

# San Francisco County Transportation Authority Allocation Request Form

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<b>Project Name:</b>	Slow Duboce Triangle Study [NTIP Planning]
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## EXPENDITURE PLAN INFORMATION

<b>PROP K Expenditure Plans</b>	Transportation/Land Use Coordination
<b>Current PROP K Request:</b>	\$7,000
<b>Supervisory District</b>	District 08

## REQUEST

### Brief Project Description

The Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association is working with the District 8 office to support two UC Berkeley students to run community workshops and develop concept designs for "Vision Slow Triangle" based on research they have already conducted on walkability and mobility, sustainability, and public space activation. This project, requested by Commissioner Mandelman, includes the following deliverables: Public Realm Design Values & Guidelines and Concept Designs for locations including the intersection of Duboce St. and Sanchez St. and traffic calming along Noe St. and Sanchez St.

### Detailed Scope, Project Benefits and Community Outreach

#### Background on Vision Slow Triangle:

As the pandemic paused commuter traffic, San Francisco rolled out Slow Streets. New traffic patterns tested the patience of some and stretched the imagination of others.

In keeping with its history as an organization with a reputation for progressive thinking, the Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association (DTNA) started a conversation about a Slow Triangle: "At the risk of sounding crazy, let's make the entire Triangle neighborhood slow?" proposed a neighbor at the monthly DTNA Land Use Meeting. "That's a 'vision', an 'idea to be explored' said the Land Use chairperson, thus creating an opportunity for both creative exploration and disagreement to take its space. So, the organization started exploring.

In hopes of bringing some objective criteria and professional eyes to bear, DTNA approached Professor Zach Lamb at the College of Environmental Design at UC Berkeley. Professor Lamb proposed that students under the guidance of Ph.D. candidate Tyler Pullen research various aspects of the Vision: Slow Triangle as part of his course in Urban Design Research Methods.

In fall 2021, three student groups commenced their research covering three topics: Walkability & Mobility, researching the impact of parking configurations on traffic calming and the public realm; Sustainability, researching how characteristics of streetside gathering spaces (vegetation, amenity, size and dimension, location) encourage resident use and contribute to resident satisfaction; and

Activation, researching how physical characteristics and vehicular traffic influence the desire of pedestrians to use streets. The students presented the findings of their research work to the community at DTNA Land Use and General meetings, both of which saw record attendance from the community, local administrators, and policymakers.

After rich and robust conversations at the various meetings, the research has become the basis for implementing improvements to the public realm in the Triangle, as well as sparking new conversations about the ownership of rights to, and responsibilities for, the public realm. To many, it became clear that directing the neighborhood's energy towards working on the public realm can ultimately create a new sense of community, which addressed a concern felt by many during the Covid pandemic that we had lost touch with those who live closest to us.

In February 2022, DTNA board members toured the neighborhood with district supervisor Mandelman, representatives from the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, and the San Francisco Planning Department to share the research findings and discuss the implementation of recommendations from the student work.

### **Deliverables:**

DTNA anticipates two deliverables to be delivered over a two-month time frame:

**1. Public Realm Design Values:** A community-endorsed yardstick for making decisions affecting the design of the public realm in the Triangle.

- Hold preliminary listening sessions for community members (and/or with specific DTNA committees);
- Highlight frequent trade-offs and unintended consequences/externalities of certain design values/decisions;
- Develop a slide show of precedent case studies of similar interventions in SF, CA, and elsewhere to generate ideas and discussion (could be after the first meeting and before a second);
- Hold a second meeting to solicit feedback on precedents and draft articulation of key values;
- Refine values.

**2. Critical Concept Designs:** Design concepts for the (a) reconfiguration of the intersection of Duboce and Sanchez and (b) bulb-outs, parklets, and traffic calming measures on Noe and Sanchez.

- Overall area plans/diagrams for the whole DTNA area;
- Streetscape plans for key intersections and streets;
- Street section drawings;
- Positioning & thematic differentiation of various areas under (b)
- Activation proposals as appropriate (e.g. food, art, exercise etc)
- Detail plans/sections of particular interventions especially the areas under (b);
- Photomontages or other user-eye renderings of before and after streetscapes;

### **3. Final Report**

The Transportation Authority's Neighborhood Program (NTIP) is intended to strengthen project pipelines and advance the delivery of community supported neighborhood-scale projects, especially in Communities of Concern and other neighborhoods with high unmet needs.

