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Meeting Minutes

Community Working Group North of Geary Area (16th to 24th Aves, Geary to Lake) April 17, 2007

Introductions

Attendees: Steven Miller, Ari Kanter, Maggie Visser, William Sheppard, Mike Sallaberry (MTA), Dan Provence (MTA)
Absent: O'Neil Dennis, Luis Ubinas

Review and discussion of concerns from survey and February 13, 2007 community meeting

16th Avenue

- Concerns not totally clear

California

- Double parking near the ballet school at 17th Ave
- Double parking delays traffic and buses and encourages vehicles to use Lake
- Loading zones possible?
- California is an arterial, so traffic should be encouraged to use that street
- Discourage more STOP signs along California
- Look for other ways to increase pedestrian safety along California

California vs. Lake

- California used to carry more vehicles
- Now Lake has fewer STOP signs (4 vs. 3) between 25th Ave and Park Presidio Blvd.
- Drivers use path of least resistance – Lake
- Do more to encourage vehicles to stay on California, the arterial

17th Avenue/ Geary

- Potential gateway treatment?
- Bleak pedestrian area; possible location for trees?

18th Ave between Geary and Clement

- A church and YMCA brings more traffic to 18th
- There is a high level of speeding between Geary and Clement, especially at night

- A development with about 50-80 residences is planned; is there a potential for traffic mitigation?

18th Ave between Clement and California

- Rec Center draws a lot of pedestrians
- Need to improve pedestrian crossings at 18th and Clement

19th and 20th Aves

- No comments submitted at community meeting or via survey

21st Ave near Geary

- Some cut through traffic is encouraged since there is no signal at 22nd Ave
- This may be balanced out since vehicles can't turn left off of Geary at 21st, but they can at 22nd Ave

General concern about speeding on all Avenues

- Especially between Geary and Clement

21st and Lake

- STOP sign request
- Maybe improving site lines by limiting tall vehicles or creating small red zones may help
- STOP sign at 17th and California made traffic worse on Lake

22nd Ave between California and Clement

- Alamo school should get extra attention
- Also on 23rd (the other side of school)

Muni drivers going to pick up passengers on the express routes sometimes speed on residential, non-bus route streets

Project Goals

- The project will look to lower 85th percentile speeds to close to 25 MPH and definitely below 30MPH
- A survey at the end of the project will ask for people's feel about things like pedestrian safety and aesthetics

Next Steps

- We will work to gather speed and volume data for locations discussed at this meeting and for locations brought up by the greater community by survey and at the community meeting
- Once that data is collected, we will hold another working group meeting, probably in June or July