

What will the Plan contain?

The Glen Park Community Plan will include chapters on Transportation, Land Use, and Open Space. These will outline a set of objectives and policies to inform community improvements. An implementation document will accompany the Plan describing how and when (near, mid or long-term) improvements will be implemented and funded.



Land Use

Downtown Glen Park's neighborhood commercial district provides a dense mix of uses including small shops, restaurants, a grocery store and library. Any new buildings or major renovations should lead to the creation of attractive, pedestrian-friendly places to live, visit and shop in. Future development proposals should be created in concert with the community to ensure they support the context and character of the "village." Opportunities to preserve and strengthen this successful area include refining land use controls and implementing street and public realm improvements.



Open Space

Glen Park's proximity to Glen Canyon Park makes some of the best open space in the city available to neighborhood residents. The area's rich natural history includes one of the city's last free flowing creeks - Islais Creek. Opportunities to create additional public open space in downtown are also available.

Several unique open space opportunities exist that will be explored through the Plan.

- Greenway connection between downtown and Glen Canyon Park
- Honoring the area's watershed through signage, art installation or possible creek "daylighting" project
- Creation of new public gathering spaces in downtown



Transportation

The desirability of Glen Park is formed in large part by the neighborhood's strong transit and pedestrian-orientation. Glen Park is especially busy at rush hours with cars, buses, and pedestrians trying to get to/from the Glen Park commercial district, BART station, freeway, and surrounding neighborhoods. The City's Transit First Policy generally emphasizes the movement of pedestrians, bicyclists and public transit over private vehicles. The Community Plan recognizes Glen Park has a number of competing transportation modes that must be balanced to ensure the street network performs optimally for all and supports long-term goals.

Transportation projects supported under the Community Plan include:

- Redesign of the BART plaza
- "Village" pedestrian and streetscape improvements
- Traffic flow improvements at major intersections
- Traffic calming measures
- Improved transit connections



Glen Park Community Plan

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What is the Community Plan?

The Glen Park Community Plan is the product of a sustained community process to address issues and opportunities facing the neighborhood. The focus of the Plan is the "village" or downtown Glen Park. The Plan is NOT a redevelopment plan or a plan proposing major change. Instead, it concentrates on a few key issues and provides strategies to preserve and enhance the unique character and qualities that make Glen Park special.

The Plan will become official City policy providing long-term guidance to decision makers and public agencies

to ensure new infrastructure projects and land use changes are carried out with sensitivity to the neighborhood's concerns, needs and desires. The Plan directs the City to implement certain near-term projects as well as pursue a couple of larger future visions.

The Glen Park Community Plan is a joint effort between the Planning Department, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) and the larger Glen Park community.



Process/Timeline

The Planning Department and San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) have hosted community meetings and made presentations at a number of Glen Park Association meetings. Additional meetings will take place as we work with the neighborhood to refine the Plan. Final adoption of the plan is expected to take place in 2011.

How to Get Involved

For more information, please visit us on-line:

<http://glenpark.sfplanning.org>

or contact **Jon Swae** at jon.swae@sfgov.org or **415.575.9069** to be put on our mailing list and receive meeting updates



The Village Center

The heart of Glen Park is what residents commonly refer to as the "village" or "downtown." This area encompasses the neighborhood commercial district along Diamond and Chenery Streets and the area surrounding the Glen Park BART station. The confluence of BART and Muni transit lines makes downtown Glen Park a major intermodal transit center for the neighborhood and the region. Over 9,000 transit riders access the area every day.

Nestled in a valley, Glen Park is marked by the steep topography of Glen Canyon, the small-scale nature of both buildings and streets, and an eclectic mix of housing styles.

Why a Plan for Glen Park?

Glen Park faces a few key challenges to the neighborhood's function and livability. Addressing these issues and creating a stronger neighborhood are goals of the Glen Park Community Plan. The community planning process provides a rare opportunity to identify ways to improve and beautify the neighborhood.

Circulation Challenges

Glen Park is a small area that sits at the center of a major transportation interchange. Muni bus routes, freeway-bound traffic, large numbers of pedestrians, private employer shuttles, BART passengers and other local vehicle traffic all converge in downtown Glen Park. This creates rush hour congestion and hazards for pedestrians.

Mega Infrastructure

Massive public infrastructure projects of the 1960s and 70s significantly altered the fabric of Glen Park. The I-280 freeway and the freeway-like stretch of San Jose Avenue severed connections to surrounding neighborhoods, increased vehicle traffic and introduced infrastructure out of scale with the neighborhood's pedestrian-oriented buildings, homes and streets.

Development Uncertainty

The Glen Park neighborhood is largely built-out and will not face major new growth or development. However, a very limited number of sites exist that are likely to be developed at some point in the future. Guidance is needed to ensure future projects fit the form and character of the community.

◀ The Glen Park Community Plan explores a number of neighborhood improvements. Some of these are identified on this map.



Downtown Glen Park provides access to a unique variety of shops and services.



Past infrastructure projects secured Glen Park's place in the larger transportation network.



Morning traffic congestion builds as cars head towards the BART station and I-280 on-ramp.



Islais Creek once flowed freely through Glen Park.



Pedestrian safety and comfort are a priority in the "village."