Slow Streets: A COVID Response

Feb 2020
Mayor Declares State of Emergency

April 2020
Muni Service Reduced to Core System

April 2020
Slow Streets Phase 1

May 2020
Slow Streets Phase 2

July 2020
Slow Streets Phase 3

March 2021
Begin Corridor Outreach for Permanence
Why Shotwell Street?

94/95% support converting Shotwell Slow Street into a permanent feature in the neighborhood (% resident / % user).

52% of respondents from the user survey felt somewhat safe using Shotwell Slow Street.

92% of residents who live on Shotwell Street support it being a Slow Street.

57% of users rated their experience using Shotwell Slow Street as very positive.

Of the respondents who participated in the resident and user surveys:

- 52% of respondents from the user survey felt somewhat safe using Shotwell Slow Street.
- 92% of residents who live on Shotwell Street support it being a Slow Street.
- 57% of users rated their experience using Shotwell Slow Street as very positive.

Average frequency of use:
- A few times a week

Most used activity:
- Essential Travel & Recreation

User survey respondent relation to Shotwell Slow Street:
- 28% live on Shotwell Slow Street
- 18% live on a street that intersects Shotwell Slow Street
- 39% live elsewhere in the neighborhood
- 14% don’t live in the neighborhood but travel through often
- 1% don’t live in the neighborhood and don’t travel through often

85% of respondents in the Shotwell Slow Street User Survey live in the neighborhood.
What is a Permanent Slow Street?

Time

• Traffic changes would extend beyond State of Emergency
• Authorization not tied to COVID emergency

Materials

• Part of the neighborhood’s lasting infrastructure
• Part of the city’s overall transportation network
**Step 1**
Evaluate the Slow Street and Determine Support for Permanence
Using the Slow Streets evaluation process, deploy resident and user surveys to assess the temporary Slow Street’s effectiveness, uncover operational issues, learn about the community’s perceptions and attitudes toward the Slow Street, and determine support for permanence beyond the pandemic.

**Step 2**
Community Outreach
Initiate a public outreach process to engage with residents and stakeholders on additional permanent treatments beyond traffic diverters and signage to improve safety for all users of the street and further enhance the Slow Street.

**Step 3**
Design Permanent Slow Street
Using the feedback received in Step 2, complete the design for the permanent Slow Street. Review the design with other SFMTA departments and other city agencies through the SFMTA’s Transportation Staff Advisory Committee (TASC) process and refine if needed.

Additional design features may not be added based on community feedback from outreach. Step 3 may just entail preparing plans to swap out the existing Type III barricade treatment used for traffic diversion with the new and more durable barricade and signage configuration. This step also includes preparing the legislative materials to establish permanence of the Slow Street.

**Step 4**
Approve Permanent Slow Street
Present the permanent Slow Street designation and design to the SFMTA Board of Directors and obtain their approval.

**Step 5**
Implementation
Work with SFMTA shops to swap out the old Type III barricades with the new more durable traffic diverter and sign configuration. If warranted, install additional traffic safety features.

**ENJOY SLOW STREET!**

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**Slow Streets Path to Permanence Process**
What Design Treatments are Possible?
How to Provide Feedback

- **Speak Up:** We’re recording your comments tonight. Please provide your name when you begin speaking.
- **Visit the Shotwell Slow Street Virtual Open House:** Identify issues on Shotwell Street, rate potential design treatments, and let us know what you want to see on the street.
- **Request a Meeting:** We’d love to come speak with your neighborhood group about Slow Streets.
- **Attend Another Open House:** We’ll be here this weekend, and during the next few weeks.
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What Do You Think?

In this session you will be muted.

If you wish to speak during the Q & A:

  • **Please raise your hand** - find the bar shown below and click the hand button (highlighted in red)
  • The moderator will then inform you that you can unmute yourself and speak - to unmute yourself, click the microphone button (highlighted in yellow in image below)

Please remember to mute yourself when you are not speaking.

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