Palou Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project
Barneveld Avenue to Crisp Road
Streetscape project update and Jennings Plaza Discussion
Community Meeting #5
July 27, 2016
Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- Project overview, history, goals, and update on final design
- Jennings Plaza update
- Questions and answers

5 minutes  
20 minutes  
35 minutes  
15 minutes
Project Team

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MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY

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Palou Avenue: Approximately 1.6 miles
Schedule

- September 2013 – June 2015: planning phase
- July 2015 – September 2016: design phase
- October 2016 – February 2017: bid/award
- March 2017 – February 2018: construction
Overall Project Budget: Approximately $10 million contributed by the following programs:

- Streetscape program (2011 Prop B funds)
- Paving program
- Sewer program
- Jennings Plaza Grant: $450,000
- SFMTA-Oakdale / Phelps bulb-outs
- Vision Zero SF program
Project Goals

Review pedestrian safety, traffic calming, greening, and improved traffic times project goals with guiding policies from:

- Better Streets Plan
- Complete Streets Policy
- Bicycle Plan
- Vision Zero SF
- Muni Forward
- Green Connections
- Candlestick & Hunters Point Shipyard long-term plan

Improve pedestrian safety
Provide traffic calming
Greening
Key plan for intersection concepts

Sewer work not shown on Key Plan:
- Side sewer lateral replacement between Jennings and Ingalls
- Main sewer repair: between Ingalls and Hawes
Industrial and Selby streets

No change:
- median islands

Rankin Street

No change:
- planted median islands
**Quint to Silver**

**Recent plan**
- Cul-de-sac
- add median island

**No change:**
- Cul-de-sac
- median island
Phelps Street

Recent plan
• bulb-out
• planted median island

Proposed:
• Removed 1 bulb-out
• planted median island
• Shorter bus bulb
• Shorter ped bulb
• Planting area at bus bulb
Oakdale and Phelps Streets

Recent:
• No change
Dunshee Street

No change:
• Raised crosswalk
• Planted area
Newhall Street

Recent plan
• bulb-out
• planted median island

Proposed:
• Removed 3 bulb-outs
• planted median island
3rd Street
No change
Lane Street

Recent plan:
• Add three bulb-outs

Proposed:
• Removed 3 bulb-outs
Keith Street
Recent plan
• bulb-out
• planted median island

Proposed:
• Removed 2 bulb-outs
• planted median island modified
Jennings Street

Recent plan
• bulb-out
• planted median island

Proposed:
• No change
**Ingalls Street**

**Recent plan:**
- planted median islands

**Proposed:**
- Shortened ped bulb
- planted median islands
Hawes Street

Recent plan:
• bulb-out
• planted median island

Proposed:
• Removed 3 bulb-outs
• Smaller planted median islands
Introduction:
Bill Bulkley, Landscape Architect

Recap:
• At the first community meeting the neighbors brought up locations of blighted vacant lots that they would like to see transformed into positive space for the community
• The team researched who owned the lots. The largest lot turned out to be a Public Works right of way
• Ideas were discussed as to how the space could be used such as:
  • amphitheater
  • farmer’s market on Saturdays
  • children’s playground
  • mini-park
  • plaza
  • Exercise
  • and/or multi use
• A grant of $450,000 was applied for and approved from OCII. This grant is for construction funding only
• Public Works is providing design services

We need your help:
• Community sponsorship
• Prioritize design elements versus construction budget
The Plaza needs sponsorship and a maintenance plan in order to be built.
- We researching the San Francisco Plaza Program, under the Real Estate Division as a resource to help the community to sponsor the Plaza and develop a maintenance plan (web address on last page of presentation)

Plaza steward:
- A person or group in the community who champions the Plaza project
- The steward needs a registered Non-profit organization as their sponsor.

What local non-profits may be able to help?
- Parks Alliance?, Friends of ?, Quesada Gardens?
- Is there a nearby Community Benefit District (CBD)? Or Homeowners Group?
- Other ideas?

Why is a steward necessary?

Why is a maintenance program required?
Jennings Plaza Lot: Existing Site Conditions

Left: View of front of lot from Palou Ave.
Left below: View from lot down Jennings
Below: Aerial view of lot
Jennings Plaza Lot: Design concept: the big idea

Not enough construction budget to build the “big idea”

What are your ideas for plaza use / programming?

What are your ideas on prioritizing design elements to match the construction budget?

What days and times should the Plaza be open?

Who has the gate key?
## Jennings Plaza Lot: Programming and Construction

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| Total Construction Budget | $450,000 |

### Programming priorities

- Is a farmers market/flexible use plaza important?
- Is children’s play important? Can it be incorporated into the larger design?
- Is an amphitheater/stage backdrop important for occasional use?
- Other ideas?

### Elements that can be prioritized

- Play surface for features for kids play features, need a safer surface for kids
- Is a storage / shed/ sales for events & supplies a good idea?
- Is a shade structure a good idea?
- Is Lighting necessary? Will most likely have to be solar LED
- Upgrade fence to art fence or decorative metal & gate?
- Are vines for a green screen a good idea?
Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 states:

• Title VI prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance.

• San Francisco Public Works wants to ensure that residents and communities impacted by this project have been included in the decision making process.

• Participation in the Title VI questionnaire assists Public Works in assuring that we have an effective and representative community outreach program.
Next steps:

Turn in Questionnaire by August 10, 2016

Next Step: Jennings Plaza Lot stewardship: who can be the steward?

Plaza Program: visit:
http://sfgov.org/realestate/plaza-program

SFMTA: notices will be placed on street poles 10 days before SFMTA Public Hearing. Watch website for SFMTA Public Hearing date:
https://www.sfmta.com/about-sfmta/organization/divisions-and-units/sustainable-streets

Summer/Fall 2016: Tree removal and planting notices will be posted on tree or mailed to adjacent property owners

For project updates, visit:
sfpublicworks.org/palou
Questions?

Thank you for participating!