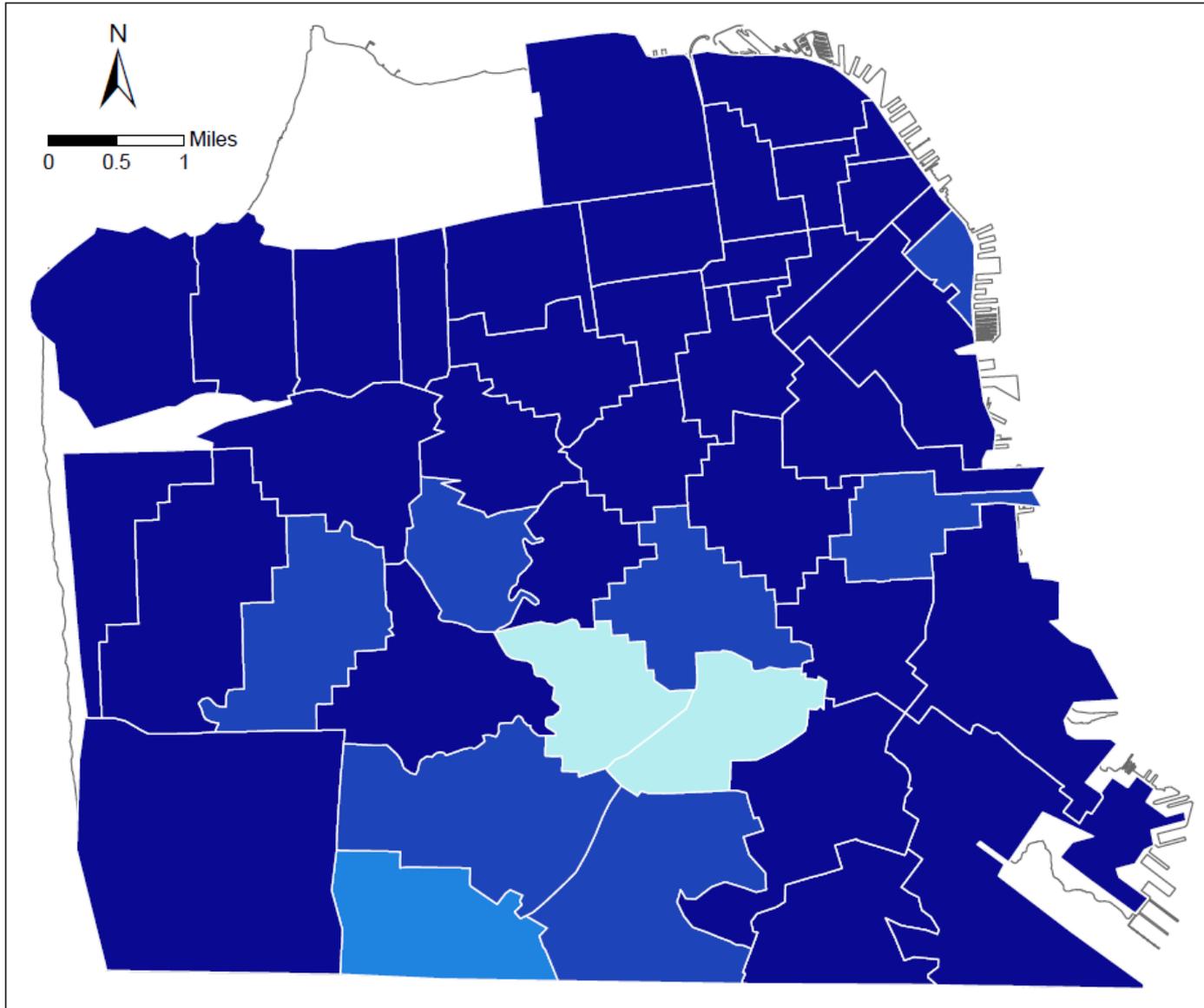


# SFPUC & SFFD Recommendation

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- SFPUC and SFFD Mgmt. recommend Option 12
- Perform rigorous reliability analyses and design to ensure performance requirements of SFFD are met.
- **Design for agility and the flexibility to add new technologies and water sources to the system in the future.**
- **Design to allow the piping network to be extended in the future to serve additional areas.**

# Reliability Scores – ESER Bond Projects & Option 12





# Cost of Preferred Option

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| Total Estimated Cost:                        | \$109 Million                                   |
| Available Funding from SFPUC Capital Budget: | \$40 million<br>(\$10 million/year for 4 years) |
| Estimated Total amount of Funding Needed:    | <b>\$69 million</b>                             |

