



# Jordan Park-Laurel Heights Traffic Calming Kick Off

# Tonight's Agenda

- **Introductions** 6:05-6:10PM
- **You hear from us** 6:10-6:30PM
  - The what, why, who, where and when of Traffic Calming in San Francisco
- **We hear from you** 6:30-7:15PM
  - Your comments during/after this meeting
  - Area Map mark-up
- **Community Working Group** 7:15-7:25PM
  - Opportunity to sign up: Applications at front table
- **Wrap up/Close meeting** 7:25-7:45PM

# Traffic Calming

***Self-enforcing* physical measures which improve safety on the streets for all users**

## **Objectives:**

- **Reduce speeding and cut through traffic**
- **Improve pedestrian/bike safety and access**
- **Increase driver awareness**
- **Prevent shifting the problem**
- **Enhance aesthetics**
- **Work with education and enforcement efforts**

# Principles and Policies

- **Learn from successful and unsuccessful efforts**
- **Consider limited funds and high demand**
- **Coordinate construction with other city projects**
- **Consider traffic diversion impacts**
- **Maintain neighborhood access and circulation**

# Process of the Project

- Application submitted by residents
- SFMTA analysis to determine acceptance or rejection
- Accepted projects ranked by severity of issues
- Highest ranking projects selected

TRAFFIC CALMING Request Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Neighborhood: \_\_\_\_\_

● In general what are your concerns about the traffic in your area? (please check all that apply)

Speeding    Cut-through traffic    Frequent crashes    Exhibition driving (such as "donuts")

Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

● Are there specific streets or intersections that you would like to make safer? If so, please list them.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

● What concerns you about these locations?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

● Check if the problem involves a local school?  School name: \_\_\_\_\_

● Do you have suggestions on how to improve traffic safety in your area?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a map of the problem area to the form.

SIGNATURES: Please have at least ten people from your neighborhood sign this portion of the form before you submit. IMPORTANT! To be considered for traffic calming, you must have the signatures, and the attached map of the area.

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PLEASE RETURN TO:  
Municipal Transportation Agency  
Planning Division  
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Fl  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
[www.livablestreets.org](http://www.livablestreets.org)

# Notification and Updates

- **Applicants and residents**
- **Neighborhood groups**
- **Kick-off invitation and survey**
- **City stakeholders**
  - BOS, SFPD, SFFD, SFCTA, SFDPW, SFMTA

# Project Meetings

- **First community meeting**
  - Discuss issues and possibilities
  - Solicit community working group members
- **Community working group convenes**
  - Prioritize locations
  - Discuss measures for priority locations
- **Later community meetings**
  - Present draft plan
  - Work out any differences
  - Build consensus
  - Final plan

# Project Implementation

- **Approve area plan as a whole**
- **Balloting of impacted residents for some measures**
- **City Legislation**
  - (TASC & SFMTA Public Hearing and SFMTA Board)
- **City applies for construction funding**
- **Construction of approved measures**
- **Evaluate project effectiveness**



# Traffic Calming “Toolbox”

# Vertical Deflection

## Speed Humps

- **Effective in slowing speeds**
- **Low cost**
- **Does not enhance aesthetics**
- **Differ from speed “bumps”**



# Horizontal Deflection

## Traffic Circles

- Reduce speeds and crashes at intersections
- Slower, steadier speed throughout corridor
- Landscaping



# Horizontal Deflection



## Chicanes

- **Linear or side to side shift**
- **Breaks up sight lines**
- **Some addresses may lose parking in front**

# Narrowing the Street

## Gateway Treatments

- Narrows street at entrance
- Tighten turns
- Focus driver's attention on new or different street environment



# Narrowing the Street



## Pedestrian Islands

- Allow peds to cross half the street at a time
- Tightens roadway and slows turns
- Add to aesthetics

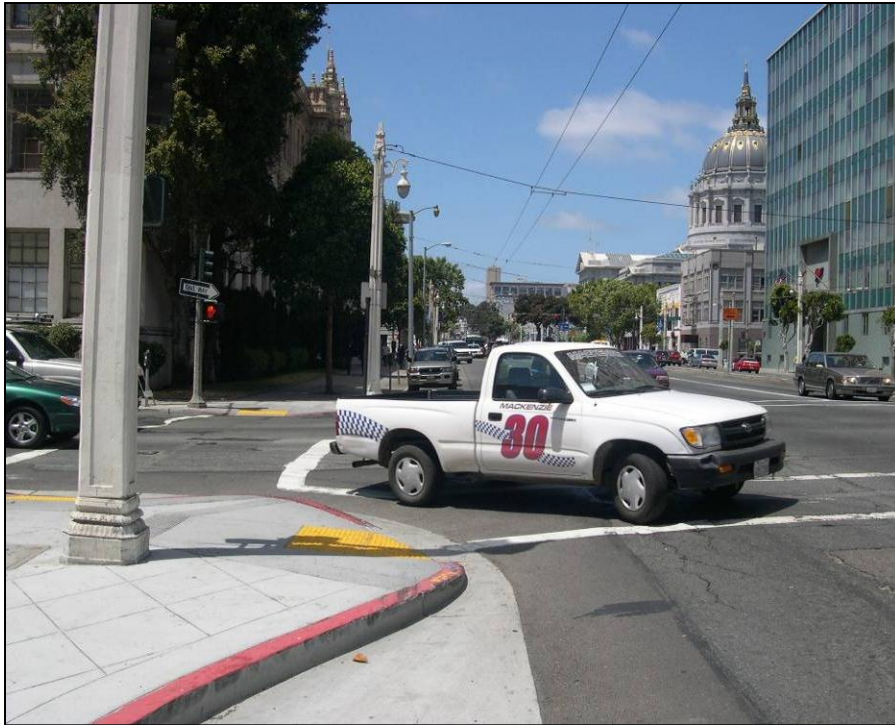
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## Median Islands

