Overview

- Study Objectives
- Stakeholder Input
- Challenges & Solutions
- Recommendations
Study Objectives

Improve safety, circulation and access to Portsmouth Square — the community’s ‘living room’ — and to Chinatown as a whole.

- Analyze the existing circulation and conditions
- Conduct outreach and engagement with community members and stakeholders
- Recommend strategies and projects for site improvement
Stakeholder Input Process

● Stakeholder Meetings
● Business & Intercept Surveys
● On-going coordination with CCDC and Portsmouth Square garage
● Identified needs:
  ▪ Improve pedestrian safety
  ▪ Improve visibility, lighting and wayfinding (Pedestrian friendly streets)
  ▪ ADA upgrades and modernization
  ▪ Address loading and sidewalk blocking issues

April 2019 Stakeholder Meeting
“create harmony among all modes of travel to Portsmouth Square”
Challenges

Challenge Key

Pedestrian Safety

- Missing directional curb ramps and cross-slopes >2% across Washington Street.
- Impaired visibility of sidewalk due to planter wing wall.
- Crosswalk cross-slopes: 6% in the wet, 4.5% east of the crosswalk in other lanes.
- Double threat pedestrian/auto conflicts.
- Pedestrian crossing phase not active during Clay eastbound vehicle phase.
- Pedestrian crossing phase active during Kearny northbound vehicle phase.

Pedestrian Friendly Streets

- Parking observed on sidewalk by law enforcement and maintenance vehicles.
- Sidewalk pinch point due to planter and changeable message sign cabinet.
- Cross-slope >2% across Washington Street.

ADA & Modernization

- Light post creates pinch point in sidewalk — not ADA compliant.

Loading Issues

- Cross-slope >2% across Clay Street.
- Pick up and drop off by several casino shuttles during travel late hours (7am - 9am and 3pm - 6pm).
1. Narrow existing driveways
2. Install bulb outs and consider adding additional lighting
3. Add pedestrian median between garage entry lanes
Solutions: Pedestrian Safety

4. Install pedestrian crossing lights and extend existing row of bollards

5. Relocate changeable message sign and equipment cabinet
Solutions: Pedestrian Safety

6. Re-time pedestrian crossing to better accommodate individuals with disabilities

Upgrade existing “No Right Turn on Red” signs to blank out signs

Typical Blank out signage:
Solutions: Pedestrian Safety

7. Work with SFPD to increase enforcement of the right-turn-on-red prohibition
1. Install new curb ramps
2. Relocate existing drainage inlets and install new curb ramps
3. Refresh exiting bollards
4. Add signage "left Lane parking garage only"
Solutions: Pedestrian Friendly Streets

1. Widen sidewalk
2. Install lighting under pedestrian walkway
3. Raise Walter U. Lum to sidewalk level
4. Widen Sidewalk adjacent to square

5. Consider sidewalk widening to create an outdoor café zone

Study the potential for the expansion of the existing Community Ambassadors program to weekend and 4 evenings
1. Install 40 feet of loading zone north of bus stop.

Increase enforcement of double-parked vehicles stopping in transit-only lane.
Work with casino shuttle operators to ensure awareness of safe loading and unloading procedures.

Consider creating written guidance for casino shuttle operators.
1. Install bulb outs and consider adding additional lighting
2. Add pedestrian median between garage entry lanes
3. Install pedestrian crossing lights and extend existing row of bollards
4. Install new curb ramps
Recommendations & Implementation

- Cost to implement all solutions – $2.4M
- Top priority for stakeholders – pedestrian safety & ADA & modernization [$2.23M]
- Most solutions could be implemented as part of the Portsmouth Square Redesign Project if the GO Bond on the November 2020 ballot passes
Thank you. Any Questions?

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