

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The SFMTA is currently conducting public outreach on how to make 20th Avenue safer and more comfortable for people walking and biking. The 20th Avenue Neighborway project will investigate a variety of traffic calming measures aimed at creating a “neighborway,” which is defined as a residential street with low volumes of auto traffic and low vehicle speeds where bicycles, pedestrians, and residents are given priority over motor vehicle traffic (especially “cut-through” traffic).

The goal of this project is to create a slow and calm street for people walking or biking to Golden Gate Park, Stern Grove, or other neighborhood destinations in the Sunset District. SFMTA is investigating traffic-calming infrastructure such as speed humps, traffic circles, paint improvements, signal upgrades, and traffic barriers/diverters to prioritize a route or routes through the neighborhood for people walking and biking. For more information, please contact project manager Dan Provence at Dan.Provence@sfmta.com.

PROJECT TIMELINE

Outreach/Planning - Summer 2017

Preliminary Design - Fall/Winter 2017

Legislation - Winter/Spring 2018

Detailed Design - Spring/Summer 2018

Construction - Fall 2018

WHAT IS A NEIGHBORWAY?

The “neighborway” isn’t a new concept. Neighborways are residential streets designed for low vehicle traffic and speeds, where children can play and people walking and biking are given priority. They’ve been implemented throughout the U.S. and Canada, with neighborway programs existing today in cities like Boston, Berkeley, Portland, and Louisville.





WHAT MAKES IT A NEIGHBORWAY?

The SFMTA uses some of the following infrastructure tools to make a slow and calm street:



Speed Humps to encourage slow & calm vehicle traffic



Traffic Circles to promote more efficient vehicle flow

Corner Bulbouts to slow turning vehicles and decrease pedestrian crossing distances



Traffic Diverters that allow bicycle through traffic and reduce vehicle “cut-through” traffic, thereby calming the street



Paint and Signs to serve as wayfinding for people walking and biking



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