

PUBLIC MEETING 08/07/2014 – MISSION STREET LIFE PLAN - QUOTES

“Make Mission St:

1. One lane for cars & one lane for buses to improve traffic & public transportation flow.
2. More waste management, ie. cans, recycling along Mission St., more seats along the corridor 16th to Chavez.
3. Address issues of public activity spaces for low income residents who live in SRO (community centers). Not only beautifying Mission St. for up and coming residents. Make it family friendly & class friendly.
4. Public access to seniors, people with disabilities, families with children by trying to improve traffic flow.
5. Bike parking. Toilets.”

“Mission Street is already vibrant and amazing. Cosmetic improvements designed to increase real estate values will price out existing businesses, raise rents and cause more of the already devastating displacement. Who wants these “improvements” and why?”

“Bus shelters need to be made of materials which can resist vandalism. More seats for seniors.”

“I like the idea of railings to lean against at bus stations (vs. more seats that can be used to sleep on, etc. rather than to wait for a bus.) Railings also trap less dirt.”

“Please decrease permanent seating (including ledges that can be used as seats). Tend to get gross. Looking forward to movable seating (ie. benches that are folded down at night.)

“No more condos. No more market-rate developments in the Mission until affordable needs are met.”

“(referencing quote from above) Or just raise the affordable housing regulations and stop developers from paying the in lieu fees!”

“Pedestrian bulb-outs would help with congestion at corners (pointing at 16th St. intersections)”

“Weekend proselytizers are a public nuisance, make it hard to work and be here on weekends. (pointing at 16th St. BART Plaza)”

“More art installations <3”

“More public restrooms, pee-planter would be great! (pointing to the corridor from 16th St. to 18th St.)”

“Get rid of unused newspaper dispensers.”

“More community policing! Foot patrol! Facade improvements & cleaner sidewalks. Compost & recycling bins?”

“Love all of the trees proposed!”

“Bulb-outs at BART Plaza corners?”

“Scramble crosswalks at key intersections.”

“Refurbish, don’t teardown & replace.”

“More signage in Spanish!”

“Better lighting connecting Valencia & Mission. Suggest 17th & 21st. In some ways Valencia is too hot and Mission still needs clean up. Lights & amenities that encourage foot traffic between would be great. Too many Valencia buildings are being remodeled when there is good building stock on Mission St. Don’t look at Mission St. in isolation without considering Valencia’s effects.”

“City program restore signs. Facade improvement program. Invest in existing facades. Less buses, hard to bike and drive.”

“No parklets, keep them on Valencia, not Mission!!”

“Know what to preserve and what needs change.”

“More bike parking (pointing to corridor between 20th and 23rd streets)”

“The money used for new paving, lamp posts, shelters, grates, etc. would be better spent making the existing lights brighter, adding public restrooms, engaging those who have no place to go during the day. Mission St. is already unique, it already has an identity. Restore defaced murals. Have DPW repair and clean the streets they are supposed to.”

“Trees need to be returned to 24th St BART. Pollution is the worst in the city!”

“Bring back the ‘human factor’. There is no longer anywhere to sit, no art, no trees... this plaza (24th St BART Plaza) has become a dead zone consisting only of brick pavement –a true eye sore. Additionally, provide ample seating and public art on the Northeast corner as well.”

“Emphasize improvements for public transit and pedestrian safety. Particularly for families and elderly. Mission Street is a very important hub for services for the Bay Area-wide Latin Community with Spanish-speaking doctors, dentists, immigration services, etcetera. As such, its daytime functions are most important. Mission Street should not become any more of a tourist/party destination. So de-emphasize decorative initiatives, such as string lighting.”

“Do not smooth everything over! The neighborhood exists! We don’t need a Latino Theme Park.”

“Meetings need to invite & engage more Spanish speakers? All English speakers today?”

“Whatever happened to the proposed BART 30th/Mission station? No improvement to Mission St. would be complete without it!”

“No more condo’s! No height increase! No parklets! Preserve small businesses!”

“What will be available for the present population? Or is it part of the ‘plan’ to move them off to the next neighborhood, like ‘the city’ did with the Fillmore and the Tenderloin?”

“We need height limits for condo’s!”

“Don’t take away too many parking spots.”

“Do not remove parking.”

“No more development.”

“Needs more Mission Street store owner, family participation at these meetings.”

“Is it possible to require/encourage new businesses/renovations to respect historic integrity of buildings? Brand new, complete overhauls of street level facades in irrelevant aesthetics destroys neighborhood.”

“Affordable: 17th & Folsom. Hoosins site. 16th & Mission 1950 & 26 Shotwell & Cala Foods & Delanos site.”

“Restore BART mural.”

“No parklets.”

“Needs more restrooms.”

“Yes more trees! And flower pots! When visitors come to the Mission via BART they see trash, misc. it’s embarrassing for the community.”

“Discourage parklets that are aesthetic extensions of restaurants & don’t feel truly public to passers-by.”

“What does improving or beautifying the Plaza mean? Is it really just making it neat, pretty and clean? Let’s not be hypocritical! It means changing the population without a solution. Let’s start having some compassion. We can all end up in the same situation one day!”

“Consider the community input/feedback. We need the cultural centers. More bike lanes, less cars. Support local businesses, encourage walkability.”

“Talk to GAFTA about ‘data canvas’.”

“More street vendors along Mission.”

“Grab+go, tamales (historic) etc. Shared community commissary/kitchen that vendors can share? Microbusiness. Pupusas, fruit are great + more!”

“Use historic lighting.”

“Historic + educational placarde/installation/storefronts.”

“More street food carts.”

“Keep the Latino culture on Mission Street. Murals, tree grates, community.”

“How do we help the people that sit in the BART plaza? They need help, a community center for them. The rich people should pay for this, the tech people and developers that want to build condos and expensive apartments.”

“More shade trees over benches for peaceful seating.”

“Narrow sidewalk + slippery tiles = dangerous.”

“Grocers create sidewalk traffic jams.”

“Needs better furniture at BART station on 16th Street. Better toilet facilities. Different design.”

“16th & S. Van Ness old Fairway Market (closed for years) perfect location to have a community center for the residents of the SRO's and hotel right above and next too. There can be activated available and classes. (AAA, rehab, job training) music, bingo, remember these people are yearning to have a better life but need help, so let's begin here!”

“Re-direct bike traffic away from Mission St. Signs directing riders to a safer path for riding – maybe info of a website – that would inform bicyclist toward a safer route – Mission is too congested and dangerous for bikes.”

“But still need bike parking since people want to park bikes near when they are in stores and restaurants.”

“Affordable housing for the community – no more market rate housing here (near 16th St. BART plaza).”

“Better lighting on 16th & Capp St. It's too dark at night! Put garbage can on the corner of the block, not at the entry to BART station.”

“No luxury apartment. Need more low income housing keep the poor and middle class in San Francisco. Height limit of 3 or 4 stories. The mission is sunny, we don't need dark building shades.”

“Widen the sidewalk on 16th and Mission. Too many people, there's no room to walk.”

“Sidewalks should be cleaned daily by businesses along Mission & 16th St.”

“More affordable housing please!! Let’s keep diversity in this beautiful city of ours!”

“Please retain local businesses serving local needs (laundry mats, grocers, inexpensive clothing, affordable restaurants, etc.) rather than an entertainment district for non-residents.”

“(in reference to previous quote) Agreed! We have enough high-end ‘boutique’ stores in the city already.”

“No bike lanes!”