After hearing community interest in seeing additional pedestrian improvements at the Castro and 18th Street intersection, the City reexamined the design proposal for this intersection. Traffic data indicates that the number of cars turning left from north-bound Castro Street on to 18th Street is low enough to consider prohibiting this turn-movement. If north-bound left turns were prohibited, the north-bound left turn pocket could be eliminated and additional sidewalk widening could take place.

Benefits:
- Eliminates conflict between left-turning vehicles and pedestrians using western crosswalk (Walgreens to Harvey’s)
- Allows for additional sidewalk widening on Castro Street south of 18th Street
- Reduces pedestrian crossing distance across Castro Street

Trade-offs:
- May cause small number of north-bound vehicles to turn left on 19th Street and elsewhere to the south.

Exact placement of site furnishings including street trees, sidewalk furniture and bike racks will be finalized during the detailed design phase of the project.