

I. Open House

Approx. 20-30 people were in attendance. Adam Gubser, Philip Louie, Manito Velasco, and Agnes Chan of MTA Traffic Calming were present.

Participants actively observed poster boards of maps and other traffic calming information.

II. Presentation of Draft Traffic Calming Plan

Philip reviewed Traffic Calming material and went over proposed Traffic Calming plan. Manito explained why speed counts were done at only select locations in the neighborhood and not every block.

III. Feedback & Discussion

Issues highlighted by residents:

INTERSECTION	CONCERN*
Prague & Persia	Dangers of jaywalking to/from buses. Visibility issues – currently a 2-way stop. Suggestion to paint red zone. Cars speeding from McLaren Park; concern of children’s safety. Desires a 4-way stop at this intersection. [Mentioned that “Excelsior Club” wrote a letter to downtown regarding this issue and did not receive a response.]
Lisbon (b/t Avalon & Peru)	Speed hump preferred to chokers because it is a bike way.
France & Athens (near park)	Dangerous street crossing for children and people walking dogs. Suggestion to move speed hump closer to France.
Moscow @ Avalon	Felton onto Moscow – cars are speeding over the hill. Suggestion to put in a STOP sign or Yield.
Persia (b/t Moscow & Athens)	Danger to children and to peds at bus stop. Suggestion to put in a bulb-out, but street may be too narrow. Philip stated that enforcement issues re: running STOPs can be remedied by talking to SFPD.
Naples & Excelsior	Speeding from the hill b/t Excelsior and Avalon. Traffic is heading down to Geneva and there is a pedestrian generator (restaurant) nearby.
Lisbon & Peru	Suggestion to plant trees.
Moscow & Excelsior	Suggestion to create traffic circle. Residents at meeting like the Excelsior & Vienna circle.
Moscow & Amazon	Dangerous for children going to park. Suggestion to put in STOP sign.
Persia @ Ocean	Yield to Pedestrians signs are always knocked down.

*Most people were concerned about the safety of children in the area. Enforcement issues were frequently brought up. Adam encouraged residents to actively contact SFPD.

IV. Next Steps

Cynthia Vasquez asked about ballot process and whether ignoring the ballot counts as a no-vote. She discussed getting residents to commit to voting and reaching consensus on the Traffic Calming plan.

Resident mentioned as an example that the first block of Lisbon actively organized and received all new lighting, trees, and STOP signs in their area. They had also made a request for a circle, but claimed that they had not heard anything in response to this particular request. Philip mentioned that truck turning may be an issue here and that we would look into a circle.

Another resident stated that street cleaning occurs too often on Mission St.

Another resident stated that tree maintenance is not happening along the entire Persia Ave arterial. Resident also emphasized this is a safety concern because of power lines and visibility issues. Manito explained that this is not in MTA's jurisdiction and that we would pass this info on to DPW.

One resident suggested having a residential parking permit zone, but another resident argued that only neighbors park in the area to begin with, so that a permit zone would be unnecessary.

More enforcement questions: parking in driveways, illegal commercial vehicles parking in residential areas.