



# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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## Visitation Valley / Schlage Lock Community Meeting Summary September 26, 2015

As required by the Development Agreement for the Schlage Lock Development Project, a community meeting took place on Saturday, **September 26, 2015**, to inform and consult with the public on the prioritization of community improvement projects to be funded by the Visitation Valley Community Facilities and Infrastructure Fee and the Transportation Fee Obligation. Approximately 51 participants attended. Staff from Supervisor Malia Cohen's office were present.

At the meeting, City Staff provided a summary of the impact fee program for Visitation Valley, an overview of feedback received at the May 30, 2015, community meeting, and an update on the Leland Green and Visitation Park design configurations. Additionally, participants took part in a community facility and infrastructure prioritization exercise, which included an impact fee prioritization ballot. After the meeting, the ballot was posted online for six weeks to allow for additional community input. A total of **72 ballots** were completed. The results of the exercise are summarized below.

### **Summary of Priority Mapping Exercise:**

Meeting participants were provided with neighborhood maps to indicate specific locations where they would like to see facility improvements. The following is a summary of their feedback. **For detailed mapping exercise results, see page 2.**

- **Improved crossings at key intersections**
- **New recreation and park spaces and better maintenance of existing facilities**
- **Improved lighting at key locations**
- **New bike facilities**

### **Summary of Ballot Results:**

The impact fee prioritization ballot provided respondents with an opportunity to offer their thoughts on how and when to spend impact fee funds. The following is a summary of their feedback. **For detailed ballot results, see pages 3-6.**

1. **An overwhelming majority of ballot respondents (85%) prefer to spend impact fee funds on an ongoing basis as they accumulate** for several small and medium size projects, as opposed to waiting to spend the funds until there is enough to implement 1 or 2 major projects only.
2. The following improvement categories (not specific projects or locations) were identified as the top priorities by ballot respondents (in rank order):
  - a. **Bike Lanes** (particularly on Bayshore Blvd and Tunnel Road)
  - b. **Trail Stabilization, Enhancement, and Hazardous Tree Removal**
  - c. **Bulbs/Sidewalk Extensions** (particularly at Arleta and Bayshore)
  - d. **Striped, Raised, and Midblock Crossings** (particularly pedestrian scramble at Arleta/Bayshore, Vis Valley Greenway midblock crossings)
  - e. **Pedestrian Street Lighting** (particularly at Blanken Tunnel and Grocery Outlet entrance)
  - f. **Community Garden Enhancement**

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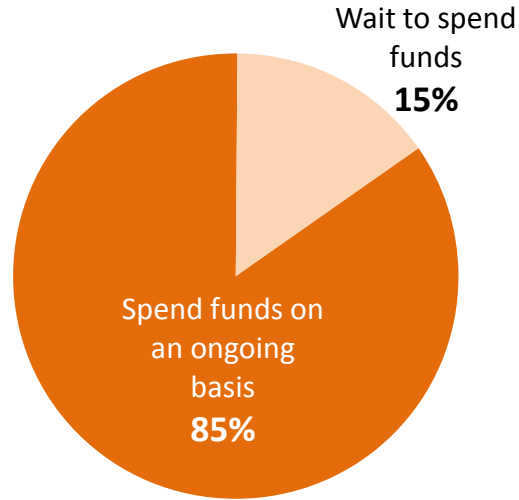
### **Priority Mapping Exercise Detailed Results:**

- Mid-block crossings for streets along the Vis Valley Greenway
- Acquire park land from developer at the foot of Leland Ave
- Add a community, green space or park at “1099 Sunnydale/The Village”
- Vis Valley Playground and Play House: better maintenance, improvements such as furniture, lighting
- Old Office Bldg.: funding for community facility or purchase park land & build park
- Senior Housing & Services: pedestrian safety improvements
- Add a crosswalk at following locations:
  - Intersection of Visitacion Ave and Hahn St
  - Sunnydale & Delta/Melva
  - Visitacion & Rey
  - Blanken & Executive Park Blvd
- Executive Park & Blanken Intersection:
  - Add speed bumps
  - Lighting in freeway underpass
- Lighting along following locations:
  - Blanken Ave
  - Lathrop Ave
  - Visitacion Ave
  - Around ‘Grocery Outlet’
- Grocery Outlet: better ped access
- Vis Valley Playground & Clubhouse needs renovations
- New Bike Lane along Arleta Ave (parking)
- New bike lanes along Blanken Ave
- Subway near Blanken & Tunnel Ave:
  - Safety
  - Signal
- Park land bought near ‘Old Office Bldg’ (Mortan); fell out of project
- Solar (street lights) along Mansell St
- ADA Crosswalk along John F Shelley Dr. across Amphitheatre
- Street lighting at Mansell & University St
- At Vis Valley Community Ctr. new ped. lighting (ID’d as dangerous area)
  - Ped-only light
  - Reopen ped subway and add bike lane and cameras
- Overall, signs should be multilingual
- Covered space for ‘tai-chi’

