

PROJECT BACKGROUND



Many northwest Bernal Heights neighbors have expressed concerns with a lack of parking availability in the neighborhood. The fact that many homes do not have a garage, that there are no existing regulations and that there is no street sweeping on some streets have made parking even harder for many.

Residents have petitioned the SFMTA to examine the possibility of using residential parking permit regulations (RPP) to better manage parking.

SFMTA STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Like many neighborhoods that petition for RPP regulations, northwest Bernal Heights has too many cars competing for curbside parking.

The SFMTA conducted a study which showed that 59 percent of vehicles parked were registered to owners who did not live in the northwest Bernal Heights RPP pilot area.

The neighborhood's parking availability is impacted by people coming from outside of the neighborhood, as well as the density of cars owned and parked on the street by residents. Given this situation, staff are proposing two pilot measures to help increase parking availability for residents:

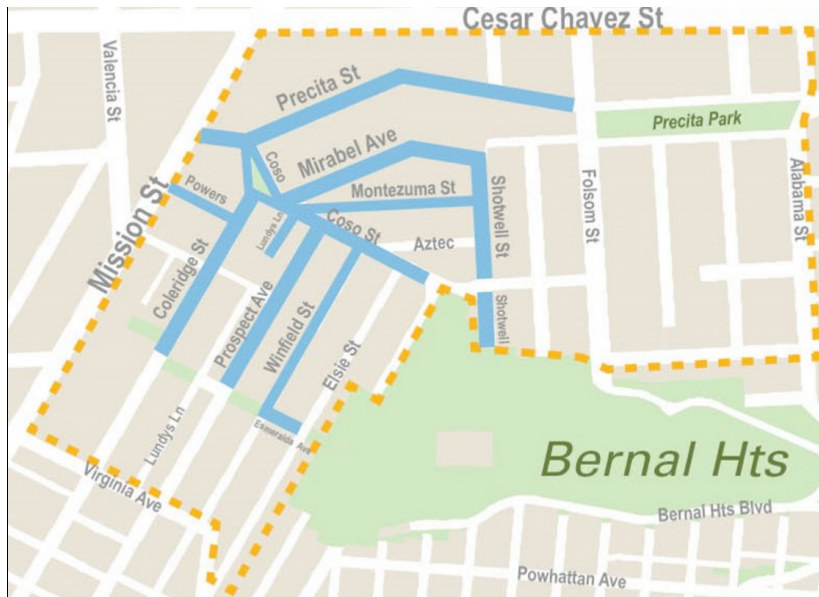
1. One RPP permit per driver
2. Two RPP permits per household

KEY FACTS

- No decision has been made
- The SFMTA is presenting data and recommendations to the community
- Community decision: RPP is only implemented on the blocks where the majority of residents vote for it
- Since two pilot measures are now being proposed, residents will have another opportunity to vote on RPP
- On the northwest Bernal Heights blocks proposed for RPP, 59% of vehicles parked are not registered to people who live on those streets
- In RPP areas citywide: 71% of households have 1 permit and 23% of households have 2 permits

PLANNING AREA WITH INITIAL PROPOSAL

This map illustrates the planning area (in orange) and the blocks (in blue) where more than 50% of residents voted in favor of RPP without the pilot measures.



PROJECT OUTREACH & NEXT STEPS

- **June/July 2015** - SFMTA staff attend two community-organized meetings to provide general information about the RPP program and process.
- **Fall 2015** - The SFMTA creates and hosts an online survey where residents can vote for or against RPP on their street.
- **December 2016** - The SFMTA hosts a public meeting to share findings on parking in the neighborhood and possible next steps for the community.
- **April 2017** - The SFMTA presents RPP recommendations to neighbors and details the next steps and decision that neighbors can make.
- **May 2017** - Residents can vote for or against RPP, with the two pilot measures, on their block.
- **Summer 2017** - SFMTA staff will tabulate the responses and share them with the community. Blocks that vote in majority for RPP will be brought to the SFMTA Board of Directors for approval if one mile of street frontage has voted in favor of RPP (per the the city's Transportation Code.)

DATA POINTS

- In the northwest Bernal Heights RPP planning area, there are approx. 1,900 housing units and approx. 1,400 on-street parking spaces (.76 spaces/unit)
- Responses to a city survey of northwest Bernal Heights found that 47% of respondents have access to off-street parking
- U.S. Census Tract data from the North Bernal area shows that:
 - 72% of households have 1 or 2 cars (n=2,295)
 - 19% of households have 0 cars (n=605)
 - 9% of households have 3 or more cars (n=294)