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HEAR ABOUT THE BROTHERHOOD WAY ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND OPEN SPACE PLAN AT THE AUGUST 9th METNA MEETING

A grant application from the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) titled, "The Brotherhood Way Active Transportation and Open Space Plan," was approved by CalTrans in their Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program this past spring. The study is of significant importance for the Merced Extension Triangle since the project area encompasses Brotherhood Way, Alemany Boulevard and St. Charles Avenue. In the project's justification for the grant SFCTA states, "Two key corridors addressed by this, Brotherhood Way and St. Charles Avenue, were identified for improvements...to improve safety, facilitate active transportation connections, and advance the 2019 Ocean View Branch Library Feasibility Report's vision of a 'future connected landscape of park and open space which maximizes the potential of the green space.'" Those words sound like a good idea until you read the proposed intent. Under the grant specific objectives it reads, "The study proposes to improve connectivity from this neighborhood to the rest of San Francisco's active transportation network and the regional transit network along Brotherhood Way and St. Charles Avenue. The study will consider the feasibility of circulation changes which will create space for a new park, housing, or other community amenities." This is in addition to the proposal to put a new Ocean View Branch Library on the Brotherhood Way Greenbelt at the corner of Orizaba St. and Brotherhood Way.

The grant proposal shows a detailed map closing off Brotherhood Way from Orizaba to Arch St. in both directions and channeling all vehicles through the 3600, 3700, and 3800 blocks along Alemany Blvd. to Arch. Then there is a possible reconfiguration of Arch, moving Arch Street to the west and south behind the homes on the 3900 block of Alemany, and south closer to Kempton Avenue. There is no proposal currently for St. Charles Avenue said to be included in the grant study.

Over the past dozen years traffic has increased substantially on Brotherhood Way, especially during morning and evening commutes, as well as on Alemany Blvd with the opening of Hmart on the 3900 block. A traffic study done around 2012 by SFMTA showed 37,000 vehicles per day uses Brotherhood Way. Add these vehicles to Alemany Blvd.'s vehicle traffic and there will be unnecessary traffic backups throughout the neighborhood.

In the next ten years, looking at the planned growth along the Brotherhood Way (east-west) and Junipero Serra/19th Avenue (north-south) corridors, Brotherhood Way will remain a vital traffic link for current and future residents (and students). Planned development shows Parkmerced increasing by 5,700 housing units (from currently 3,200 units to 8,900 units), San Francisco State University building new student and teacher housing and a possible hotel, plus 2,900 new housing units in 15 residential buildings scheduled for Stonestown. It is important for Brotherhood Way to remain open for first responders—ambulance, fire, and police vehicles—to be able to reach all residents in the area in a timely manner without unnecessary delays.

METNA Executive Board members have requested an early meeting to discuss all safety and quality of life issues. In response, lead planner at SFCTA on this grant, David Long stated, "After discussing this idea (of an informational meeting and site tour) internally with other SFCTA staff, I'd like to propose that we wait for a site tour until the study formally begins," (currently scheduled for November of this year).

METNA president Marc Christensen responded by stating, "To hold off and wait for that dialogue to begin is counterproductive for all of us." David Long's response was, "We certainly recognize that the Merced Extension Triangle is a key stakeholder throughout this process. The needs analysis task is the appropriate time to work with the Merced Extension Triangle residents to understand the area's circulation, safety, and connectivity needs." He further asked if METNA had a regular meeting

in which his agency could attend.

We have invited David Long and his staff to attend the August 9th METNA neighborhood meeting to give a presentation and for the those in attendance to ask clarifying questions. This will not be the time to debate the merits of the proposed grant study. Later, once the study formally begins, neighborhood residents should become involved with the current proposals.

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METNA MEETING

Tuesday, August 9, 2022
7:00pm, at Palmetto Meeting Hall
640 Palmetto Avenue
(between St. Charles and Chester)

Invited Guests

Carla Short, Interim Director
San Francisco Public Works

Myrna Melgar, District 7 Supervisor
San Francisco Board of Supervisors

Lt. Aaron Lozada, Acting Captain
Taraval Police Station, SFPD

Tilly Chang, Deputy Director for Planning
David Long, Transportation Planner
S. F. County Transportation Authority

ALL NEIGHBORS WELCOME

We are guests at 640 Palmetto. Proper Covid-19 protocol, at this time to ensure safety, requires those persons attending to show proof of vaccination and requires those in attendance to wear a nose & mouth face mask during the meeting. Thank you for your compliance and understanding

WHAT GOES WHERE? GET IT RIGHT & KEEP ITEMS FROM THE LANDFILL BY COMPOSTING AND RECYCLING

SF Environment, Recology, and METNA want you to do your part in separating all garbage so that San Francisco can work toward achieving as close to "Zero Landfill Waste." The following is a guide of what to do and not to do as you throw away your refuse into the three bin system—Compost, Recycle, Landfill.