- Reduces “wide-open” feel
- Landscaping opportunity
- Reduced access to driveways
- Maintenance required



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## Sidewalk Bulb-outs

- Shorten curb-to-curb distance
- Increase pedestrian visibility
- Tighten vehicle turns
- Parking removal
- More expensive



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## Road Diet/ Lane removal

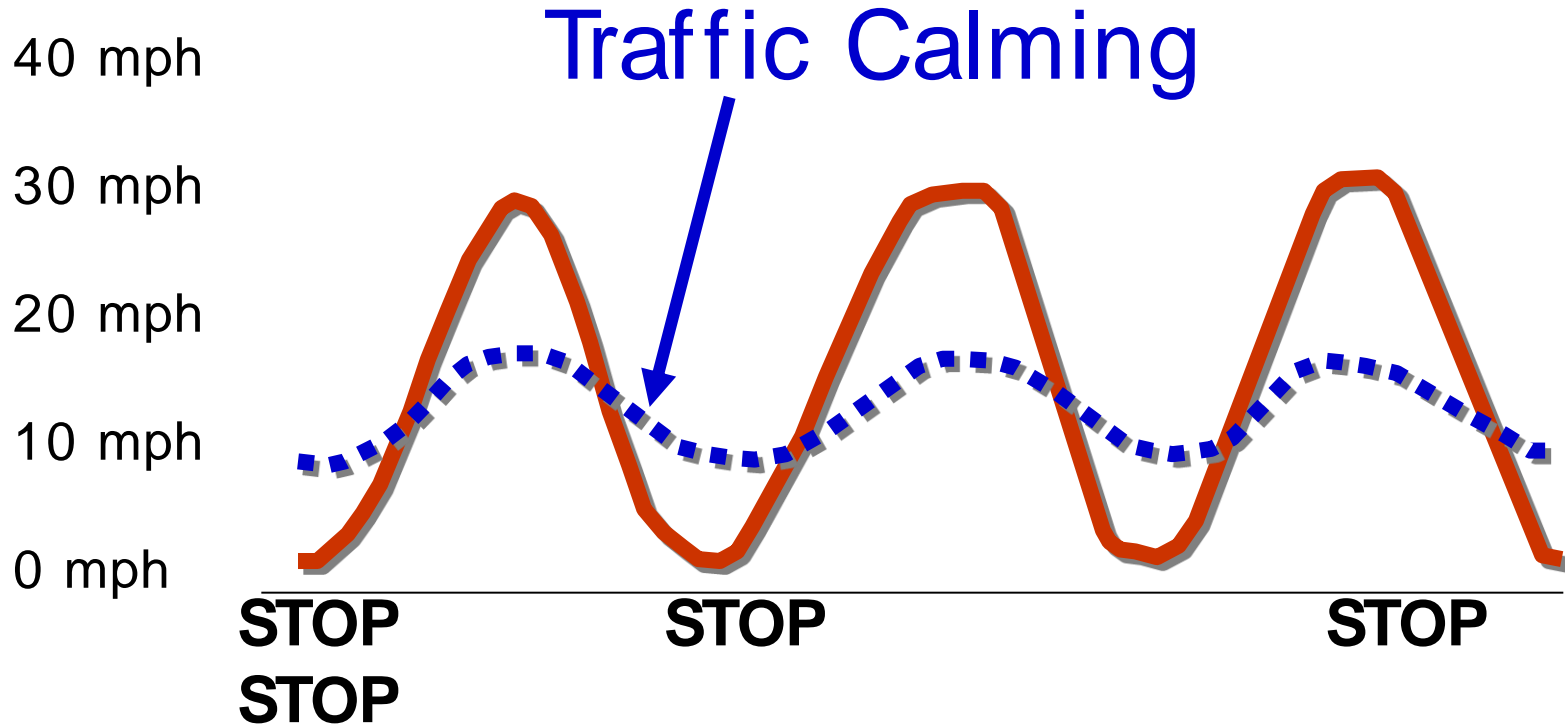
- Encourage slower speeds
- Reduce pressure on turning vehicles
- Create space for peds and bikes



