



GOLDEN GATE PARK

ACCESS & SAFETY PROGRAM

December 2021



SFMTA



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Overview

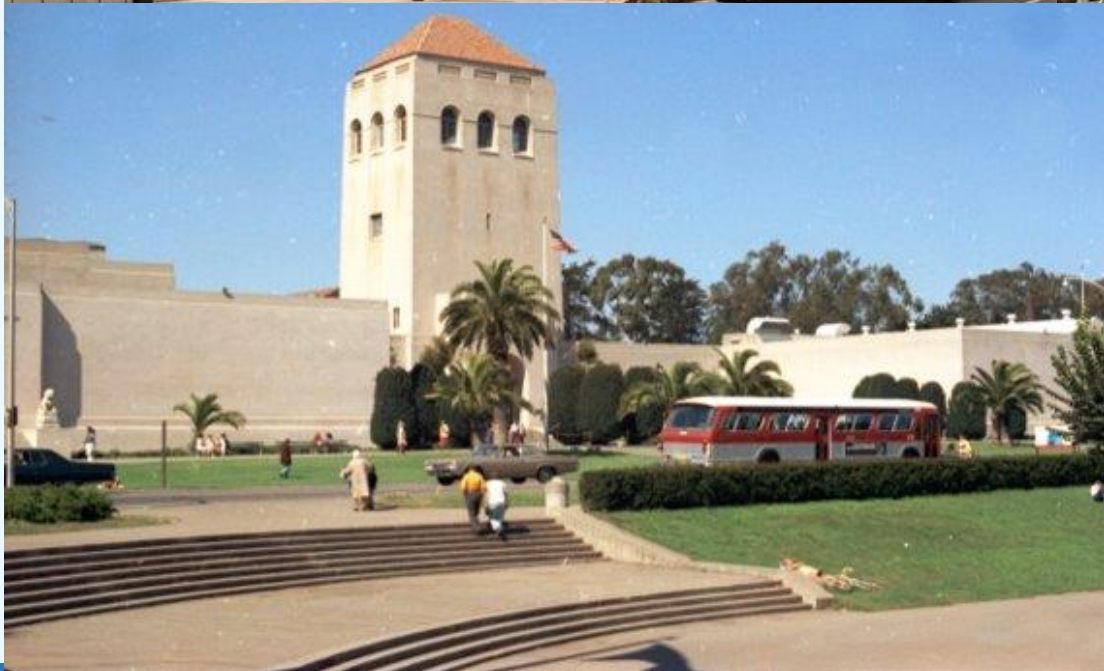
- Why We Are Here + Program Background
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- Program Proposals: What We're Looking at to Improve Access + Safety
- Our Community Engagement Approach
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The streets of Golden Gate Park have always been for the people



The museums and institutions of Golden Gate Park are central and core to the Park experience



~75% of weekday traffic on JFK Drive pre-COVID was cut-through, with no park destination

