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.
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.