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Project Background

The Slow Streets Program has targets for vehicle speed and volumes to allow the street to be safely shared by different users, including people walking, bicycling, rolling, and driving. We aim for fewer than 1,000 vehicles per day and 15 mph median travel speeds. During our most recent evaluation, 20th Street was found to have daily traffic of 2,032 vehicles and 16 mph median speeds.

Why are we considering changes?

The Slow Streets team is developing spot improvements for the 20th Street Slow Street (between Shotwell Street and Potrero Avenue). Project outreach will inform the project team's design proposals and include hearing the perspectives of different roadway users and neighborhood needs, focusing on safety for people walking and bicycling.



Locations of treatments being considered



For more details about the treatments we're considering, please review the other side of the page.

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Painted Safety Zones

Painted safety zones are khaki-colored areas of the road that wrap around sidewalk corners to make people walking across intersections more visible to people driving. Narrowing the intersection also encourages slower vehicle turning speeds.



Speed Tables / Cushions

Traffic calming is an effective device to slow down vehicles mid-block and at uncontrolled crosswalks. **Speed tables** are longer than speed humps and flat-topped, designed to be more easily traveled by larger vehicles, including fire engines. **Speed cushions** have wheel cutouts, allowing larger vehicles like buses and emergency-response vehicles to pass unaffected while reducing passenger vehicle speeds.



Traffic Calming Median

These islands are designed to narrow travel lanes and slow drivers at intersections. They act as a physical barrier that encourages reduced speeds by creating a visual "pinch point" in the roadway and reducing pedestrians' exposure to vehicle traffic.



Bicycle Corral

Bike parking corrals provide parking for people bicycling visiting the neighborhood and prioritize roadway space for active transportation uses. Onstreet bike parking can also narrow the roadway to calm traffic.

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