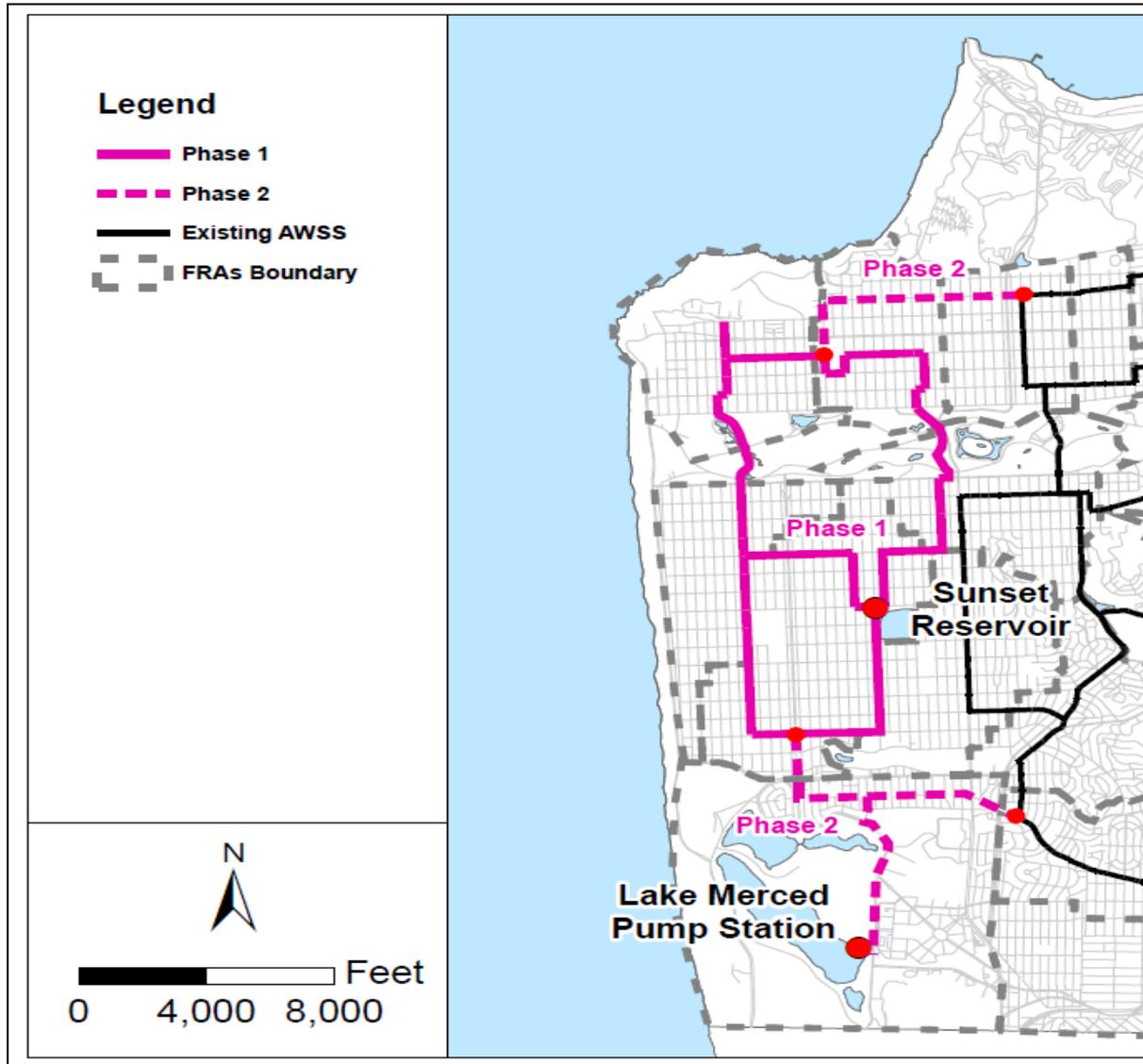
**Use SFPUC funds to begin work ASAP.**

# Prof. Scawthorn Independent Review

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- AWSS now and future needs to maintain high seismic reliability.
- Analyses are reasonable and a valuable source of information to select option(s). Continue with rigorous reliability analyses.
- Current AWSS shortfall to serve Richmond and Sunset districts.
- For about the same cost of AWSS for Richmond District only, both the Richmond and Sunset districts can be served using a Potable AWSS network.
- Due to its location, size and recent seismic reinforcement, Sunset Reservoir is a reasonable source.
- **A phased implementation program for option 12 is suggested resulting in an integrated, multi-sourced, redundant, highly reliable fire-suppression system for the Richmond and Sunset Districts.**

# Option 12 – Conceptual Future Integration



- Complete rigorous reliability analyses with SFFD and SF Public Works.
- Looking at environmental review
- Begin design work for Option 12, including thorough review of components (pumps, valves, etc.) by agencies.
  - Analyzing Richmond District pipeline alignments (1 vs. 2 east-west pipelines) and exact locations of North-south runs.
  - Develop plan for culturally competent outreach to residents and businesses on pipeline
- Work with CPC, Mayor's Office, and Board to analyze funding options for funding shortfall.
- Complete report looking at an Ocean Beach saltwater supply to feed into system.

Questions?