

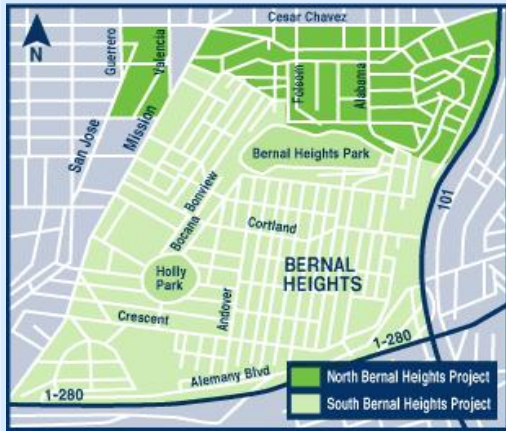
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**NORTH BERNAL HEIGHTS
TRAFFIC CALMING PROJECT**



**KICKOFF ON
JANUARY 11 A
HUGE SUCCESS**

Thanks to everyone who
attended DPT's
Community Meeting at
Leonard Flynn
Elementary School on
January 11! Over fifty
residents were introduced
to traffic calming



important concern. The graph below shows what issues were important to Bernal Heights.

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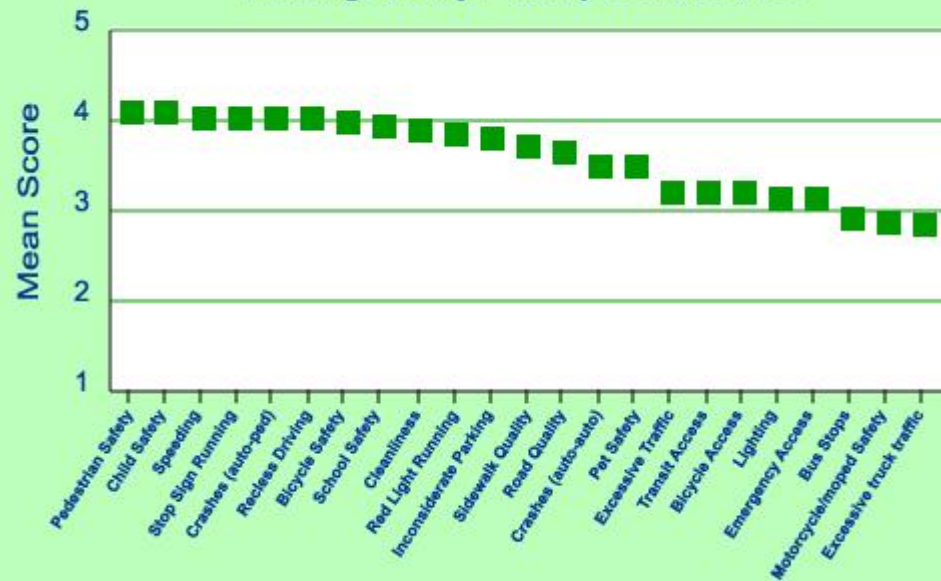
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Working Group

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NORTH BERNAL HEIGHTS COMMUNITY SURVEY Rankings of Major Transportation Issues



Respondents ranked issues on a scale of 1-5 with 5 indicating the most amount of concern.

Over one-fifth of respondents thought Precita Avenue needed attention, particularly to address safety in the Precita Park area. Folsom Street was also a big concern.

The survey also showed us how Bernal Heights commutes. More than two-thirds used a car, and about one-third walked or took transit.

Your Voice Was Heard

DPT is grateful to those who gave us feedback at the first workshop, since it gave us a strong basis to begin designing draft traffic calming solutions for the traffic issues in Bernal Heights. DPT is thrilled to have a strong basis to begin designing possible solutions to traffic issues in Bernal Heights! Those who attended the meeting agreed that Bernal Heights suffered from high traffic volumes, speeding, and safety problems for cars, pedestrians, and bicyclists. They also offered the names of streets in the greatest need of traffic calming: Precita, Folsom, Alabama and Stoneman/Coso.

Safety

Bernal residents pointed out that many streets are unpleasant for walking or bicycling, due to stop sign violations and some blind or confusing intersections such as Alabama at Precita, or Esmeralda at Nevada. They also felt that it was hard to access the Muni 67 bus route and Precita Park. The neighbors wanted bike lanes on Precita to provide bicyclists with a safer alternative to riding on Cesar Chavez.

Speeding

Nearly everyone noted that speeding cars made many Bernal streets scary for residents, particularly children, and made too much noise. Particular concern was expressed about speeding that occurred at the intersections on Stoneman and Coso, the intersections surrounding Precita Park and those intersections adjacent to the neighborhood's schools.

Traffic Volume

Meeting participants thought there were far too many cars in Bernal Heights, especially during the rush hour due to cut-through traffic from Cesar Chavez and Mission. They also noted the congestion on Folsom and Treat Avenue during school pick-up and drop-off periods.

North Bernal Heights Working Group

Twelve residents of Bernal Heights have generously offered their time to work with DPT on the North Bernal Heights Traffic Calming Project. The working group will provide the project team with feedback on potential measures and act as liaisons for you and your Bernal neighbors. Feel free to contact any of the following people with questions (click a person's name below to send an email), but as always, you are welcome to contact DPT directly. On February 20, the Working Group met and jointly developed a goal statement and program objectives, which have been reprinted below.

[Maxine Berg](#), 170 Peralta, 100 Precita Block Association

[Karen Adams](#), 27 Stoneman Street, St. Anthony's Social Action Committee & Parish Council, Northwest Bernal Alliance

[Kathy Bruin](#), 196 Precita

[Margie Wylie](#), 201 Precita, Northwest Bernal Alliance, Precita Valley Neighbors Association

[Linda Allan](#), 226 Precita, Precita Valley Neighbors Association, Responsible Pet-Owners for a Multi-use Precita Park

[Marsha Underhill](#), 1618 Alabama, Precita Valley Neighbors Association

[Kate Breen](#), 1697 Alabama

[Gary Richmond](#), 3312 Folsom, Precita Valley Neighbors Association

[Nancy Tucker](#), 154 Tiffany, Northwest Bernal Alliance

[Mat Zwerling](#), 99 Manchester

[Mary Wings](#), 1521 Treat Avenue, SF Bike Coalition, Precita Valley Neighbors, NW Bernal Alliance, Responsible Pet-Owners for a Multi-use Precita Park

[Margie Ellison](#), 314 Precita, On the Park

Goal Statement

"To improve neighborhood livability by calming traffic in Bernal Heights to promote safe and pleasant conditions for all users of local streets."

Program Objectives

- 1) Encourage through traffic to remain on arterials like Mission and Cesar Chavez.
- 2) Avoid the shifting of traffic on one residential street to another residential street
- 3) Calm the neighborhood's residential streets with particular attention to Folsom, Alabama, Precita, and Stoneman/Coso.
- 4) Reduce vehicular noise.
- 5) Accommodate MUNI and emergency vehicles.

- 6) Improve access for bikes and pedestrians.
- 7) Improve safety for all users of the neighborhood streets.
- 8) Create a beautiful and friendly streetscape that will enhance community.