OVERVIEW

On May 9, 2016, 55 people came to the second public meeting for the Lower Haight Public Realm Plan. Roughly 34 of attendees were neighborhood residents. The open house was a joint public workshop with the SF MTA’s Western Addition Neighborhood Transportation Plan and Page Street Green Connections project. The meeting was an open house format in which attendees shared their thoughts and ideas about the initial design concepts proposed for Haight and Page Streets. Below is a list of subjects that were covered over the course of the evening; the numbers in parentheses indicate how many comments or dot responses addressed that particular topic.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Walking and Biking
• Bigger sidewalks
• Walk Stop (x4)
• Walk Stop - it’s happening @ Haight + Fillmore - infuse rest of design/realm with it?
• Love the Waller Strolling Street

Transportation & Parking
Transportation Alternatives
• City Car Share, please
• Used to be nicest city share pod in the city - 6 cars. It’s gone for appts. & no city car share in the Lower Haight. If you want people NOT to drive, you have to offer alternatives. City Car Share Bring it Back!

Parking
1 specific comment:
• Less parking

Innovative/Special Streets
Green Connections
• Why not a “green connection” on a “sharrow” st -?
  Bike/ped traffic ideal for “green connection”
• Nice idea, for another st - Not a Sharrow St.

Lighting, Art and Identity
• Building Façade Lighting: Yes
• Building Façade Lighting: Agreed
• Standardize Lighting for Whole District
• Public Art Lights: If you won’t fund normal street lighting, this is a good option
• String Lights: Yes. Cheap! On Haight
• Enhance Hayes from Civic Center to Alamo Square with pedestrian friendly historical style street lighting instead of current high freeway style lights lost in trees, make pedestrian (lower)

Greening & Stormwater
Street Trees
• More Trees
• City needs to maintain
• Yes to all of these trees in the streetscape

Sidewalk Landscaping
• More Green
• More Green Please
• Right Here
• Street Planters: Yes!!

Stormwater Management
• Promote permeable sidewalk landscapes

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Business Improvement District

- “Explore Formation of a Business Improvement District” (+ 1)

Small Businesses

- Some residents on Haight Street are also garage entrepreneurs and staples of the neighborhood’s history and culture

Community Design Core Principles (feedback from Comment Form)

- Overall, I agree. It would be nice to have more room for peds and to make Page more bike-friendly
- Yes
- Yes

Temporary Public Space Improvement (feedback from Comment Form)

- I’m new to this kind of thing, but I don’t have anything specific things I’d like to see
- All of the above (referencing parklets, pedestrian plazas, small prototypes, public art of various scales)
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General Comments (feedback from Comment Form)

- In addition to characteristic trees how about characteristic striping features (low-cost) similar to rainbow crosswalk in Castro?
- Haight bikeway needs active maintenance. I use Page to a) avoid WB Haight potholes, or b) reach Market faster than thru EB Haight
PAGE STREET

SEGMENT ONE (DIVISADERO TO WEBSTER)

Design Option Preference

Option 1
• 0 specific comments

Option 2
• Option 2
• Yaass
• (Smiley Face)
• Yes, this option, and do this all the way to Stanyan
• Ray 584 Page I prefer this option
• Like Option 2
• YES slow down bikes
• Yes Yes Yes make Page safer. Option 2
• Option 2 is better, but would bike lanes in center be better to avoid those dropping off people here?
• Yes, more space for bicycles! (+1)
• We need to improve Page St for bicyclists. Option #2 is best option
• Green lanes feel much safer than sharrows
• Option 2 to slow traffic down - need to consider what to do about backups at Octavia St at rush hour
• Lane or parking. Confusing

General Comments

Pedestrian Safety
• People Still Speed on Page (+1)
• -Stop Text (sic, i.e., pavement marking) / Signs are helpful IN bike lane to make walking safer here
• Love this bulb-out (at Fillmore). Many pedestrians going all directions (+1 Yes)
• Maybe one-way during rush hour?
• Bike Mural

Habitat
• Bird/Wildlife Habitat to go with Green Zone

Signage and Branding
• Bird/Wildlife Habitat to go with Green Zone

Parking
• Where is Parking?