# STOP Signs

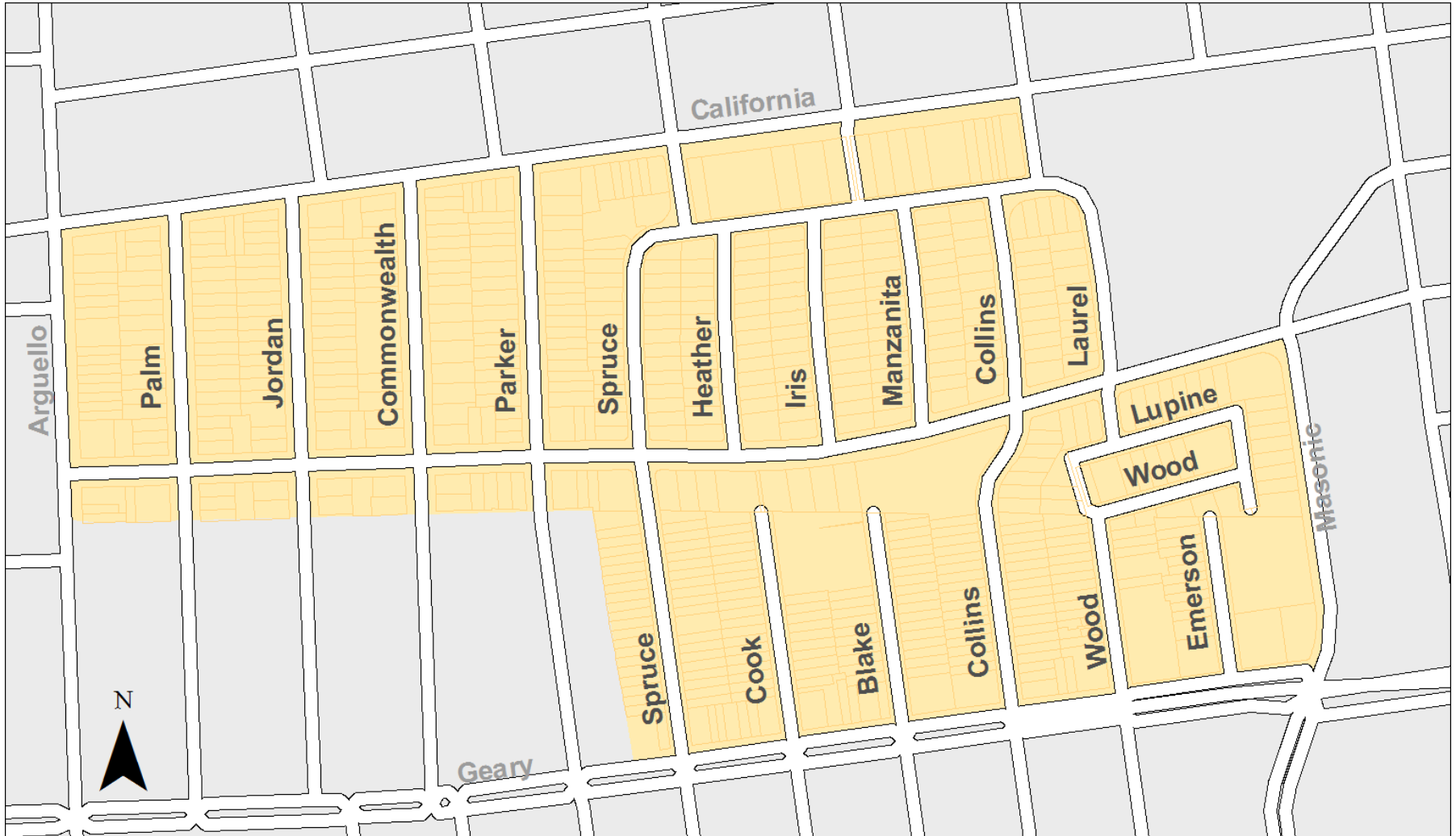
- **Not a traffic calming device**
- **High level of STOP sign running**
- **Higher speeds as vehicles try to make up for “lost time” in the middle of the block**
- **We will evaluate requests for STOP signs separately**

# STOP Signs vs. Traffic Calming



# **Jordan Park-Laurel Heights Traffic Calming Project**

# Jordan Park-Laurel Heights Project Area



# Considerations

- **Speeding and “cut-through” traffic**
- **Pedestrian generators**
- **Collision history**
- **STOP sign patterns**
- **Visibility**
- **Street grades/hills**
- **Impacts of area arterials**
- **Other nearby projects**

# Reported Collisions 2005-2010



# Nearby Projects

- **Masonic Streetscape Project**
- **Target @ Geary/Masonic**



# Community Working Group

- **Neighborhood representatives**
- **Meet outside of larger community meeting**
- **Prioritize locations for speed surveys**
- **Discuss details of traffic calming plan**
- **Applications are on front table**

# Project Timeline

- **September 2011 – Community Meeting #1**
- **October 2011 – Convene community working group**
- **Fall/winter 2011 – Collect data and work on draft traffic calming alternatives**
- **Winter/spring 2012 – Community Meeting #2 – Present draft traffic calming plan**

# **Questions & Answers**

**15 minutes**

# **Map Mark-up**

**10-15 minutes**

# Project Contacts

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