



20th Avenue Neighborway Project April 12, 2018 Open House Public Comments by Topic

The following is a compilation of comments received at the open house that have been sorted by topic. Where questions were asked or requests were made, answers have been added in ***bold italics***.

Traffic Circles

- Prefer traffic circles with 'yield' controls over STOP signs. ***SFMTA will maintain the existing 4-way STOP controls. These circles are intended less for speed reduction and more for help facilitating U-Turns since left turns are not allowed from 19th Avenue. Drivers are forced to use other streets in the neighborhood if they want to turn left from 19th Avenue and this idea would help to reduce some of that traffic that currently uses 20th Avenue.***
- I think the traffic circles would reduce speeds at intersections, improving safety for all users and also function to facilitate U-turns from 19th Ave.
- Add reflective paint to traffic circles. ***Circles would include reflectivity.***
- Traffic circles (like on 28th Ave) are very effective and should be proliferated more broadly.
- I am tentative on traffic circles.
- We are opposed to a roundabout at 20th/Vicente because traffic will be diverted to Wawona.
- We are opposed to traffic circle at 20th/Vicente. Too confusing with circle.
- Yes to traffic circles – they will help slow cars down.
- Not a big fan of traffic circles with STOP signs (STOP signs mean bikes can't roll through)
- I like traffic circle proposals.
- Traffic circles are a terrible idea – the new traffic circles on McAllister reduce transit speed, with no meaningful improvements in safety.
- Drivers speed through traffic circles and are surprised when pedestrians cross. There are so many students around that the circles will be a distraction to drivers.
- I'm really excited by the proposed changes! I live @ 20th/Kirkham and it sounds like a traffic circle in that spot would have a very positive impact on traffic.
- Roundabout/ traffic circles are a great idea to help people do U turns and keep traffic off 20th.
- I like the traffic circles – slows cars, helps with U turns, takes cars off 20th Ave.

- Also do traffic circles on 18th Ave
- Yes to traffic circles – many schools nearby so we need cars to move slowly (+1)
- No traffic circles – no room, pedestrians and cars have a difficult time seeing each other. Slow traffic using other strategies like trees, narrower traffic lanes, etc.
- I like traffic circles for calming cars.
- Turn circles might distract drivers and miss pedestrians.
- Love the traffic circles if there are clear signs.
- Add a traffic circle at Ortega (+1). **SFMTA will discuss with Lycee Francais School.**
- Add traffic circle at Noriega for cars making U turns looking for parking. **SFMTA will check how this would affect truck access to the commercial corridor.**
- I like the traffic circles!
- Traffic circles are a great idea for the whole City.

Crossings/Bulbouts

- Need crosswalks at all intersections (+1)
- Crosswalk request at Quintara (+2) **SFMTA will conduct a crosswalk evaluation.**
- Bulb-outs at Judah are good, help there in crossing safely is good!
- Taraval and 20th is a very dangerous crossing. Need a 4-way STOP there or better a signal. **SFMTA will continue to look at ways to improve this intersection that will also work well for transit.**
- Love the bulbs!
- A signal would benefit peds and bikes crossing at Judah. **SFMTA will continue to look at ways to improve this intersection that will also work well for transit.**
- Add a 4 way STOP at Judah – unsafe crossing.
- Any possibility of traffic signal on 20th/Judah? 2 way STOP is not as friendly to bike/peds there.

Bike Lanes

- Yes to bike lanes. No to sharrows.
- I am excited for the bike lanes.
- Bike lanes should go both sides for the entire route. **The grade of 20th Avenue means that the speed of cyclists going uphill can be much lower than car speeds and the speed of downhill cyclists can more closely match that of cars. The proposal is to give more separation to uphill cyclists by providing a wider bike lane with a 2 foot buffer between the bike lane and car lane.**

- I also like the better delineated crossing at Lincoln Way. It can be hard now on a bike to share such a small space with pedestrians. More clear paths for both would help.
- Kirkham near 20th – 19th to 20th westbound does not have bike lane. I got rear ended by car last year. Would be great if that could be added.
- Very happy that some parts get at least Class II bike lanes, especially uphill.
- The uphill bike lane sounds great and could also narrow the street, slowing speeds and complementing the speed humps.
- New bike lanes on Ocean, Sloat, Vicente are rarely used. They don't need special lanes.
- Love the bike lane!
- I love the bike lane (+1)
- Is a parking protected bike lane possible near Irving? Truck loading is an issue here. ***There is not enough street width to provide a parking protected bike lane here.***

Parking

- The parallel parking conversion near Irving will help with the double parking trucks.
- Would like to see proposal to add parking lost by other enhancements along 20th. ***Where the number of parking spaces are reduced on 20th Avenue, SFMTA will look at adding parking on side streets.***
- I really like back in angled parking – as a cyclist that will be very helpful!
- I support back in angled parking.
- I support eliminating angled parking at Lycee Francais and have a daughter at Lycee. I will let them know.
- Stop feeling the need to accommodate parking so much, people will change their behavior and hopefully start biking.
- Backing into a diagonal parking space takes more time than going forward. I fear being hit from behind, or cars backed up behind me being hit from behind.
- I'd support daylighting, especially at Noriega, Judah, and Taraval.
- Stop accommodating parking so much. We can survive without it.
- My driveway could be harder to access with angled parking on Quintara in front of the church.
- Double parking at Quintara by the preschool would be worse if there was angled parking there.
- Keep parking parallel on Pacheco. (+1)
- Back in angled parking is a great idea! (between Lawton and Moraga)
- I like back in angled parking!

