Between May 1st and 12th, 2023, the SFMTA hosted a “virtual open house” to share proposed designs and solicit public input on the Sloat Boulevard Quick-Build Project. The open house consisted of an ArcGIS Storymap interactive web page describing the proposed project and an embedded survey, both available in English, Chinese, and Spanish. The survey asked demographic questions and invited participants to submit an open-ended “comment card” sharing their thoughts on the project. The virtual open house was advertised via a mailer to residents of the project vicinity (see map below for mailer extents), flyers posted around the project vicinity, a banner on the project webpage, and through partner organizations.

Response Takeaways

Respondents generally supported the project. 72% of project-related comments were in support of the project, while 14% were in opposition and 14% took no position. Project-related comments made up 80% of the overall comments, while 20% of the comments gave opinions related to other projects or the SFMTA more generally.

People were concerned about safety on Sloat Boulevard. 46% of responses referenced a need to improve safety for people riding bikes, and 26% for people walking. 16% were concerned about vehicle speeds on the corridor. These concerns align with the project’s focus on improving safety for all modes on the corridor.

Participants generally did not express a concern for parking loss. Only 6% of responses referenced vehicle parking. This supports curb management changes proposed by the project.

Respondents wanted additional bikeway improvements. 13% of respondents expressed that the proposed bikeway design was in some way insufficient. The project team will iterate upon the quick-build bikeway design after implementation based on project evaluation and public feedback.

People were concerned about vehicle traffic congestion on Sloat Boulevard. 13% of respondents expressed concern about the project’s affects on vehicle traffic operations. Project team will further communicate that the project will not reduce the number of vehicle travel lanes.

Participants shared concerns about specific locations on Sloat Boulevard. Some comments noted specific concerns or requests about the way the project is designed, which SFMTA staff will evaluate in the detail design phase. Of particular note, 19% of participants shared concerns about safety or traffic operations at the Sloat Boulevard / Skyline Boulevard intersection, highlighting a need for further improvements at this location.
Demographic Takeaways

- 108 people started the survey, and 70 respondents provided written comments.
- Participants traveled on Sloat Boulevard via a variety of modes. See the summary of modes at right.
- Respondents interacted closely with the corridor on a regular basis. 56% of respondents live on or near Sloat Boulevard and 63% commute or make trips on Sloat Boulevard. 38% travel on Sloat Boulevard every day and 36% every week.
- All participants responded to the survey in English. There were no responses in Chinese or Spanish, although 14% of respondents indicated that they spoke a language other than English at home.
- Most respondents were white. 62% of respondents self-identified as white, 20.7% as Asian and/or Pacific Islander, and 8.0% as Hispanic and/or Latinx.
- Most respondents were male. 51% of respondents self-identified as male, 39% as women, and 2% as transgender or non-binary.
- People of many different ages responded, but there were few respondents under 18 or over 75. See the summary of ages at right.

Responses to the question “If you travel on Sloat Boulevard, which modes do you use? (Select all that apply)”: 

- Walk or use a wheelchair or other mobility aid: 40.9%
- Ride a bicycle or scooter: 62.4%
- Take Muni: 28.0%
- Drive a car or motorcycle: 71.0%
- Use rideshare (Uber, Lyft, etc.): 12.9%
- Take a taxi: 6.5%
- Don't know / Not sure: 1.1%

Responses to the question “what is your age”: 

- 6% Prefer not to answer
- 2% Don't know/not sure
- 14% 65-74
- 21% 45-54
- 21% 25-34
- 34% 35-44
- 1% 18 or under
- 2% 75 or over