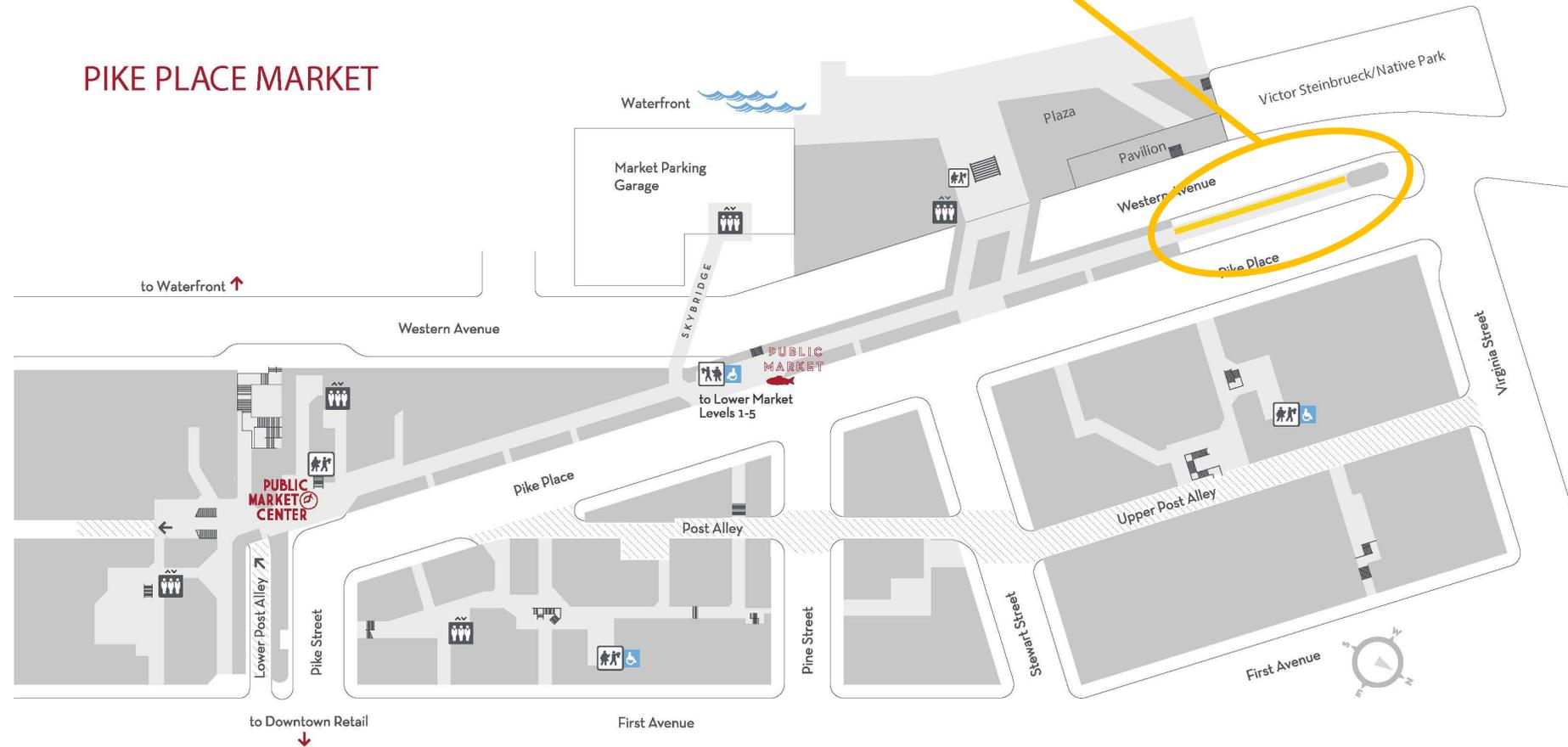




# Request for Extension - Installation of North Slab Grids

Design - Market Historic Commission

# North Arcade Slabs Grid Installation



# Safety

- The North Slabs have a steep drop on their Western edge, nearly 20' at slab #1
- Without the grids installed, there is only a 9" ledge
- North slabs are the site of several incidents resulting in injury/permanent disability and liability claims against the PDA
- The PDA would like to prevent future catastrophic falls – while these grids are important to our vendors, they would also serve as a safety barrier.



