LOWER GREAT HIGHWAY PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Factsheet

PROJECT OVERVIEW
The goal of the Lower Great Highway Pedestrian Improvements Project is to increase pedestrian safety and comfort along Lower Great Highway by planning and implementing near- and medium-term pedestrian improvements and traffic calming measures.

REVISED NEAR-TERM PROPOSAL

Pedestrian visibility zones (red zones) improve visibility between drivers and pedestrians approaching intersections.

Painted safety zones (PSZs) slow right turns by motorists, and increase yielding compliance.

Back-in angled parking narrows the roadway, calming traffic while providing additional parking spaces.

The near-term proposal includes:

• 20 pedestrian visibility zones (-20 parking spaces)
• 15 painted safety zones (-12 parking spaces)
• 47 back-in angled parking spaces (+18 spaces); Kirkham and Lawton

Together, the near-term measures would result in a reduction of 14 parking spaces over the 2-mile, 18-intersection corridor.

Other near-term measures:

• Signage improvements
• New and updated roadway striping (including new marked crosswalks at Kirkham Street)

MEDIUM-TERM PROPOSAL

Raised crosswalks slow traffic while ensuring maximum speed reduction occurs at pedestrian crossings, where it is most important. Raised crosswalks are proposed at Ulloa, Ortega, and Irving streets.

Median islands provide protection for pedestrians while calming traffic and slowing turns, and create an opportunity for landscaping. A median island is proposed at Lawton Street.

Stop signs clarify right-of-way at intersections.

NOTE: Stop signs are proposed for traffic on Cutler, Wawona, Ulloa, Ortega, and Moraga streets where they intersect Lower Great Highway; no new stop signs are proposed for traffic on Lower Great Highway itself.

TIMELINE

• Early - Mid 2018: Project development
• April 19 2018: Open House #1
• July 20 2018: Public Hearing for near-term proposal (since revised to reduce parking impacts)
• Sept 12 2018: Open House #2
• Sept 14 2018: Public Hearing for revised near-term proposal
• Oct 16 2018: SFMTA Board considers revised near-term proposal
• Late 2018: Public Hearing for medium-term proposal
• Late 2018/Early 2019: SFMTA Board considers medium-term proposal

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