**Detailed Ballot Results:**

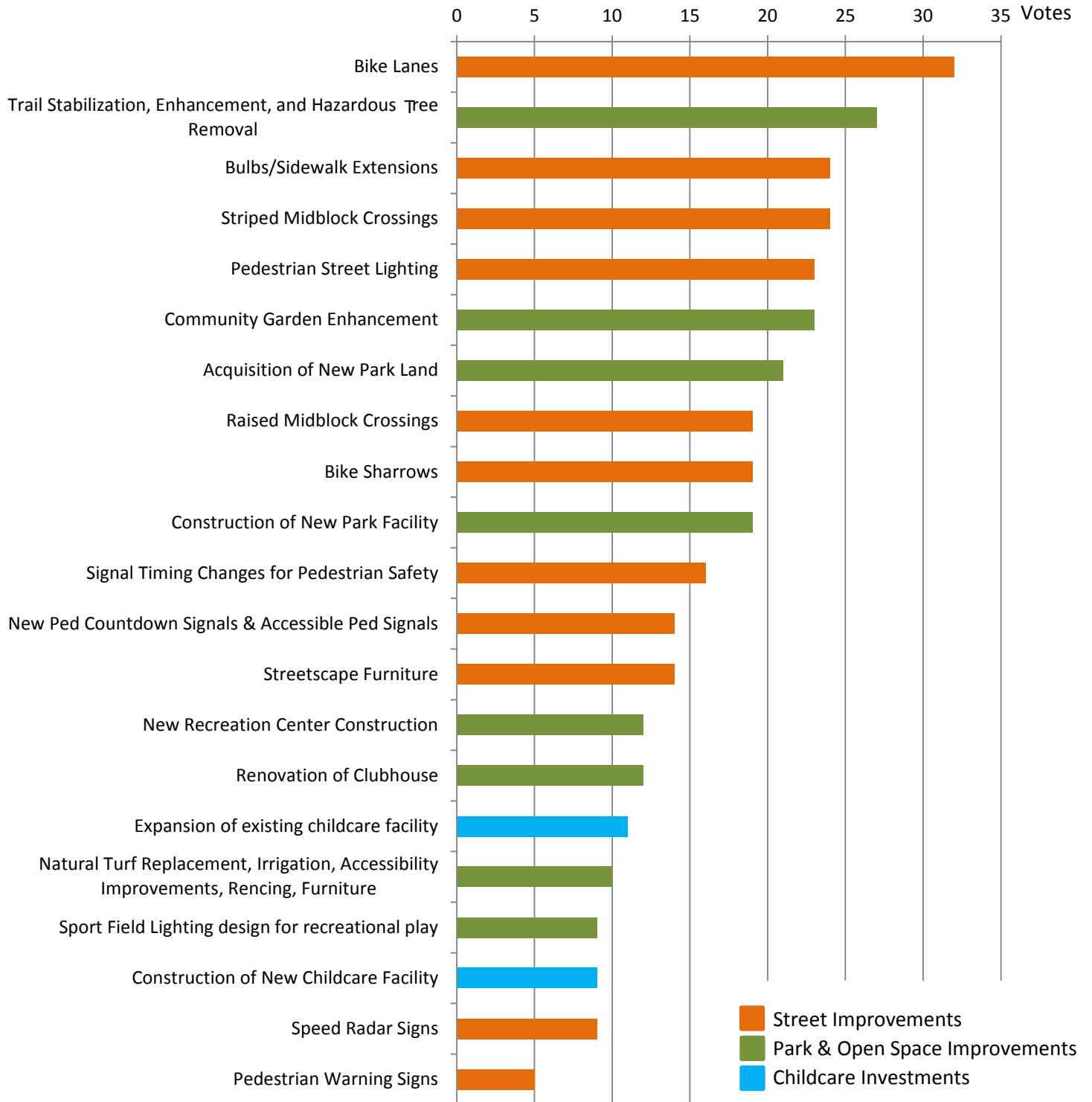
**When would you like to see impact fees spent for community improvements?**

- Spend the funds on an ongoing basis as they accumulate for several small and medium size projects. These projects could be implemented in the near/medium term (2-5 years), or
- Wait to spend the funds until there is enough to implement 1 or 2 major projects only. These projects would only be implementable in the long term (10+ years).



