



# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

**MEMO**

## Green Connections Concept Design in Visitacion Valley Meeting #1, Visitacion Valley Library, Community Room October 13, 2012

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The Green Connections team held a public meeting at the Visitacion Valley Library on Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup>. The goal of the meeting was to inform residents about the Green Connections Project and discuss what a Green Connection could look like in Visitacion Valley.

Over the next few months the team will take the feedback we heard at the meeting and develop a conceptual design framework for what a future Green Connection could look like along Leland Ave. We will return to the present the conceptual design later this winter.

The following is a summary of what we heard at the Workshop.



### Overall Feedback

#### Priorities:

What improvements do you think are needed to transform a street into a Green Connection?

Place a dot next to your top 3 improvements

IMPROVEMENTS	NUMBER OF DOTS				TOTAL
	Grp 1	Grp 2	Grp 3	Grp 4	
Bicycle amenities (e.g. bike lanes, sharrows, cycle tracks, bicycle parking)	2	2	2	3	9
Branding	2			3	5
Educational information about flora or fauna along the route	5	3		3	11
Greening and landscaping	5	2	3	5	15
Opportunities to provide habitat for specific wildlife	6		1	1	8
Pedestrian amenities (e.g. sidewalk extensions, lighting, benches)	4	8		4	16
Public Spaces (e.g. spaces to play & gather, art elements)	5			5	10
Stormwater management	1		2	4	7
Traffic calming	2	2	3	5	12
Traffic diversion	4	1	3	2	10
Wayfinding & signage	3	1	1	5	10

### Suggested changes to the proposed route (#11)

- Extend Leland through Schlage site
- Use Hahn instead of Sawyer
- Create a connection to McLaren Park
- Potential spur connections
  - Leland to Park (between Sayer and McLaren Park)
  - Sawyer St between middle school and Leland
  - Vis Valley Greenway mid-block between Rutland and Alpha (highlight pedestrian path where the greenway shifts)

### Group Feedback

#### Group 1

- McLaren Park needs beautification, esp. at the foot of Leeland Ave
- Eastern side of the site (by the park) needs safety improvements
- Tie in historical links to Central part of the site (Vis Valley Greenway, Middle School and Playground, building near Cora St.)
- Consider changing the network to continue down Leland and cross Bayshore Blvd into Schlage Lock Site. Network can turn north to meet Blanken from Schlage Lock Site
- Mark the missing part of route 24 where the greenway shifts mid-block on Teddy Ave
- Consider important locations not on the map: Herz Playground, Sunnydale School
- Spur connection from Leland directly into McLaren Park
- Other potential green streets identified by the neighborhood: Rutland St, Arleta Ave, Sunnydayle
- Crosswalk at Arleta and Bay Shore is awkward and hard to cross
- Leland has shops and more gentle grades



#### Likes

- Greenway
- Library Playground
- Bank Post Office, Laundry cluster

#### Dislikes

- Path along Delta St between school and playground
- Leland near the middle school is bumpy

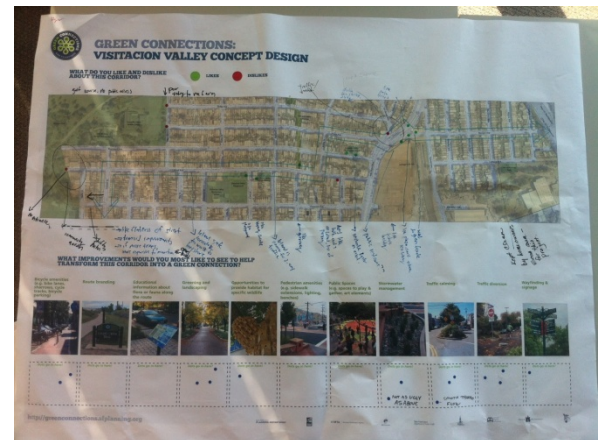
## Group #2

### Likes

- Alpha Ave and Raymond Ave (“Public Transport Access”)
- Arleta Ave and Blanken Ave (“Smooth and Flat”)
- Vis Valley Playground
- Leland Ave has level slopes

### Dislikes

- Path along Delta St between school and playground



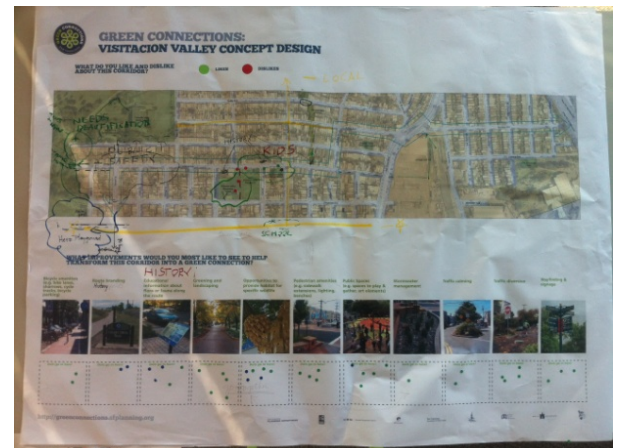
## Group #3

### Likes

- Flatness of Leland
- Vis Valley greenway
- Leland Avenue is a safe corridor for kids to walk along to Bay Shore Blvd
- Vis Valley playground
- New library façade
- Historic building at northern portion of Schlage site
- Blanken between Tunnel and Highway 101, clean street, properties well maintained
- New community garden at entrance to McLaren
- Plaza in front of Schlage site
- Palm trees along Bayshore
- Narrow street, cars already moving slow

### Dislikes

- Golf Course, no public access
- Lack to entrances to McLaren Park
- Tree, costly to maintain
- Don't like bulb-outs on Leland, now less parking.
- Poor condition of bus shelter, loitering and dirty at Bayshore & San Bruno
- Lack of public restrooms, on Blanken and Bayshore
- Plaza in front of Schlage site, make more green, create places to sit, more active
- Transit and traffic at intersections of Bayshore & San Bruno
- Leland narrow street, cars double park, bottle neck



## Group #4

### Likes

- Historic Building on Schlage Lock Site
- Visitacion Valley Community Center
- Visitacion Valley Elementary School
- Visitacion Valley Playground
- Swimming Pool and new Planground in McLaren Park
- Catholic School
- Cistern on Blanken and Penninsula

### Dislikes

- Bulb-outs block busy intersections

### Suggestions

- Change network to continue down Leland Ave into Schlage Lock Site
- Signage in English and Spanish
- Use evergreens and drought-resistant plant
- Cisterns
- "More trees"
- Extend design language of Leland Treatment up the street
- Community Gardens
- Focus effort on Leland

