

Notes from Roosevelt Way Working Group Meeting #1

Location: 75 Buena Vista Ter

Date, Time: 2/10/09, 7pm

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1. Introductions

- a. Names
- b. Meeting agenda
- c. Preliminary project timeline

2. Discussion

- a. Block by block comments
 - i. 14th/Alpine to Buena Vista Ter
 1. STOP signs installed at 14th and Alpine have improved the situation
 2. There are very few driveways
 - a. Leaving room for islands if necessary
 - i. Group feels that little is necessary here
 3. Speed survey to be completed near BVT
 - ii. Buena Vista Terrace to Park Hill Ter/15th St
 1. Crossing at BVT is difficult
 - a. Due to curves and vehicle speed
 - b. No marked crosswalk
 - c. Pedestrians use this to travel to parks at either end of BVT
 - i. Corona Heights and Buena Vista Park
 - d. Offset intersection may complicate some devices
 - i. Circle may still work
 - ii. Islands and chokers might work
 2. Some cut-through traffic moves down BVT
 3. Only a few driveways on Roosevelt between BVT and Park Hill
 - iii. Park Hill Ter/15th St to Museum Way
 1. Huge number of complaints from kick-off meeting
 2. 15th St
 - a. narrow
 - b. serves as cut-through down to Castro
 - c. doesn't intersect Roosevelt at 90 degrees
 3. Park Hill used for some cut-through
 4. Crossing Roosevelt here is very difficult
 - a. Crosswalk recently striped across Roosevelt
 - i. has not significantly improved crossing
 - b. Serves people going to both nearby parks
 - c. Possible devices

- i. Circle unlikely to be very effective
 - ii. Median island/chokers looks possible
 - 1. Choker might help speeds on 15th St
 - 5. Lots of driveways in this block of Roosevelt
 - a. makes islands difficult to install midblock
 - b. Could perpendicular or angled parking work here?
 - i. angled parking has advantage/drawbacks
 - 1. narrows street
 - 2. increases available parking
 - 3. makes it harder to exit spaces
 - ii. AP to investigate
 - 6. Speed survey to be completed in this block
- iv. Museum Way to Masonic Ave
 - 1. Many concerns about intersection of Roosevelt and Museum Way
 - a. especially running of STOP sign
 - b. Could islands help with this?
 - i. Unlikely
 - ii. However, they would make crossing easier and establish pattern of calming devices along this corridor
 - 1. Regular pattern of devices seems to have more effect than isolated installations
 - c. High volume of pedestrians going to Corona Heights Park
 - 2. Perpendicular parking on part of northern sidewalk near Museum Way could help narrow the roadway
 - a. This is something to investigate
- v. Masonic Ave to Loma Vista Ter
 - 1. Existing striped crosswalk at Masonic
 - a. vicinity to STOP signs seems to make this a decent crossing point already
 - b. difficulty crossing here lies more in inability to determine whether westbound vehicles will proceed on Roosevelt or Masonic
 - 2. Traffic issue
 - a. Geometry of intersection makes Masonic and eastbound Roosevelt approach at similar angle
 - i. creates difficulty for drivers stopped at Masonic to see eastbound traffic
 - 1. drivers creep out slowly to check traffic
 - a. not optimal
- vi. Loma Vista Ter to Clifford Ter
 - 1. Existing STOP sign at Loma Vista

- a. no striped crossing
 - i. low visibility coming off of turns
 - vii. Clifford Ter to 17th St
 - 1. difficult crossing at Clifford Ter
 - a. high vehicle speeds, low visibility make this crossing particularly complicated
 - b. islands could help break up the crossing
 - 2. General high speeds in this separated stretch of Roosevelt
 - a. fairly wide (24 feet in each direction)
 - i. maybe choker could narrow this
 - 1. plantings
 - b. difficulty entering/exiting driveways
 - 3. speed survey to be conducted here
3. Summary
 - a. Concerns
 - i. Speeding
 - 1. Especially from 14th/Alpine to Museum Way and from Clifford to 17th St
 - ii. Pedestrian Safety
 - 1. Especially at Buena Vista Ter, Park Hill/15th, Museum, Clifford
 - iii. Esthetics
 - 1. Some mention of how changes might affect esthetics
 - a. Plantings preferred
 - b. Brick stamp had some negative response
 - c. 90 degree parking problematic to some neighbors?
 - b. Devices
 - i. Positive response
 - 1. Circles, median islands, chokers, and parking changes discussed
4. Next steps
 - a. Next meeting
 - i. Preliminarily scheduled for Wednesday, March 18th, 7 pm at 219 Roosevelt
 - 1. depending upon availability of data
 - ii. present data, start to prioritize locations
 - b. Other meetings
 - i. as necessary to evaluate/modify final report