# History of the Slabs

## 2016

These grids were kept as removeable due to previous concern around view obstruction.

## 2017

The MarketFront Pavilion structure was constructed, which now takes up a significant majority of the view from this area.

## 2024

PDA sought permanent installation of grids to ease Daystall vendor use. Received *temporary* approval from MHC (June – October), not permanent approval due to beliefs that vendors did not wish to utilize the slabs.

## 2025

PDA received 12-month approval for year-round installation of the grids, while we explored other design options for this space.



# Installation Area & Overview

## Location

- North Slabs – Accommodates 24 Market Daystall Craft Permit Holders.

## For MHC Approval

- One-year extension of our previous approval for year round, continuous installation of 24 grids to the existing brackets mounted to the concrete slabs.
- We previously received temporary approval for grid installation for March 26, 2025 – March 26, 2026.

## Installation Process

- Use 2 HEX bolts per bracket, to ensure the grids are stable and unable to be removed without a special key
- This process does allow for removal to accommodate any future repairs



# Daystall Craft Use

- The North Slabs are designated as a craft-preferred area in both the Hildt-Licata and Daystall Rules & Regulations.
- Without continuous installation, craftspeople are required to install heavy grids each day and remove after use.
- Use of the North Slabs decreased since 2016 due to the physical constraints related to daily installation and removal.
  - Only a select few are physically able to install grids.
  - The grids are very heavy and require careful installation into slots on the ledge over Western Ave.
- The loose grids and exposed slots have been subject to vandalism and theft.
- Year-round approval is necessary rather than seasonal, as our program operates 363 days/year and our vendors should be able to safely utilize this space as weather permits.



# Daystall Craft Use – Current Numbers & Feedback

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Usage of the North Slabs has increased by **30%** since the grids were continuously installed (March 2025)

- 560 uses between March 2025 – February 2026 (*compared to 430 uses prior year, which included 3-month temporary approval period, June – October, with increased usage*)
- 8 new individual users have been able to utilize the North Slabs since grids were continuously installed

*"Having the grids installed full time has allowed me to set up on the slabs much more easily. What was physically impossible for me before has become more manageable. I set up on the slabs nearly every day that's not too windy or rainy. It feels much safer to be out there now, for vendors and for visitors who sit out there as well. I'm looking forward to a great summer with activation along the entire street."*

*"Having grids permanently installed on the outside slabs at Pike Place Market has been extremely convenient, especially during peak season when crowds start pouring into the Market early in the morning while we're still setting up our displays. The time saved last summer made a huge difference—setups were faster, displays looked more polished, and that absolutely translated into more sales and a better experience for visitors."*

*"For years I've seen people gathering on the outside slabs after the stalls close—eating their Market food while kids play on top of the slabs. Having that extra barrier as a safety measure to prevent falls onto Western Avenue feels like a no-brainer. Permanent grid installation adds an important layer of safety for everyone using the space."*

*"Outside slab setups are pretty intensive and having the grids in place saves my assistants tons of time and effort. Also, setting them up daily, particularly closer to the Main Arcade, seems pretty unsafe. Standing on any of the first several outside slabs holding and trying to seat the grids in the individual post holes is really scary. Not having to install and uninstall them daily is WAY SAFER!"*

*"Having the grids up has been great. I setup on the outside slabs year round and it saves me time and feels safer."*

# Design Application Grid Installation Details

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*\*No changes to the design or installation from previous application*

