# Welcome!

Safer Taylor Street is a community-driven project to improve transportation safety and livability on Taylor Street from Market to Sutter streets. Please visit our project website for updates: www.sfmta.com/safertaylor

# **Safer Taylor Street & Vision Zero**

Every year, 30 people are killed and 200 more are seriously injured in San Francisco traffic crashes. Vision Zero is a commitment by the City of San Francisco to end all traffic deaths.

Taylor Street is home to one of the densest and most diverse concentrations of residents, businesses, and community organizations in San Francisco. Analysis done through Vision Zero identified Taylor Street between Market and Sutter streets as a Pedestrian High Injury Corridor, which means that it is one of only 13% of city streets that experiences 75% of the city's serious pedestrian injuries and fatalities.

The City has secured \$20.1 million to plan, design, and construct improvements, and hopes to build a partnership between the community, neighbrhood organizations, advocacy groups, and City agencies to create a safer and more livable Taylor Street.







### April

SFMTA and the Safer Taylor Team share the proposed conceptual design for Taylor Street, describing how the team listened to and integrated key community input in the final product









HOOD STUDIO

# FEHR / PEERS



## 1st Open House June

Introduction to the project and exchanging information about existing conditions, challenges, and opportunities

## **1st Working Group Meeting** June

Neighborhood leaders and residents meet with SFMTA and the Safer Taylor team to build a partnership together

# Finalization of Safer Taylor Transportation Plan Summer/Fall

Summarize the conceptual planning phase and recommendations resulting from public outreach

# **3rd Community Meeting** June (today!)

Sharing proposed roadway design and PhotoVoice gallery

# How does Taylor Street function today?





# Partnering with the Community

# **NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**



ucational "capacity-building" workshops

Open houses with more than 1,000 visitors

















# THE PEOPLE OF TAYLOR

# WHAT WE'VE HEARD





- Desire for wider sidewalks with neighborhood beautification
- Desire for shorter crosswalks and longer walk times
- Desire for accessibility improvements (ramps, blue) zones, paratransit)
- Need for better loading spaces to accommodate ourist, paratransit, taxi, and rideshare
- General metered parking is Tenderloin community







Sized for rush hour car traffic Wide enough for emergency vehicles to pass

# THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT OF TAYLOR

# The Experience of People Walking









# **VISION ZERO AND SAFETY**













# **Driving Safety**



Vlultiple lanes create enough space to allow vehicles to

Drivers traveling above the speed limit have a reduced

broadside crashes between



# PhotoVoice: Safer Taylor Street

Eleven youth from the Boys & Girls Tenderloin Clubhouse took to the streets to photograph issues and inspiration for improving Taylor Street. Each of them wrote messages to accompany their favorite photographs, with help from 826 Valencia, the Department of Public Health (DPH), and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA).

The project team plans to use our PhotoVoice participants' wonderful work to kick off the next phase of the project, focused on design details. In addition to key traffic safety improvements, we will explore opportunities for landscaping like street trees and building on the art pieces that make this neighborhood so great.

# **Photography & Writing**

Youth were provided cameras by DPH and given training by the Boys & Girls Club, DPH, and MTA staff. They were shown a palette of inspiring options for traffic safety and aesthetics on Taylor Street. Our participants walked the corridor, taking photos, and then crafted their personal messages for each photo at 826 Valencia.



# **Key Findings**

Using their walk around the neighborhood and the toolkit, the youth came up with the following desired changes to Taylor Street:

## **Preferred Street Improvements (Votes)**

Street Trees (7)	Bicycle Racks (5)	Widened Sidewa
High Visibility Crosswalks (6)	Smooth Sidewalk (5)	Toilets (5)
Pedestrian-Scale Lighting (6)	Green Infrastructure (5)	Decorative Light







valks (5)	
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# Sidewalk and Street Conditions: Need for smoother sidewalks, public bathrooms, and trash cans, especially those that can double as art work.



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- Abrar Z, Age 10

# **Green Infrastructure and Public Art:** Need for more greenery, trees, and flowers on the sidewalks and wellmaintained public art including murals and creative street lighting.



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- Malak A, Age 12



# **Better Public Spaces:** Need for more clear sidewalk space, especially in places where a lot of people gather or where debris makes it narrower



When I walk through the narrow, middle [sidewalk] that always reminds me of how clean [sidewalks] should be. I think to myself widening the[m] and cleaning it would be safer. How do I feel safe and get a feel of safer in an environment which always smells like trash and poop and looks messy."