**How would you like to see the Visitacion Valley impact fees spent?**

- Choose the types of improvements that you would prioritize for implementation using the anticipated \$17 million in impact fees.
- Indicate your top 7 priorities.



- ***Improvement-Specific Respondent Comments***
  - Bike Lanes & Spot Improvements
    - Unless Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) does it
    - Please make Bayshore Blvd and Tunnel Road safer for cyclists. They are part of a major cycling commute route.
    - Please improve the terrible road surface condition on Tunnel Rd. This is a major cycling through-way between SF and the Peninsula (both directions).
  - Bulbs/Sidewalk Extensions
    - Bayshore and Arleta
  - Striped, Raised & Midblock Crossings
    - Scramble crosswalks
    - Scramble at Bayshore, ped only crossing
    - Scramble across Bayshore/Arleta which are highly dangerous cross sections
    - Scramble at Arleta/Blanken and Bayshore
    - Greenway midblock crossings
    - Selective; Bayshore/Arleta
    - Scramble at Bayshore
  - Ped Street Lighting
    - Especially by the Grocery Outlet entrance; pedestrians and cars have to enter in the same entrance; also need on the way to Caltrain
    - Blanken Tunnel
    - Open the tunnel under the Bayshore with cameras and good lighting
    - Solar, \$18K solar lamp
  - Acquisition of New Park Land
    - 590 Leland
  - Signal Timing Changes for Pedestrian Safety
    - Red delay signals
    - Especially Arleta/Blanken & Bayshore
  - New Pedestrian Countdown Signals & Accessible Pedestrian Signals
    - Hand signal software changes to make “hand” solid before countdown
    - Enough time for peds to cross with no traffic moving
    - Coordinate with City’s pedestrian safety department, Walk First to provide clear timing signal
    - Audible safety signals
    - Get rid of countdown, ped only cross
  - New Recreation Center Construction
    - Old office building
  - Renovation of Clubhouse
    - Extend covered space at Boys & Girls Club on Leland
    - Outdoor hardscape, multi-use walled rink for soccer/roller hockey/roller soccer
    - Depends on whether Sunnydale development builds a clubhouse/gym
  - Natural Turf Replacement, irrigation, accessibility improvements, fencing, furniture
    - Vis Valley Playground
  - Ped Warning Signs
    - Flashing lights on crosswalks

- **Respondent-Generated Recommendations (number of votes in parentheses)**
  - Purchase historic building (2)
  - Trails and entrances into McLaren Park (2)
  - Underground utility wires (2)
  - Assure usage of Schlage Lock old office building with space for community use and a small museum for Visitacion Valley & Schlage Lock history (1)
  - Bus arrival indicator at stops (1)
  - Create a green connector on Visitacion Avenue (1)
  - Free shuttles (1)
  - Mid-block speed bumps for traffic calming (1)
  - Farmers market or other quality food source (1)
  - Street plantings with native and drought resistant plants (1)
  - Create picnic & BBQ areas and dog area at Visitacion Valley Playground (1)
  - Promote & assist businesses on Leland and Bayshore (1)
  - Realigning the signaling along Bayshore to keep the flow of traffic moving (1)
  - Improve Tunnel Avenue/Blanken Avenue for traffic flow (1)
  - Deal with excessive trash from heavy usage from trucks going to Recology including DPW (1)
  - Improve the Hwy 101 underpass on Blanken at Gillette (1)
  - Better lighting and murals to discourage graffiti (1)

#### **General Comments**

- Coordinate with “Walk First” to gain some “free” services.
- Coordinate with Walk First for \$
- The way that the survey is set up feels a bit slanted towards the small/medium sized projects and street improvements
- I don’t want any fees
- Volunteer more, don’t trash your neighborhood
- Count jaywalkers at Bayshore/Arleta
- Why does it cost \$4000-\$7500 to paint white stripes in an intersection and \$1000 for a Pedestrian Crossing sign? These prices are ridiculous!
- This neighborhood needs social services, anger management classes and addiction classes. We need to create a situation where people can live without anger.
- Energize the neighborhood and make it feel safe.