



Updates

- *Transportation Plan* adopted
- Signal Upgrade Project Phases 1, 2 underway
- Enforcement milestones reached: double-fine zone and speed limit reduction
- Edge Line Project completed
- Project approvals for bus and pedestrian bulb-outs initiated

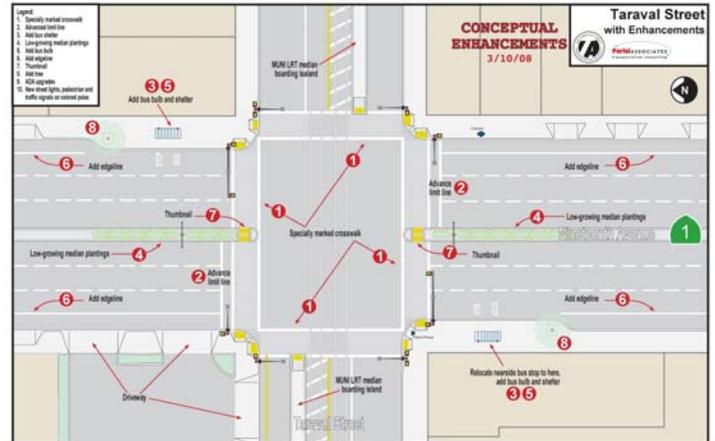
Background



The 19th Avenue / Park Presidio Boulevard corridor, designated as State Highway 1, is owned and operated by the California State Department of Transportation (Caltrans). The Authority has been working in cooperation with Caltrans and city agencies, including the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency and the San Francisco Department of Public Works, to improve multimodal travel conditions for the corridor.

It is an essential and heavily used 'gateway' for vehicles, moving both local and regional traffic. The corridor also serves high numbers of transit users. Finally, the corridor also functions as a major local City street. These diverse functions call for a street that is designed to achieve a fine balance among the needs of its different users.

Transportation Plan Adopted



The result of a multi-year, cooperative inter-agency and community-based effort, the purpose of the *19th Avenue/Park Presidio Blvd Transportation Plan* is to provide a comprehensive look at multimodal transportation needs, establish improvement goals and priorities for the corridor through a conceptual design effort, and recommend projects for implementation.

The plan explored existing conditions for multimodal travel, including a strong emphasis on pedestrian safety, and solicited community input on potential solutions. It identifies and provides conceptual designs for several types of proposed improvements for the corridor, including:

- New traffic signals
- Accessibility upgrades, including curb ramps
- Bus and pedestrian bulb-outs at intersections
- Edge line
- Median planting
- Special crosswalk treatments

The plan was adopted by the Authority Board in Spring 2008. Since then, significant progress has already been made; please see the updates on the reverse side of this newsletter for more details.

Edge Line Project Completed



One of the recommendations from the Transportation Plan, the Edge Line Project consists of placing a stripe between the right-most travel lane and the parking lane along 19th Avenue between Lincoln Way and Sloat Boulevard. The objective is to define more clearly the right-of-way available for on-street parking, achieving two results: 1) encouraging motorists to park their cars entirely on the street, rather than partially on the sidewalk clearing walking space for pedestrians; and 2) calming traffic along the corridor. Funded by the Prop K sales tax, this project was installed in Spring 2009.

Enforcement Milestones Reached



In Fall 2008, with the help of State Senator Leland Yee, a double-fine zone was created for the 19th Avenue corridor, increasing the incentive for safe driving.

In Winter 2008/09, the city and Caltrans discussed and agreed to reducing the speed limit along 19th Avenue from 35 miles per hour (mph) to 30 mph to further enhance safety. Signs were changed in Spring 2009.

Signal Upgrade Project Under Construction



Key to the *Transportation Plan's* recommendations is traffic controllers that support pedestrian countdown signals, better signal coordination, and transit signal priority, necessitating replacement of the current, outdated equipment. In addition to new traffic signals, the project will provide pedestrian countdown signals, Americans-with-Disabilities-Act-compliant curb ramps, and re-striped crosswalks.

Phase 1 work, on 10 intersections along 19th Avenue, began in Summer 2008. Phase 2 work, on 16 intersections along 19th Avenue and Park Presidio Boulevard, began in Spring 2009. These phases are expected to finish in Winter 2008/09. A third phase, to complete nine remaining intersection upgrades, is ready to enter the final design phase, pending funding availability.

Project Approvals Initiated for Bulb-Outs

The most substantive of the *Transportation Plan's* recommendations is to install bus and pedestrian bulb-outs at the corners of 22 intersections along 19th Avenue. The bulb-outs would generally be installed at the northeast and southwest corners, resulting in two bulb-outs per intersection, where feasible. The bulb-outs would extend the sidewalk into the existing parking lane of 19th Avenue at the intersections, facilitating better transit and traffic operations as well as better crossing conditions for pedestrians.

Because 19th Avenue is under Caltrans jurisdiction, the first step toward implementation is to obtain Caltrans approval for the project, in a phase of work called a Project Study Report (PSR). With funds from the Prop K sales tax, The Authority is leading this phase in coordination with SFMTA and SFDPW. Work initiated in Summer 2009 and is expected to complete in Winter 2010/11.