- Eric R, Age 17



"Something I don't like in my neighborhood is ...homeless throwing needles on the floor and it is not safe because you can step on it by accident."

- Marwa A, Age 11

"These murals bring life to this street making" even the dirtiest and the darkest of the shadows come out and play. These murals bring joy and happiness to all, taking them from under the bridge to on the bridge and dancing. These artworks make this street better, brighter and more beautiful. They make me feel good and safe knowing someone out there wants to bring joy to a place that is pushed around and bullied..."

- Paulina C, Age 13



The people in the street act like they are cool and all that, but it just annoys me . It makes me want to go on the other street (which I do) because I don't feel safe around big groups of people playing poker or whatever."

-Omar E, Age 11

## ABRAR Z., AGE: 10



It was the morning and I decided to take a walk down Taylor Street.

As I was walking I ended up near a pile of disgusting trash that is just flying around in the air.

I thought this was hideous because no one wants to be somewhere that has disgusting trash flying in the air and on the ground.

When that happens it makes Taylor Street look bad.

It will make the air smell stinky and disgusting.



When I was walking through my neighborhood it was a warm evening.

I hear people yell across the street.I smell stinky air that filled my nose.I see trash blowing through the air.

As I walk some more, I see piles of trash dumped on the sidewalk. It makes the sidewalk unsafe to walk through.

The trash makes the store and the street UGLY!! The trash also makes the air STINKY

and less people want to walk through that STINKY sidewalk. The air is so stinky that I don't want to go and eat. It has a lot of GERMS and it REALLY STINKY AND DIRTY!!!!!!! Why can't people go to public bathrooms instead or going to the streets? I use the toilet in my house and I throw my trash away in the trash can. We should add more trash cans (that are big) and more public bathrooms.

In conclusion I want the reader to feel CONVINCED that Taylor St needs CLEANING AND IMPROVEMENTS to better the community and the people living on Taylor St.

Abrar's Other Photos:





### ERIC R, AGE: 17



When I walk through the narrow, middle roads that always reminds me of how clean roads should be. I think to myself widening the road and cleaning it would be safer. How do I feel safe and get a feel of safer in an environment which always smells like trash and poop and looks messy. The group of people with smoking and drinking should have seats.

San Francisco is a big city and the parks is attraction for tourists and their destination. When they want to go to parks they can sit and eat foods. They could pet their dogs and cats. They can watch the anime in parks.

They should have more trees, more flowers and more flowers make more blossoms for the festivals and water the cherry blossoms more and fountains for parks. They could eat ramen in the park. Eric's Other Photos:





### HOUDAH S., AGE: 10



The floors are so dirty so we should clean it.

There are cigarettes and other stuff here.

They are not supposed to be here.

# PHOTO TAKEN BY HOUDAH S., AGE: 10 & WRITING BY MAYSA A., AGE:9



The street is a like a dump. A BIG dirty dump.

When I walk down Taylor St, I feel disgusted by the ground. As I walk down Taylor St I see trash. For example, smashed potatoes on the ground on the side walk and street.

Why don't you care about our environment?

Why doesn't anyone help and pick up the trash and throw it away?

I'm sad that nobody takes care of the environment. We want to be safe and if nobody takes care of the environment, we will not be living in a safe place. The city needs to provide more trash cans and services to the people of San Francisco.

If we do this, people will be happier and our city will be cleaner and safer to live.

Houdah's Other Photos



### MALAK A., AGE: 12



I don't like it when I see trash on the sidewalk especially when there is a trash can right there. It makes me feel bad about the person that dropped it there. When I see a needle I feel disgusted.

Do you feel a shiver when you see a needle?

Yes, I do feel the shiver when I see a needle.

Some changes I want to see is a pop of color on the streets mostly on the trash. I want to be able to see the trashcan from one mile away. (p.s. highlighter/neon color).

### Malak's Other Photos



### MARWA A, AGE: 11



Something I don't like in my neighborhood is homeless on the floor, homeless throwing needles on the floor and it is not safe because you can step on it by accident. After I see the needles, I feel bad for whoever is going to step on it. I recommend people to watch where they're going in case they step on a needle.