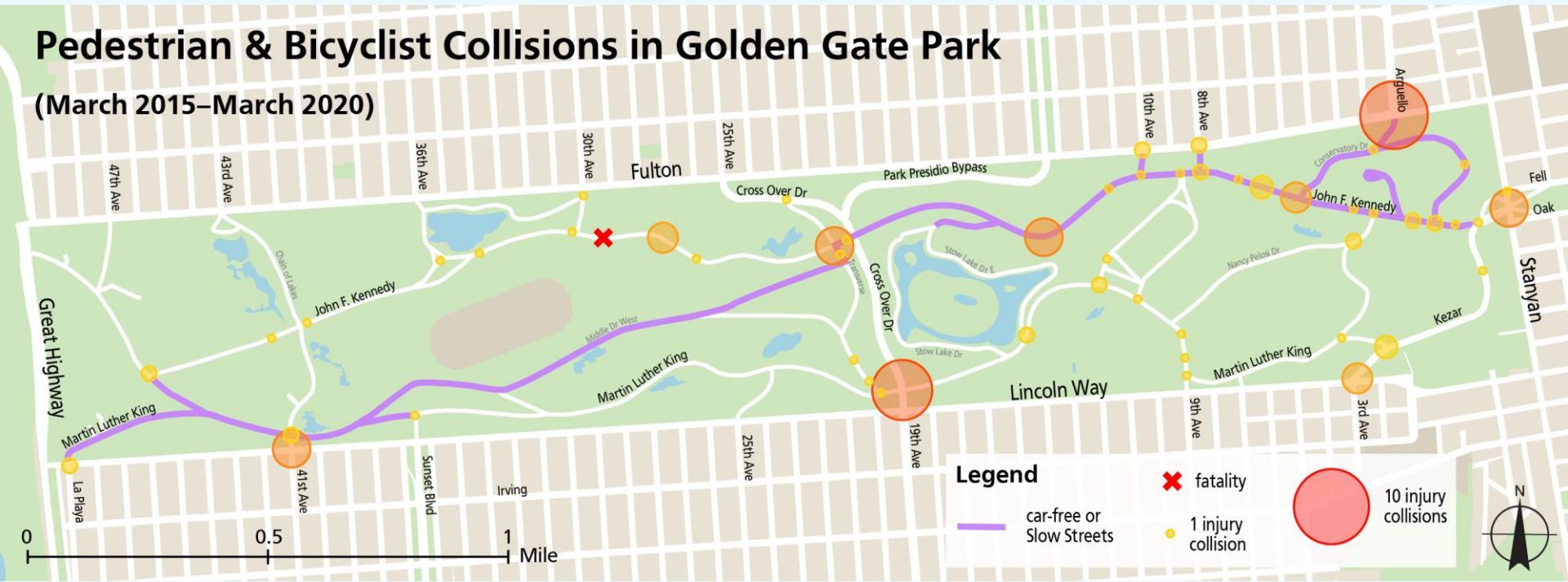




Over 7 million walking, rolling, biking and strolling trips have been made on car-free JFK since April 2020, a 36% daily increase in park visits

Vision Zero aims for Zero Traffic Deaths in San Francisco

Pedestrian & Bicyclist Collisions in Golden Gate Park (March 2015–March 2020)



We are pursuing an update to the care-free route within Golden Gate Park to improve the park's overall experience, traffic safety, and park access for all users

Zero injury collisions on car-free route since JFK closure!

Improvements Currently Underway

Capital

- ✓ New, on-street ADA spaces (We will bring back more ADA parking than was lost with JFK's closure.)
- ✓ Music Concourse drop-off/pick-up zones
- ✓ Conservatory Dr. West./Dahlia Dell access – fully open as of 10/1
 - Bandshell Lot ADA parking – construction winter 2021
 - MLK at Polo Fields circulation – in design

Operational

- ✓ Adaptive Bikeshare events – underway
 - Dynamic parking rates in the Music Concourse Garage – legislation this fall
 - Golden Gate Park Shuttle – better routing & higher frequency

New Accessible Parking

- Challenges with accessible parking existed before the COVID closure
- Completed 5 new spaces on MLK and 3 on Nancy Pelosi
- 4 spaces in the Music Concourse Bandshell Parking lot are now free and available 7 days a week
- The Music Concourse Bandshell Parking lot will be converted to 19 free ADA spaces (more than the number of spaces lost on JFK)



Passenger Loading Zones + Paratransit

- Vehicles can access the passenger loading zones in for drop-offs & pickups front of the DeYoung Museum and the Academy of Sciences
- 15-minute free drop-off and pick-up in the garage
- Paratransit vehicles can enter the park at 8th Avenue for faster access to the Music Concourse



Map of Accessible Parking + Passenger Loading Zones



- Improved visual maps and text directions of how to find accessible parking and drop off zones will be posted on the Recreation and Parks and MTA websites
- Maps and updated text directions will be posted by early November
- We will also continue to promote public transportation, as **Muni services** are critical to equitable access to Golden Gate Park

Program Proposals

Program Proposal Considerations

Engineering Considerations:

- Legibility, safety, and engineering feasibility
- Addition of ADA parking - blue zones
- Maintain delivery access to park institutions
- Improve pick-up/drop-off to park institutions

Park Experience Considerations:

- Minimizing disruption to current park use and visitor experience
- Prevent or minimize new cut-through traffic in the park

Program Scope

The Golden Gate Park Access & Safety Program proposal will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval

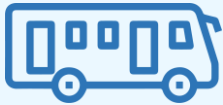
Decisions for Winter 2021/22:

- 1) **Closed street alignment:** which streets should be closed to cars in Golden Gate Park post-COVID?
- 2) **Supportive transportation policies and projects:** make it easier to get to the park by all modes

Decisions beyond Winter 2021/22:

- 1) **Broader capital improvements:** traffic signals, major park improvements that require civil infrastructure
- 2) **Bigger City operations:** Muni route frequencies, Music Concourse garage updates

Program Proposals



Revamp the **park shuttle** to make it more useful for everyone



Improve **parking, loading and ADA access** on Fulton Street from 6th Ave to 11th Ave



Set up a new **taxi stand** inside the park

Program Proposals (continued)



Improve signage – in and out of the park- to get drivers to the garage (15 minutes free for drop-off/pick-up) and around GGP



Install additional bike racks for dockless bike-share and scooter-share

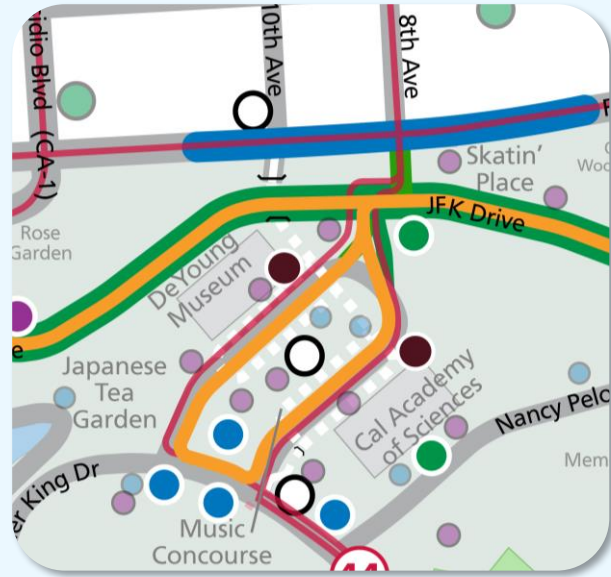
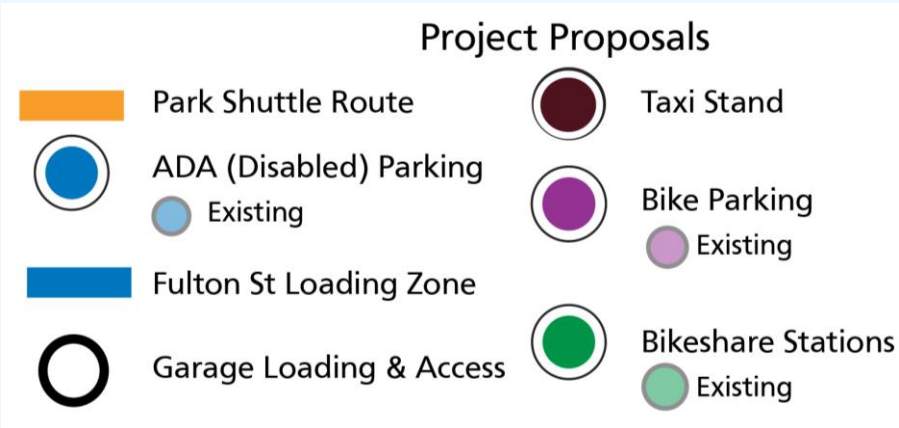
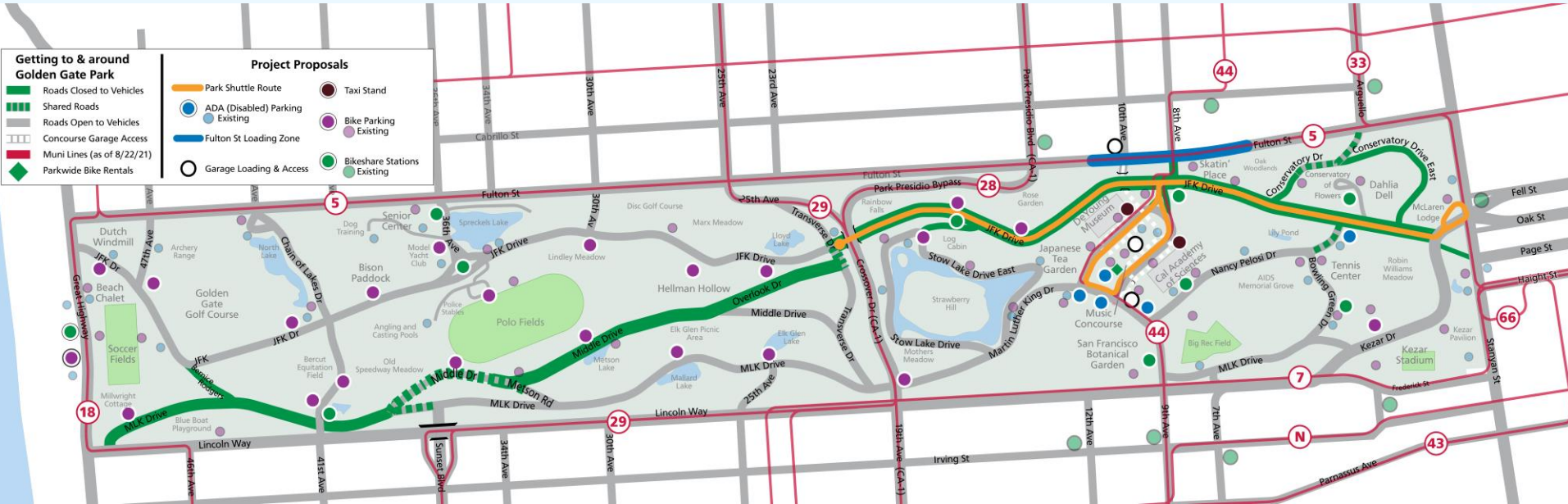


