

Broadway Traffic Calming Proposed Project

Background:

In 2003, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) received a traffic calming application from residents on Broadway between Fillmore and Franklin Streets. The request was to improve pedestrian safety; improve STOP Sign compliance and reduce traffic speeds.



Aerial Photo of Project Area
Broadway, from Fillmore and Franklin Streets

Prevailing speeds were found to be 30-31 MPH; which confirm the speeding concerns. The current speed limit is 25MPH. Data collection have begun during school time conditions. The road is a 4 lane local street carrying 7,600 vehicles a day. Typical San Francisco 4 lane roads carry 15,000-20,000 vehicles per day. The traffic lanes are between 11 and 12 feet wide. There are no MUNI routes on this street

The overall goals of the traffic calming project are to increase bicycle and pedestrian safety and reduce speeding with a project design that is community supported. Additionally school pedestrian and traffic safety is paramount given the three schools within the project area including Convent Sacred Heart, Hamlin, and Saint Brigid. The project will include accommodations for maintaining the existing level of service for school pick up and drop off activities. In particular, we are looking for a design that will not result in negatively affecting school pick up and drop off activities. Efforts that negatively affect this activity or are not generally supported will not be acted upon.

Proposals:

To address speeding and pedestrian safety concerns, Broadway between Fillmore and Franklin Streets is envisioned to be re-striped from its current four lane configuration into two through lanes and a two way left turn lane (TWLTL), with left turn pockets at the

intersections. We recognize that a special design will be required on the blocks in front of the Sacred Heart and Hamlin Schools, between Fillmore and Laguna Streets.

Because Broadway is part of the City's bicycle route network, initial plans for traffic calming include a proposal for accommodating bicycle traffic. These plans are currently being analyzed as part of a broader environmental review of the City's Bicycle Plan, which includes proposed bicycle improvement projects throughout the City. The environmental review process will help identify the potential impacts of proposed changes on Broadway. If bicycle lanes are desired by residents, this information will be helpful in determining the direct impacts related to the possible installation of bicycle lanes. Community input will help determine what combination of parking, sidewalk, bike lane, and travel lane design is most desirable. With all traffic calming projects, SFMTA seeks community support before any proposal is chosen as a preferred option.

Funding has been secured to develop a traffic calming project that includes community-supported ideas that address bicycle and pedestrian safety and speeding concerns.

Next Steps:

SFMTA is holding the official kick-off meeting for this project on **June 24 at 6:30 PM at the Hamlin School**. We realize that this may coincide with the summer break for the schools but did not want to wait any longer to receive input, especially from the residents. We are planning a second meeting in late August once the school communities are back in session.

If you have any further questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us through the following methods:

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