## Project Location

Duboce Triangle (bordered by Market St. to the south, Castro St. and Divisadero St. to the west, as well as Waller St., Webster St., and Duboce Avenue to the north)

## Project Phase(s)

Planning/Conceptual Engineering (PLAN)

### 5YPP/STRATEGIC PLAN INFORMATION

<b>Type of Project in the Prop K 5YPP/Prop AA Strategic Plan?</b>	Project Drawn from Placeholder
<b>Is requested amount greater than the amount programmed in the relevant 5YPP or Strategic Plan?</b>	Less than or Equal to Programmed Amount
<b>Prop K 5YPP Amount:</b>	\$323,000

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## ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE

<b>Environmental Type:</b>	Categorically Exempt
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## PROJECT DELIVERY MILESTONES

Phase	Start		End	
	Quarter	Calendar Year	Quarter	Calendar Year
Planning/Conceptual Engineering (PLAN)	Apr-May-Jun	2022	Jul-Aug-Sep	2022
Environmental Studies (PA&ED)				
Right of Way				
Design Engineering (PS&E)				
Advertise Construction				
Start Construction (e.g. Award Contract)				
Operations (OP)				
Open for Use				
Project Completion (means last eligible expenditure)				

## SCHEDULE DETAILS

Design Value Workshop: June 21, 2022

3 Community Design Charettes:

- July 5, 2022
- July 26, 2022
- August 9, 2022

**DTNA Slow Triangle**

Community Workshops for Public Realm Values & Concept Designs

**PROJECT BUDGET**

Item	Comment	Amount
1	UC Berkeley Graduate - Urban Design Intern - 2 months	\$5,000
2	UC Berkeley Graduate Student - Planning Intern - 2 months	\$5,000
3	5 Community Workshops	
	- Materials for Design Charettes	\$1,000
	- Snacks & Beverages	\$500
4	Printing for Report Submission	
	50 pages - 5 copies	\$500
<b>Total Budget</b>		<b>\$12,000</b>

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## FUNDING PLAN - FOR CURRENT REQUEST

Fund Source	Planned	Programmed	Allocated	Project Total
EP-144: Transportation/Land Use Coordination	\$0	\$7,000	\$0	\$7,000
Private Donation (Cruise Automation)	\$0	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500
Private Donation (Waymo)	\$0	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500
<b>Phases In Current Request Total:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>

## COST SUMMARY

Phase	Total Cost	PROP K - Current Request	Source of Cost Estimate
Planning/Conceptual Engineering	\$12,000	\$7,000	DTNA based on student stipend and estimated cost of outreach
Environmental Studies	\$0		
Right of Way	\$0		
Design Engineering	\$0		
Construction	\$0		
Operations	\$0		
Total:	\$12,000	\$7,000	

<b>% Complete of Design:</b>	N/A
<b>As of Date:</b>	N/A
<b>Expected Useful Life:</b>	N/A

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## SFCTA RECOMMENDATION

<b>Resolution Number:</b>		<b>Resolution Date:</b>	
<b>Total PROP K Requested:</b>	\$7,000	<b>Total PROP K Recommended</b>	\$7,000

<b>SGA Project Number:</b>		<b>Name:</b>	Slow Duboce Triangle Study [NTIP Planning]
<b>Sponsor:</b>	San Francisco County Transportation Authority	<b>Expiration Date:</b>	03/31/2023
<b>Phase:</b>	Planning/Conceptual Engineering	<b>Fundshare:</b>	58.33%

### Cash Flow Distribution Schedule by Fiscal Year

Fund Source	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26	Total
PROP K EP-144	\$0	\$7,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,000

#### Deliverables

1. Upon completion of study, Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association shall provide a Final Report, including the Public Realm Design Values & Guidelines Memo and the Critical Concepts Designs Memo.

#### Special Conditions

1. The recommended allocation is contingent upon a waiver of Prop K policy prohibiting reimbursement of project costs incurred prior to execution of the Standard Grant Agreement. Costs are to be eligible for reimbursement beginning June 1, 2022.

2. Recommendation is conditioned upon a waiver of NTIP policy requiring that the Board accept or approve the final report for NTIP planning grants.

#### Notes

1. Progress reports will be shared with the Commissioner of the relevant supervisorial district.

Metric	PROP K	TNC TAX	PROP AA
Actual Leveraging - Current Request	41.67%	No TNC TAX	No PROP AA
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1) The requested sales tax and/or vehicle registration fee revenues will be used to supplement and under no circumstance replace existing local revenues used for transportation purposes.

Initials of sponsor staff member verifying the above statement:

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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