Permit docked bikeshare stations



Permit pedicab service within the park

Program Proposal Options



Music Concourse Close-up

Improved Car-Free Route Option

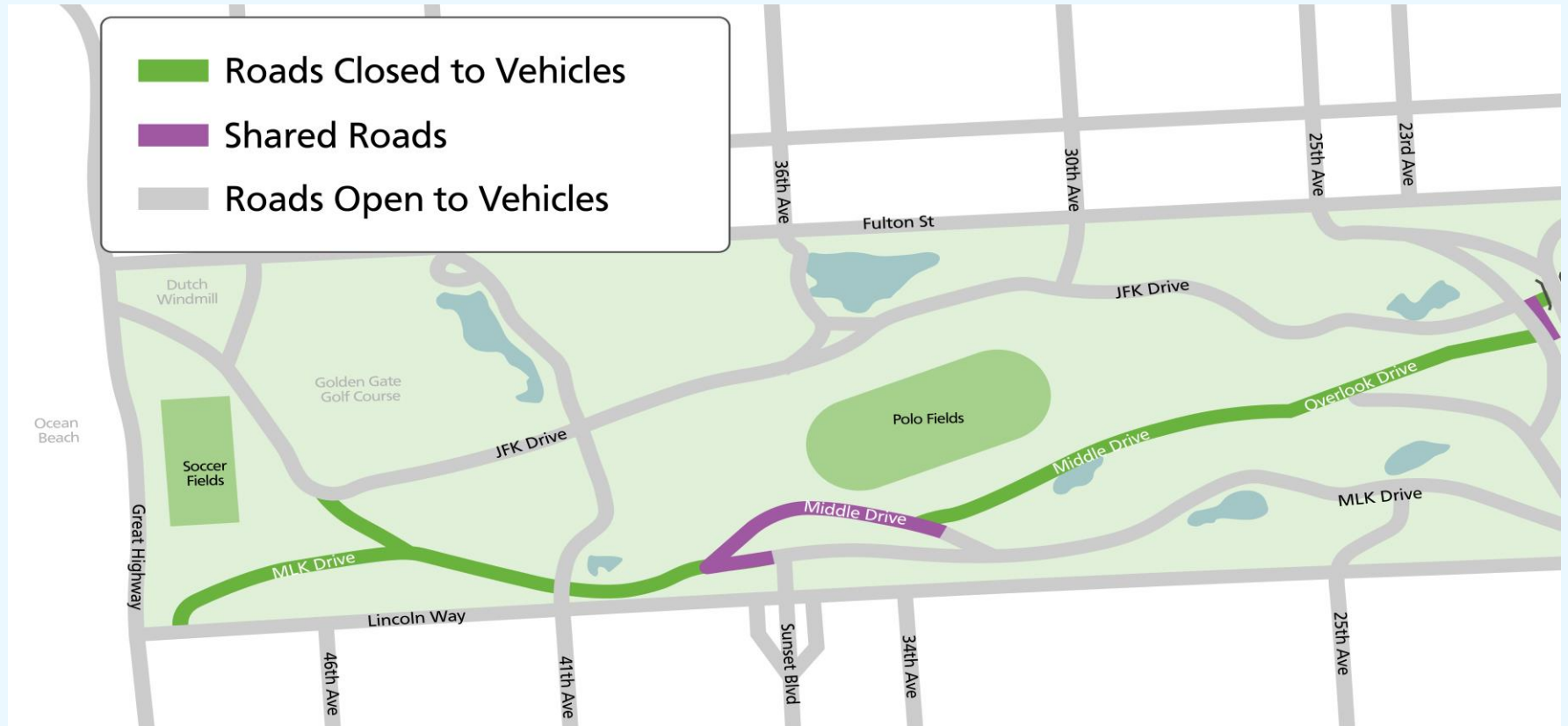
East End



- Prevents cut-through traffic, enhances park experience
- Zero injury collisions since April 2020
- More reliable service on the 44 O'Shaughnessy for Bayview & Excelsior
- Emergency vehicles can use car-free space
- **Additional access solutions needed**

Existing Car-Free Route Option

West End



- Prevents cut-through traffic, enhances park experience
- Zero injury collisions since April 2020
- Emergency vehicles can use car-free space
- Additional access solutions needed

Private Vehicle Access Loop Option

8th Ave to Transverse Dr



Proposal Outcomes

- Returns ~16 ADA parking spaces on JFK
- Retains some of the safe streets benefits
- Creates delays for 5 Fulton and 44 O'Shaughnessy
- Reduces car-free experience west of 8th Ave
- Maintaining a wide car-free promenade, necessary for emergency vehicle access, precludes most parking

No Project Option



Proposal Outcomes

- All park streets re-opened to vehicle traffic
- All parking spaces on JFK available for use
- Induces substantial cut-through traffic activity
- Impacts to traffic safety and park experience
- Substantial delays for the 44 O'Shaughnessy

Community Engagement

Where We've Been

- **We have hosted 50+ public events, meetings, and presentations since outreach launch on September 22nd, including:**
 - 8 events in Equity Priority Communities
 - 15 events with Senior and/or Disability Communities, including a design charette for the in-park shuttle
 - 2 recorded Virtual Info Sessions
- **Online storymap and survey (closed Nov 25)**
 - Storymap and survey available in 5 languages
 - Over 8,000 survey responses online and over 800 survey responses on-paper

