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MEMORANDUM

TO: Supervisor Yee

FROM: SFMTA, Mark Dreger & Casey Hildreth

CC: OEWD, Leigh Lutenski

RE: Ocean Avenue Safety Project

DATE: Thursday, March 28, 2019

Enclosed is an update and description of the SFMTA Ocean Safety Project. SFMTA staff are available to answer any questions you may have and to discuss the project further.

Project Scope:

- Implement the recommendations (and spirit) of the Planning Department's Ocean Avenue Corridor Design study (<https://sf-planning.org/ocean-avenue-corridor-design>).
- The goals of the project are:
 1. Develop and implement a set of near-term improvements – cost-effective measures that can be installed quickly to improve safety;
 2. Create a longer-term vision for the corridor inspired by the Ocean Avenue Corridor Design Study that could be coordinated with other adjacent projects.
- Near-term Improvements: Initial focus will likely be on Geneva Ave with visibility daylighting (some locations could later be converted into corner sidewalk extensions) and a possible lane reduction eastbound from Ocean Avenue to Howth Street to add an up-hill bike lane. Will update in summer after additional scoping.
- Longer-term Improvements: Re-orient northbound Geneva Ave to line up with Frida Kahlo Way to improve safety and facilitate efficient movement of transit and other traffic; Improve sidewalks, crossings, and bikeways on Ocean Ave between Geneva Ave and on San Jose Ave and on Geneva Ave between Ocean Ave and Balboa Park as presented in the Ocean Avenue Corridor Design study.
- What's not included in the project: Improvements along Ocean Ave west of Frida Kahlo Way; Improvements along Ocean Ave east of San Jose Ave.
- Costs: Overall costs are somewhat uncertain because the project scope has not been finalized, but Public Works estimates the long-term project at ~\$19-20 million (not including any improvements on City College property such as retaining wall relocation).
 - \$300,000 for the planning phase
 - \$12 million in programmed funds in the next 5 years



2019 Project Timeline:

- Spring-Summer 2019: Stakeholder re-engagement (including City College and Lick-Wilmerding High School), develop project scope, conduct engineering survey for the Ocean/Geneva/Frida intersection and project corridors, review and vet the concepts from the Balboa Park Area Plan, and develop design possibilities that the public can respond to.
- Fall-Winter 2019: Stakeholder outreach meetings and interviews, develop concept design for project.

Related Projects:

- City College Main Campus Facilities Master Plan: A City College retaining wall limits any widening of the north side of Ocean Ave between San Jose Ave and Frida Kahlo Way. SFMTA is preparing to collaborate with City College to explore ways to expand the sidewalk and provide a westbound bikeway in that area.
- Balboa Reservoir Development: While the Balboa Reservoir development does not front Ocean Ave, the addition of new residents will bring increased use of the Ocean Ave corridor. OEWD and SFMTA have been working closely with the Balboa Reservoir project team to make sure the two projects are coordinated. Additionally, there may be an opportunity to direct some of the development project's Transportation Sustainability Fees to pay for the SFMTA long-term improvements, which would get the project built more quickly.
 - SFMTA project managers are scheduled to present the details of the Ocean Ave Safety Project at the September Balboa Reservoir CAC meeting and solicit feedback.

The current project flyer can be found on the following page.

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Ocean Avenue Safety Project

Improving safety and access for people walking and biking on Ocean Avenue from Geneva/Phelan to San Jose

PROJECT OVERVIEW

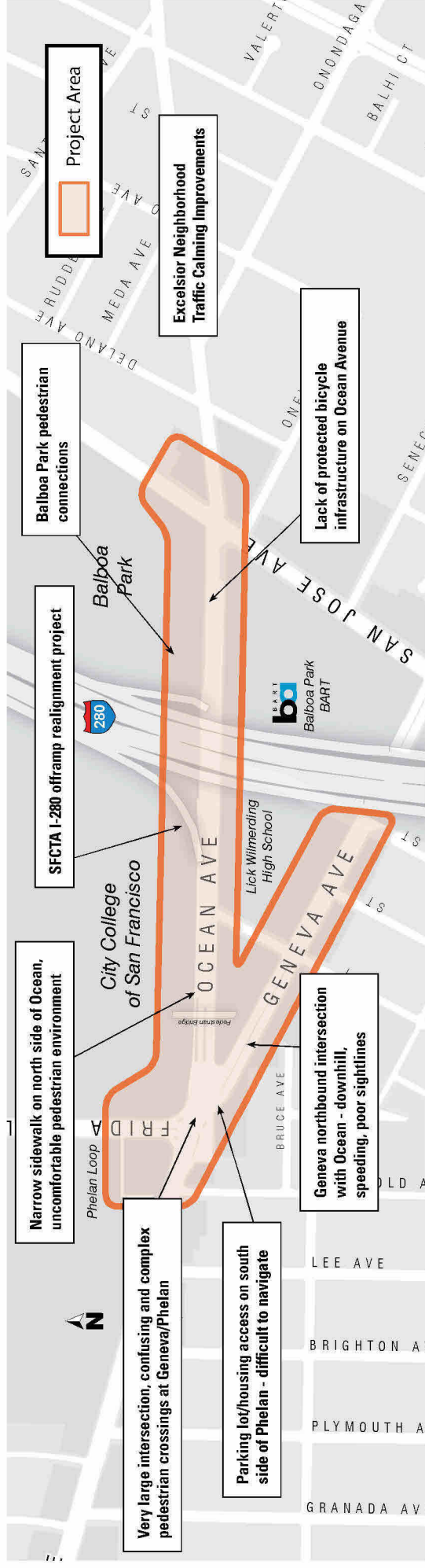
This project is aimed at improving safety, accessibility, and comfort for people traveling on Ocean Avenue between Geneva Avenue / Frida Kahlo Way (Phelan Avenue) and San Jose Avenue and on Geneva Avenue between Ocean Avenue and Balboa Park Station. The Project will take the recommendations from the SF Planning Department's *Ocean Avenue Corridor Design* as a starting point for discussion and to respect the community input that went into that past planning effort. The goals of this project will be two-fold: First will be development of a set of near-term improvements – cost-effective measures that can be installed quickly to immediately improve safety on Ocean Avenue. Second will be the creation of a long-term vision for the Ocean Avenue corridor that can be coordinated with other on-going projects in the area.

GOALS

- Improve safety for people biking/walking on Ocean Ave and Geneva Ave from Frida Kahlo Way to San Jose Ave
- Improve safety for all roadway users at the intersections of Ocean & San Jose and Ocean & Geneva / Frida Kahlo
- Work with the community to identify priorities, design, and construct immediate near-term improvements for safety on Ocean Ave and Geneva Ave
- Coordinate with ongoing SFCTA, City College, Balboa Reservoir project team, and others to design and approve a long-term vision for a safer Ocean Avenue

SCHEDULE

- **Spring - Winter 2019:** Stakeholder meetings/interviews; Engineering survey of corridor; Concept design development
- **Early 2020:** Public open house
- **Spring 2020:** SFMTA Board approvals
- **Summer 2020:** Near-term project construction
- **TBD:** Long-term streetscape construction



We welcome your input. Please email the Project Manager with your comments on safety and comfort traveling on Ocean Avenue.

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