

Yerba Buena/Plymouth Avenue Traffic Calming Project Kick-Off Meeting
February 21, 2006 – 6 PM to 7:30 PM– Sunnyside Elementary School Auditorium

The first meeting of the Yerba Buena/Plymouth Avenue Traffic Calming Project brought together about 23 residents from the project area. A background of the Traffic Calming Program was given and an overview of the traffic calming toolbox was shown to give attendees an idea of what can be installed to address their concerns. Preliminary plans were shown and were commented upon by the audience.

Issues that were brought up include the following:

Move northbound MUNI flag stop at Yerba Buena Avenue at Hazelwood Avenue from far side to near side. This would take the congestion out of the intersection when the two busses meet.

Residents were concerned about right of way “confusion” for southbound Miraloma Drive at Yerba Buena Avenue. They questioned if drivers would really stop and know that northbound vehicles are going to head towards Miraloma Drive or take the left onto Yerba Buena Avenue. They were informed that northbound vehicles have the right-of-way in this intersection and that Miraloma Drive vehicles must stop and yield to all northbound vehicles.

Make sure proposed islands do not impede driveway access.

MUNI buses speed down Yerba Buena Avenue and Plymouth Avenue.

Stop sign compliance is a problem in the area.

Tighten the turn radius from northbound Plymouth Avenue to northbound Yerba Buena Avenue. Make it tight like it is from Monterey Boulevard to Plymouth Avenue.

Install additional “Prepare to stop for vehicles exiting driveways” signage

Landscape islands and bulbouts where it can be done to make the streets more pleasant.

Parking loss is an issue for visitors during weekends and when residences have parties.

Reroute the 43 MUNI line to northbound Yerba Buena Avenue from Monterey Boulevard and on Plymouth Avenue in the southbound direction.

Who gets to vote on which measure? This will be decided later. It will either be each resident only votes for the measure on their block, or everyone votes on every measure.

Installing numerous unwarranted STOP signs on Plymouth was brought up. Attendees were informed that unwarranted STOP signs could increase speeding in the mid-block sections and/or people will not likely comply with them as they are considered "nuisance". "Testing" STOP signs could lead to more problems.

NEXT STEPS

A basic level of consensus seems to have been reached. The next steps are:

1. Investigate some of the above issues
2. Drop the Plymouth parking chicane
3. Develop the chokers, corner bulbs and islands
4. Secure "buy in" from property owners where the traffic calming measures directly front their property
5. Mail a cover letter that highlights the February 21, 2006 meeting and provides detailed designs with explanations for those who could not make first meeting. Also include a ballot for voting on the measure(s).