GREEN BIN: Compost: put these materials in your composting bin:

Dirty paper

- Greasy pizza boxes and paper bags
- Paper coffee filters and tea bags
- Paper plates
- Paper napkins, tissues and paper towels
- Paper take out boxes and containers

Food Scraps

- All fruits and vegetables (including pits and shells)
- Coffee grounds and tea leaves
- Dairy products (but no liquids)
- Eggshells and eggs
- Leftover spoiled food
- Cooked meat (including bones)
- Seafood (including shellfish)

Plant material

- All plant debris, including flowers, leaves, weeds (no dirt)
- Tree trimmings & branches (less than 6" in diameter and 4' long)

Other items

- Bags labeled "Compostable" or BPI
- Cooking grease that is soaked up with paper towels.
- Corks (no plastic)
- Cotton balls, cotton swabs with paper stems
- Hair, fur, feathers (non-synthetic/colored)
- Products labeled "compostable"
- Vegetable wood crates (small metal wire is okay)
- Waxed cardboard and paper
- Wood: small pieces of clean wood & sawdust (no plywood/ pressboard/ painted/stained/ treated)
- Wooden chopsticks, coffee stirrers, toothpicks

What is not acceptable:

No glass

No plastic bags

No large amounts of grease

BLUE BIN: Recycle--put these materials in your recycling bin:

Paper products

- Empty paper coffee cups, paper sleeves (plastic lids are okay)
- Empty paper milk cartons, or ice cream containers, egg cartons
- Empty soup and juice boxes
- Cardboard (breakdown & place in bin, larger pieces must be tied up and placed next to the blue bin, no larger than 20" X 20")
- Cereal boxes (remove plastic liner)
- Envelopes (plastic windows okay), clean, dry paper, newspapers, magazines
- Packing or craft paper, all types of paper bags
- Shredded paper (place in sealed paper bag & label "Shredded Paper")
- Wrapping paper (non-metallic)

Glass

- Glass bottles and jars **only** (metal caps and lids are okay)

Fabric

- Clean fabrics placed inside a clear plastic bag (not loose). If fabrics are in good condition, please donate them to a thrift store or charity.

Metal

- Aluminum cans
- Aluminum foil or trays (ball foil into softball size clumps)
- Metal caps and lids
- Empty paint cans (must be empty of paint and completely dry)
- Spray cans (must be completely empty)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

METNA MEETINGS

@ Palmetto Meeting Hall, 7:00pm

640 Palmetto Avenue

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

Tuesday, November 15, 2022 (Third

Tuesday)

METNA Neighborhood Block Party

@ Chester-Palmetto Mini Park

Saturday, August 20, 2022, 11:00am-2:00pm

SISTERHOOD GARDENS BUILD DAYS

10:00 am- 1:00 pm on the following dates:

Saturday, August 13, 2022

Saturday, September 10, 2022

Saturday, October 8, 2022

MET COMMUNITY CONNECTORS

Classes on line at:

www.sfcommunityliving.org

Contact: Laura Atkins:

laura@communityliving.org

415-341-4713

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

@ Minnie and Lovie Ward Rec. Center

650 Capitol Avenue, at Minerva

Tuesday, August 2, 2022, 5:00pm-7:00pm

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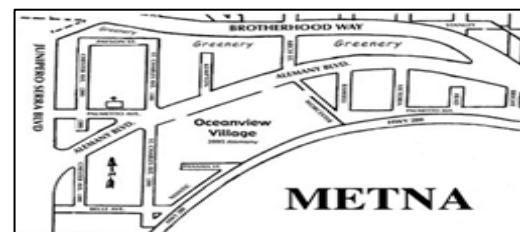
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- Metal tin cans
- Plastics (no polystyrene foam)**
- Bottles (crush, then leave caps on)
- Buckets (metal handles are okay)
- Coffee lids, and other tubs, lids, clamshells and containers
- Plates (plastic only, no polystyrene foam)
- Flower pots and trays of 100% plastic
- Clean soft plastic placed inside a single plastic bag
- Toys made of plastic (no electronics, metal or batteries)

What is not acceptable:**No glass (window or dishware glass)****No light bulbs of any type****No food****No liquids, including paint and paint products****BLACK BIN: Landfill: The following items go in your landfill bin:****No recycling options**