# Fabricated Grid Specs

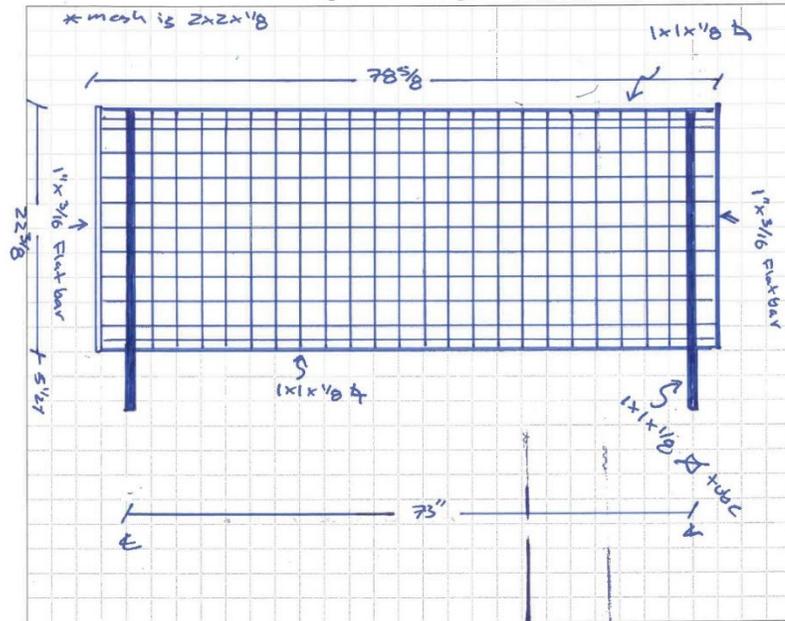
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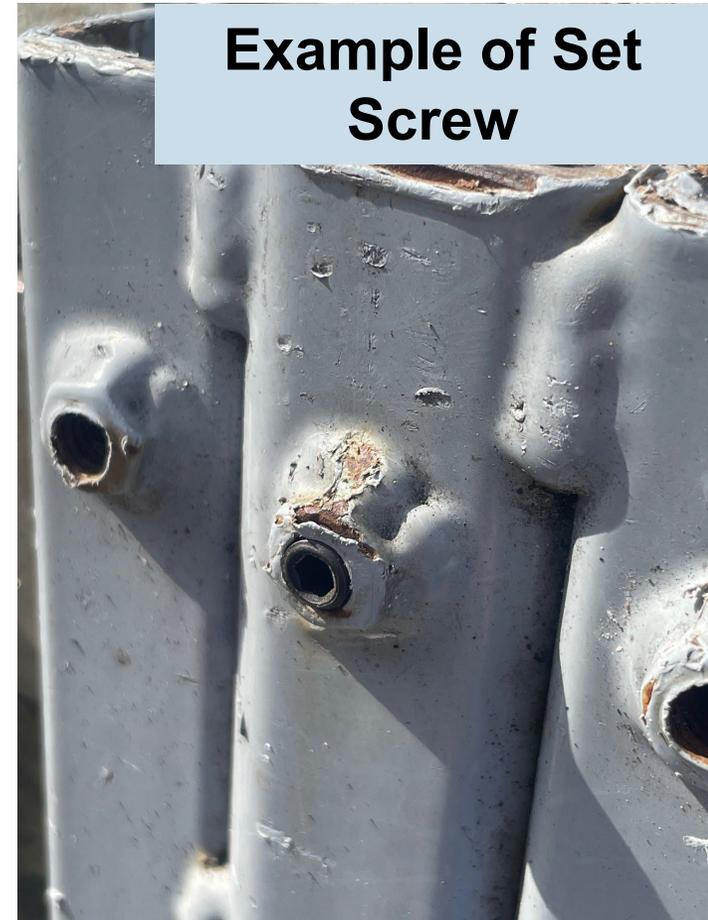
# Visual of Fabricated Grids Installed



# Installation Process

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- Use 2 Set Screws per bracket, to ensure the grids are stable and unable to be removed without a special key.
- The Set Screws will lay flat with the brackets.



Not in Use



In Use



## Looking North towards Victor Steinbrueck Park



## Looking Up from Western Ave



## Looking South West



## Before Installation



## After Installation