What We've Heard So Far – 8,000+ votes

Results as of 11/23/21	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE
Fulton St Loading Zone	58%	25%
Park Shuttle Revamp	64%	22%
Parking Garage Improvements	67%	13%
Music Concourse Taxi Stands	35%	45%
Bikeshare	71%	20%
Scooters	47%	41%
Existing Car-Free Route	68%	30%
Car-Free West End	61%	32%
Private Vehicle Access Loop	19%	77%
No Project – Reopen Roads	30%	69%

We'd Like to Hear Your Feedback

- **Which of these proposals are favorable to you?**
 - 1) Improved Car-Free Route Option East End
 - 2) Existing Car-Free Route Option West End
 - 3) Private Vehicle Access Loop Option 8th Ave to Transverse Dr
 - 4) No Project Option
- **What other feedback is important for Rec and Park and SFMTA to know given your experience?**
- **What questions do you have for us?**

Approval + Outreach Process

Pre 2021 - Summer

SFMTA-RPD
Collaboration

Building off years of community input, SFMTA + RPD staff developed project proposals and materials for broader stakeholder engagement

Fall

Public
Outreach

Engage park stakeholders with special emphasis on:

- Disability community and seniors
- Equity priority communities
- Park institutions
- Youth & families
- Neighborhood stakeholders

We are here



Winter

Finalize &
Approve

Proposal to the Board of Supervisors for a recommended project proposal based on:

- Technical analysis
- Public outreach
- Policy mitigations

Note: The Board of Supervisors will decide what will move forward.

Next Steps

ADVISORY BODIES

9/30	SFMTA MAAC
10/5	Parks & Rec Open Space Committee
10/15	Mayor's Disability Council
11/1	SFMTA YTAB
12/2	SFMTA CAC

UPCOMING

Dec	Staff Report, CEQA & Program Proposal
Jan/Feb	SFMTA Board Info Item
Jan/Feb	RecPark Commission Action Item
March	Board of Supervisors Action Item

Thank you!

- Learn more and give us your feedback:
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