- Empty toothpaste tubes
- Broken ceramic dishware and glassware
- Glass (window and dishware glass)
- Diapers, menstrual and sanitary products
- Mirrors
- Kitty litter and animal feces (must be bagged, no loose items)
- Light bulbs: incandescent only (**No mercury containing bulbs, i.e. florescent and HID: Call Recology for disposal information at 415-330-1405**)
- Plastic items mixed with metal, fabric, or rubber
- Items listed as "biodegradable" (these items cannot be composted or recycled in SF)
- Plywood, pressboard, particle board, and any painted, stained or treated wood (must fit inside black bin)
- Rubber or latex gloves, and rubber bands
- Disposable ice packs
- Polystyrene foam

The following items may be put in your black landfill bin, however you can find recycling options for them:

- Wire coat hangers: take back to a garment cleaner for reuse (they welcome them)
- Shoes, belts and accessories: find a donation center near you
- Polystyrene foam: blocks can be dropped off at SF Transfer Station

What is not acceptable:**No hazardous material****No food scraps or paper products****No recyclable material**

Hazardous materials may be picked up or dropped off at the Recology center off Tunnel Road. Call 415-330-1405 for hours and instructions.

NOMINATION OF METNA OFFICERS

Nominations for METNA officers for the 2023-25 term will take place at the August 9th METNA meeting. Offices open for nomination are president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and sergeant at arms. As per METNA By-laws (Article 5, Section 1): "Officers shall serve two years, and cannot serve more than two consecutive terms in the same position, with the exception of the treasurer." All executive officers serving in their first term, and therefore are eligible to serve for a second two year term if nominated. That includes our secretary, who was reinstated last year.

METNA welcomes a full slate of candidates for each office. Names of candidates for any office may be submitted to Vice President Glen Hatakeyama prior to the August 9th meeting, or nominated from the floor during the nomination portion of the meeting. Any METNA member in good standing, currently any METNA member who lives or owns property within the Merced Extension Triangle, or a business member within the MET, also in good standing may be nominated.

Voting for officers will take place at the November 15th METNA meeting, and the newly elected officers will serve from February 2023 through January 2025.

BART TURNS 50 IN SEPTEMBER

There will be a public celebration at the BART Lake Merritt Station on Saturday, September 10, 2022. The 50th Birthday Party and Family Fun Festival is free to the public. It will be held from 11:00am to 4:00pm. The event will include food trucks, games, music, prizes, and the opening of a time capsule.

During the month of September, the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) system will offer a 50% discount on fares throughout its coverage. Riders using Clipper will get 50% off, as well as 50% off for youth and seniors, plus on the Regional Transportation Connection, Clipper Start and Gator Pass. For complete details about BART's 50th year anniversary celebration go to: bart.gov/50years.

METNA COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY, SATURDAY, AUGUST 20th

The Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood Association will hold a neighborhood block party on Saturday, August 20, from 11:00am to 2:00pm at the Chester-Palmetto Mini Park, located across the street from the Palmetto Meeting Hall.

METNA encourages families to attend, meet your neighbors, and spend a few hours socializing with METNA officers, and our Resilient MET Block Champions, as part of a city-wide Neighborfest event. Learn about disaster resiliency and how you and your family

can participate in disaster preparedness. Hmart is co-sponsoring the event by supplying food and beverages for neighborhood residents.

METNA is also asking for additional food items from attendees, such as a salad, main entrée, or dessert of your choice to supplement Hmart's contribution. METNA is also asking that you bring a serving fork or spoon with your dish.

METNA will supply paper plates, cups, utensils, and water. We will also supply garbage receptacles for trash, compost and recyclables. We encourage those

attending to bring a small table and outdoor chairs to aide in the comfort of you and others.

No parking signs will be posted on the east side of Chester Avenue, in front of the mini park, for the hours 9:00am to 4:00pm on Saturday August 20. The street will remain open for residents with cones placed only on the east side of Chester, from Alemany to Palmetto. Please observe the "No Parking" regulations so that all attendees will have a safe and enjoyable time at the neighborhood block party.

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REDISTRICTING THROUGHOUT THE CITY, THE MET REMAINS IN DISTRICT 7

The nine volunteers redrawing San Francisco's supervisor districts, on the City's Redistricting Task Force voted 5-4 on Plan #7, on April 21st, and then with slight modifications, voted on April 28th to finalize the new boundaries for eleven supervisorial districts, set once every decade to account for the census information in population changes. Under the law each district must represent a similar number of citizens.

Controversies throughout San Francisco, in every district, became heated over the inclusion or exclusion of key population areas, especially the redistricting in Districts 5, 6, 9 and 10 on the eastern side of the City. Not one district escaped controversy over the redistricting process.

In District 7, Lakeshore and Merced Manor moved into District 4, which includes the vast majority of the Outer Sunset, from 20th Avenue westward, while District 7 picked up large areas of the Inner Sunset, into Golden Gate Park, formerly in District 8.