Speed Humps

- Please add speed humps everywhere – people drive absurdly fast.
- The speed humps are necessary.

- Speed humps should have gaps for bikers to pass through? (+1) **At this point SFMTA is not installing gaps in speed humps for bike tires so drivers are not encouraged to change their path of travel into a bike lane to avoid going over a speed hump.**
- Cars run stop sign at 20th/Moraga. Are speed humps possible near there? **SFMTA will consider speed humps in this area.**
- A speed hump on the block between Moraga and Noriega would help. Speed is a big problem there!
- Speed humps are not needed.
- Yes to speed humps – help to keep traffic on 19th.
- Reduce speed humps to one per block or every other block (+1)
- Thank you for speed humps on the block between Noriega and Ortega.
- I like the speed humps.
- Skaters like to ride between Judah and Irving – no humps.

General

- I live on 20th and bike every day to work. I couldn't be more supportive of the spirit driving this work. I'm especially excited about the bike lanes and speed humps.
- I live on 20th between Judah and Irving and am in favor of parallel parking, speed humps and bike lane.
- Please do this!
- I live on 20th Ave near Pacheco. I fully support adding speed bumps and traffic circles along 20th. I love this plan because it will beautify our street and make it safer for cyclists and walkers as well as students and families. Thank you!
- I live on 20th between Kirkham and Lawton. Overall I like option 2. (Traffic circles and back in angled parking).
- STOP sign needed on Wawona at 20th Ave.
- Please no STOP signs on Judah or Taraval – this would make it easier for cars to bypass 19th Ave traffic. A traffic light might be OK but only if it can be timed for trains.
- Alt 1 strongly preferred (for now) (no circles, no change to parking near Moraga)
- Is this corridor/project included in the Bicycle Plan? If not, is an amendment needed? **20th Avenue has been on the official bicycle network for many years but this project is not called out in the 2009 Bicycle Plan. It is in SFMTA's Capital Improvement Program. All necessary levels of approval will take place during the legislation phase.**
- Has this been to the Bicycle Advisory Committee, MTA CAC, PSAC, or other advisory committees? If not, when will it? **This project has been brought to several committees as part of the Capital Improvement Program approval.**
- No watered down ideas, do it and do it all. Don't just get our hopes up.

- Alt 2 is best (Traffic circles and back in angled parking)
 - No U Turns at 20th/Lincoln (+4)
 - Intersection at MLK and Transverse should be more bike friendly. **SFMTA is working work with Rec and Park to look at ideas.**
 - Emergency car wrecks on 19th Ave can shut down 19th from time to time.
 - This appears to be another example of an MTA project to support a narrow constituency. This will be supported by the bike, walk, vision zero crowd and opposed by everyone else. This is just a bad project period. None of the proposed changes are needed and the project should be stopped. Also, 19th Ave repaving is coming soon and will divert traffic onto 20th Ave. No changes should be made until after 19th Avenue paving. There is also little enforcement from Taraval Station. Can MTA get any commitment from SFPD for enforcement? **SFMTA will coordinate with the 19th Avenue paving project. SFMTA will pass on requests to SFPD if there are specific locations/times of day that are requested for enforcement.**
 - No need for this project. I oppose this work entirely.
 - I strongly support the project.
 - Please consider a more elegant solution for walking and biking into Stern Grove. **SFMTA is working work with Rec and Park to look at ideas.**
 - 20th Avenue is a busy street because of 19th Ave. To say these bulb outs, bumps, etc. will lessen traffic seems unrealistic – the cars don't have anywhere else to go. 20th Ave is a very hilly corridor and I think adding these measures will impede visibility more.
 - Thanks for looking out for the cyclists and walkers of SF!
 - Coordinate with Rec and Park to make the connection through Stern Grove happen at this same time as this project.
 - Drop off/ pick up issues at Lycee. More signs/protection could be added.
 - I live between Noriega and Moraga and love the bike lane and speed hump.
 - Plus 2 for traffic circles and speed humps
 - 20th between Judah and Irving becomes gridlocked during the morning commute. Maybe the traffic can be diverted to another street. Possibly time lights at 19th/Irving and 20th/Irving better. (+1)
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