### Marwa's Other Photos:



### OMAR E, AGE: 11

I saw this big group of people and was irritated because people can't get by and when they say excuse me the people get mad. Another reason is that the people just chill on your car without permission.

Personally it makes me feel mad!

The way they act blows my mind.

The people in the street act like they are cool and all that, but it just annoys me the way they show-off. It makes me want to go on the other street (which I do) because I don't feel safe around big groups of people playing poker or whatever.



I feel like they're going to say something mean or do something inappropriate in front of a 11 year old.



This is ironic because people littered on the floor even though there was an empty trash can 2 cm away.

### Omar's Other Photos:



### PAULINA C, AGE: 13

I look at this and I see history, these elaborate designs on the walls help it stand out.

These designs help it become more elegant and sophisticated.

They add a sense of brightness and optimism to this dim place.

They make it look like an old building which helps it show us that the history of the Tenderloin goes back a long way.

In the end, these ornaments make the difference altogether.

A tall flower growing from the building looming over all who pass by. Showing all her beauty to those who neglect her. As I walk through this street I see the sun illuminating the nature around us even if they're flat. These murals bring life to this street making even the dirtiest and the darkest of the shadows come out and play. These murals bring joy and happiness to all, taking them from under the bridge to on the bridge and dancing. These artworks make this street better, brighter and more beautiful. They make me feel good and safe knowing someone out there wants to bring joy to a place





that is pushed around and bullied by places that think they are better than us. Everyone should go out and witness the beauty that is out there. I want all to either go out and look at the art or go out and make art! Everyone should try and find that light that illuminates the darkest of places to make everyone feel in a place of comfort and see that there is beauty in everything. The city and people should not neglect this place that is in dire need of attention. By adding murals and artwork to this place the people all around will see what the street is meant to be, a big open friendly place for all to come, see and walk this masterpiece.

### Paulina's Other Photos:



### PERLA A. AGE: 12



A weird puddle drain came from a rundown place with paper or wrappers and the water is dirty for pigeons to drink. It's sad how pigeons need to drink dirty water instead of clean water sometimes. My personal thoughts about animals is depressing or sad. Some animals might get extinct soon for example a rhino's best friend's bird it picks off little bugs off it but like what if these slowly extinct in the wild so I felt bad about every single animal that is rare. And yeah I would hate if animals that I liked went extinct. I keep asking my mom, "I want a pet monkey or sloth cause I have a feeling that they slowly go away."

I know that dogs need to have shots to be outside if it doesn't get one it's rarely going to throw up. Never feed a dog chocolate because it will hurt their stomach and will have many problems. I know children want to give them chocolate but it's not good for them. People need to pick up their trash too, or at least throw it away.

### Perla's Other Photos:



### PERNA S. AGE: 17



The time I was walking in the dark street, I felt really painful because the homeless people sleeping and middle age women or men carrying baby and smoking. The picture I have taken looks kind like expensive area.

First time I walk in that street I felt kind of illness because the sidewalk smelled like poop and the homeless haven't taken shower for years. Walking in street was like people live in the forest, they are waiting for something to hunt. Seen many people sleeping and carrying body in front of millions of people, begging for foods and shaking in midnight. I really get mad by smoking because they are ignoring them.

I learned the broke person trying to help others, whatever have family always helped family members. I have learned lots of things which is painful.

### Perna's Other Photos:



### SHADA A., AGE: 11



DIRTY

CROWDED

SMELLY

NASTY

BIG AND SMALL AT THE SAME TIME



I don't like how the construction set is taking up too much space. Also they take up the street meaning they take up so much space they have to use some of the street to let people use the sidewalk let people walk safely. It is not safe because they use fences so cars can't "crash" into you and sometimes drivers don't pay attention and crash into the fence and injure people. I don't like that it takes forever to build a building. I think it is possible for the construction workers to finish faster/sooner. In addition, I would like to see more safety needle boxes because it is not safe. Also, I would like to see less (this time) of underground elevators because it is not safe (someone can fall and get injured badly. In conclusion, I like and dislike many things about Taylor St. It is a different experience for everyone, but mine was bad. Mainly because I saw and smell needles, poop, and homeless people. I hope the world becomes a better place by next year, especially Taylor St. I hope you felt interested in my essay and help make Taylor St become a better St/place.