In District 11, the northern boundary moved several blocks north to the south side of Ocean Avenue (formerly District 7), and eastward into territory that was once part of District 9, just to name a few of the new boundary lines established that will be in place for the next ten years.

METNA executive board members, president Marc Christensen, along with Neil Hunt, and Claire Sanchez spoke at one or more redistricting meetings while vice-president Glen Hatakeyama wrote the Redistricting Task Force on more than one occasion, all requesting that the Merced Extension Triangle remain in District 7.

We also received community support from Outer Mission Residents Association (OMRA) activist Steven Currier, and Oceanview-Merced-Ingleside, Neighbors In Action (OMINA) president Mary Harris, and several others from both District 11, and District 7, supporting our position.

There were other community activists, not living in the MET, that advocated for us to move to District 11. The Redistricting Task Force left our triangle in District 7 for the next ten years.

Remaining in District 7, the Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood Association will continue working with neighborhood leaders in other parts of our district on numerous shared concerns, including but not limited to disaster resiliency, crime prevention and safety, transportation issues, and senior/vulnerable population support. We also share these topics with our close relationship with members in District 11.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

UPDATE ON OVV RETAIL

Love Baked In became Paris Baguette Bakery Café inside Hmart, in June; 7 Leaves Café will begin its renovation soon and hopes to be open by the end of the year; Extreme Pizza and Subway still offer quality food items for dine in or take out. Hmart is doing well with its supermarket and K-Town Food Court. Hmart hopes to expand into the vacated 24-Hour Fitness site sometime next year.

IT BOOKMAN COMMUNITY CENTER GRAB & GO BREAKFASTS

There continues to be a place in the OMI neighborhood to grab inexpensive quality breakfast in the community. The I.T. Bookman Community Center Grab & Go Café is open for breakfasts, from 7:00am to 10:00am, Monday thru Friday. Located at 446 Randolph Street, just one block north of Brotherhood Way at Arch Street.

RAINFALL IN THE MET

In one of the most bizarre weather years in San Francisco, in the middle of what is considered severe to extreme drought conditions, the Merced Extension Triangle and the Bay Area as a whole saw normal annual rainfall, despite extended periods of no rain.

The fiscal year (July 1-June 30) started with drizzle on July 1, with 0.2 inches, and another 0.1 on July 7. More drizzle occurred on August 5 with 0.1 of an inch. September saw 0.2 inches fall, so moving into the middle of October the MET had recorded 0.6 inches of rain. October 17 had 0.1 inches and then the skies opened up.

On October 21st the rain started falling with 1.4 inches, followed by 0.8 on the 22nd. October 23, 24, 25 saw 6.3 inches of rain in the MET, the result of a swirling "bomb cyclone," along with an "atmospheric river" directed at the Bay Area. That total included 4.1 inches of rain from 10:pm on Sunday, October 24 until 6:00 am on Monday, October 25 (an eight hour period). For the month of October, 8.6 inches of rain fell in the neighborhood.

November saw only 0.95 inches of rainfall, followed by heavy rainfall in the latter part of December, 8.95 inches in all. By December 30, 2021, 19.6 inches of rain had fallen since July 1st.

Then the drought set in, with 0.8 inches in January, 0.1 in February (February 21) and only 0.7 inches in March. Rainfall was not much better in April with 1.7 inches (April 11-21). May gave us 0.1 inches, with June 5th producing the last rainfall at 0.4, for a seasonal total (July 1-June 30) standing at 23.4 inches in the MET.

58 BUS LINE TO BROTHERHOOD & THE MET

On July 9, SFMTA rerouted the 58 - Lake Merced bus line from Stonestown to Skyline, to the west side of Lake Merced, along John Muir Drive on to Lake Merced Blvd., to Brotherhood Way, to Arch and then to Alemany, and then on to Junipero Serra, to John Daly Blvd, to Daly City. The return trip will follow the same route. Also, the 57-Parkmerced is now extended back to West Portal. The 28-Rapid 19th Avenue line, once serving Balboa BART and the MET, with stops at Arch & Alemany, has not been returned to service, yet.

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS AT SF STATE ON SCIENCE ENGINEERING INNOVATION CENTER

San Francisco State University has begun construction on a new 179,000 sq. ft. facility—the Science and Engineering Innovation Center. The California State University System is funding construction costs of the state-of-the-art Innovation Center. The new building is being constructed along the 19th Avenue corridor on the west side of 19th Avenue.

Once completed in 2024, the Innovation Center will house the College of Science and Engineering's Department of Chemistry/Biochemistry and the School of Engineering.