PAGE STREET

SEGMENT TWO (WEBSTER TO OCTAVIA)

Design Option Preference

Option 1 or Option 2 (1)
• Yes, Option 1 or 2 - Laguna Diverter - Try it!! Traffic should stay on Oak

Option 1
• Option 1 should reduce the traffic and make it safer for cyclists without making it too difficult for local traffic
• No (to Option 1) It doesn’t seem safe to have bikes in the middle of car traffic

Option 2
• Option 2 but with speed bumps from Option 1
• Yes Option 2 Ray 584 Page
• Worth it! (Next to “More Costly to Implement CON)
• Yes! Option 2
• Option 2 - Safer for Students
• Yes
• Yes - Safest for everyone!
• Yes - better for cyclists - Saner parking arrangement
• Agreed (with above comment). It’ll be better for traffic & for a drop-off area for the elementary school
• Yes! Center downhill bike lane is scary. Maybe separate green lights at Page & Octavia?
• Option 2
GENERAL COMMENTS

Traffic Calming + Diversion
• What about eliminating traffic completely on one street? + Bike + Ped
• Yes to traffic diverters
• Raised crosswalks are easier to bike over than speed bumps - how about one in front of John Muir ES?
• (Red “X”s on right-turn arrows at Laguna and Octavia)
• Bulb-out (at Webster) This is a school corner school kids need to be visible
• If Option 2, why not speed bumps on this block near school?

Bicycle Facility/Safety
• Yay for center bike lane back to Buchanan
• Eliminate the (uphill) sharrow & create a two way bike lane here to create the bikeway like Syracuse (design image example)
• Raised crosswalks are easier to bike over than speed bumps - how about one in front of John Muir ES?

Vehicle Circulation
• We voted to tear down the freeway + the Oak + Fell on-ramps. It is not fair to now force cars off of Page on to Oak

PAGE STREET — SEGMENT THREE (OCTAVIA TO MARKET)

Option 1
• Don’t like 2-way cycletrack

Option 2
• Yes
• Yes - Safest for all!
• Yes!

General Comments
• No speed bumps
• Agree (with above), none
• Speed bumps are fine. Green box (i.e., at Franklin, as in comment below) is needed
• Cars do not speed on these two blocks
• Option 1+2 - need to ban left to Octavia (i.e., from Page westbound??)

Bicycle Facility/Safety
• Add green box
• Option 2 - if you do this, make cycletrack WIDE

GENERAL PAGE STREET (FEEDBACK FROM COMMENT FORM)

• I like them. Not sure if I like sharrows more than bike lanes. I like the one-way concept from Octavia to Franklin
• I am a cyclist. Although I have not yet had the chance to use the new center green lane, I support the proposal + the bulbouts + speed bumps. Need more bike calming for cyclist who run stop signs.
• #1) Option 2, strongly agree, #2) Option 2 is safer, #3) Option 2

HAIGHT STREET COMMERCIAL CORE

Design Option Preference
• Long-term A (6 checkmarks)
• Long-term B (2 checkmarks)
• 2 specific comments:
  • Yes!
  • Yes please

General Comments
Bulbouts + Sidewalks
• like (NE bulbout at Fillmore)
• (bulbout) good. “center” of Lower Haight
• the whole godamn block widened
• Sparkly sidewalks (mica pavers); Haight & Fillmore deli has it; And Bill Graham murals
• concern with parklets. In front of bus; smoking; loud noises

Parklets
• Parklet close to a corner, creating a blind spot
• No more green bike lanes
Bicycle Facility/Safety

- (Bike Lane) concern...Conflicts to MUNI, may slow them down; Big mistake, use Page, compete with bus. 
- (Bike Lane) Creating a solution when there is no problem. 
- (Bike Lane) agree (with above comment). Doesn’t seem necessary. 
- Dooring. No parking here. 
- Can we narrow bulbs and have bike lane? 
- Can we have sharrows? 
- Sharrows? 
- no wiggle, but people like it. 
- cyclist ok here…
- Bike parking and/or bike corral. 
- More bike parking. 
- We need secure bike parking. “Bike let” Take parking, put bike parking with cover + key access for neighbors.

Transporation Alternatives

- City car share, expland!

Parking

- Double Parking! 
- Dooring. No parking here. 
- Impacts to parking for local merchants + congestion. 
- Can design 1-2 parking places. 
- Concern for parking.

Circulation Changes

- Could you close this (arrow to blocks between Scott & Pierce, and Pierce & Steiner). 
- Like not having private vehicles. 

GENERAL HAIGHT STREET (FEEDBACK FROM COMMENT FORM)

- Overall, I like them. The bike lanes seem unnecessary. We already have a relatively bike-friendly east-west street (Page). The bike lane may not be a big improvement, especially if it is in the door zone, or if cars park in it. I’d like to see more room for peds, especially near Molotov’s where it gets crowed.
- Ground level of residential (btw) Steiner + Webster does not contribute to vibrancy of public realm. It’s an unwelcoming wall. Can developers assist in more inclusive/public friendly ways to interface w/ the sidewalk + public realm? Because otherwise those spaces (walls/garage doors) are as “dead” as vacant storefronts. 
- Yes to all proposals.