

# The METNA News

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## SFMTA PROPOSES BIKE SHARE STATION IN THE MET

On February 22 of this year, METNA president received an email from Adrian Leung, Bikeshare and Bike Parking Manager at SFMTA (San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency), with a proposal to place a Bikeshare Station on the east side of St. Charles Avenue, just south of Alemany Blvd. The location happens to be adjacent to the PG&E underground gas line monitoring station and shut off valve, both on the sidewalk and in the street. The proposed Bikeshare Station would be located in the street, removing up to three parking spaces on the east side of St. Charles.

METNA officers Marc Christensen, Sue Harless, James Lee, and Claire Sanchez met with Adrian Leung at the site on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Adrian was shown and given numerous reasons why that proposed site was not a good location—adjacent to PG&E underground gas vaults, the narrowness of St. Charles, along with the 54-bus line backing up traffic at that location, the removal of up to three much needed parking spaces (especially during four weekday street sweeping days, twice a month, across the street and on Alemany), plus the fact that the Alemany-St. Charles intersection is considered a high accident-injury intersection that is currently being studied by the San Francisco County Transportation Authority and the community working group for safety improvements within the next year. Also, SFCTA plans a Bikeshare Station two blocks to the south at the Daly City BART Station. Two alternative sites were suggested for a potential Bikeshare Station.

There was also a discussion regarding the need for a Bikeshare Station in the MET. A survey was created by METNA to gauge the interest of a Bikeshare Station. Over an eleven day period, March 1 to March 11, eleven METNA members canvassed the neighborhood and OceanView Village to survey residents. 188 respondents (93 in the neighborhood and 95 at OceanView Village) filled out the survey. (See complete survey results on page 4).

The survey did show interest in the Bikeshare Program and minimal interest in a Bikeshare Station in the neighborhood. METNA officers evaluated the survey results and support a Bikeshare Station, but not on the St. Charles-Alemany proposed site.

Despite METNA's objections, SFMTA went ahead with their original proposal, and on March 14 posted notices at the location: "Proposed Street Changes—St. Charles Avenue at Alemany Boulevard – Bike Share Station, Establish – No Stopping, Except Bicycles; Establish Bike Share Station St. Charles, east side from 35 feet to 70 feet south of Alemany **cont'd on page 4**

## BROTHERHOOD WAY/ST. CHARLES AVE. SAFETY & CIRCULATION PLAN UPDATE

On March 6<sup>th</sup>, the Community Working Group on the Brotherhood Way/St. Charles Avenue Safety and Circulation Plan held their first meeting with David Long of SFCTA (San Francisco County Transportation Authority) and supporting representatives to discuss the Round One community engagement findings from the neighborhood walk-through on December 16, 2023.

Marc Christensen, representing METNA, James Lee, representing OceanView Village, and Claire Sanchez, representing the business community, are three of the eight greater area community members on the Community Working Group.

SFCTA will be presenting three long-term concepts and then the findings from Round Two outreach will become two final alternatives, with evaluation results for the SFCTA chosen two. The key streets and intersections include, but are not limited to, Brotherhood Way at Alemany, Sagamore and Orizaba; Alemany and St. Charles; Brotherhood Way and Arch. Also in the study are Brotherhood Way-Junipero Serra (Hwy. 1) interchange, and the St. Charles Bridge over I-280, with the Belle and Niantic intersection.

SFCTA envisions "a. to improve pedestrian and bicycle connectivity and safety, including to surrounding areas, b. intersection updates to reduce driver confusion, decrease speeds, and c. preserve and improve access to the existing greenspace." The preliminary finding shows the top three challenges as: 1. Speeding vehicles, 2. Lack of safe pedestrian crossings, and 3. Poor quality or missing bike lanes. Also of high priority was 4. Traffic congestion.

A more focused on-line survey will take place in Round Two, in early summer 2024. Then by fall 2024, in Round Three, the SFCTA's plan is to "Refine two promising alternatives." By winter 2024-25 a Town Hall will take place with the "Identified Referred Alternative."

## METNA MEETING

Tuesday, May 14, 2024  
7:00 pm at Palmetto Meeting Hall  
640 Palmetto Avenue  
(between St. Charles and Chester)

### Invited Guests

Myrna Melgar, D7 Supervisor  
S.F. Board of Supervisors  
Emma Heiken  
D7 Legislative Aide

Brien Hoo, Captain  
Taraval Station  
San Francisco Police Department

Tyra Fennell  
Director of Community Outreach  
Mayor's Office

Alex Anderman  
Maricor Julaton  
7 Leaves Café

ALL NEIGHBORS WELCOME

Face masks are now optional

**METNA presents: REGIONAL SERVICE NUMBERS**

*METNA's annual service numbers. Phone numbers do change. Numbers were in service as of April, 2023. All numbers are area code 1+ 415, unless otherwise noted.*

**Emergency: 911** (from cell phone: in San Francisco: 911, or in/out SF: 553-8090)

**Police, Non-emergency: 553-0123**

**Human Services Hotline: 211**, (direct service link M-F, 9:30a-5:00p)

**SF Customer Service Line: 311**, ( TTY: 701-2323), (outside S.F.: 701-2311)

**Telephone Information (Directory Assistance): 411**

**Transportation Hotline: 511**

**Telephone Repair, AT&T: 611**

**California relay for hearing impaired: 711**

**Underground Service Alert (USA) locating utilities: 811**

**Suicide Prevention: 988**

Anonymous Tip Line: (Taraval Station) 242-9753; (General) 575-4444

Animal bites to report: 554-9422

Animal Care & Control: 554-6364; Emergency: 554-9400

BART Customer Service: 510-464-7134

BART Lost and Found Line: 510-464-7090

BART Police: Emergency: 510-464-7000; Non-emergency: 877-679-7000

BART Transit Information: 989-2278

Bay Area Air Quality Management District: 800-334-6367

Bee Swarms (police non-emergency, info on beekeepers): 553-0123

City Attorney, David Chiu, office: 554-4700 / Hotline: 554-3977

City Attorney, Services/Code Enforcement: Christopher Whitman: 554-4240

CleanPowerSF, Customer Service: 554-0773

Clipper Card, registration/information: 877-878-8883

Crime Stoppers (Anonymous): 553-9755

District Attorney, Brooke Jenkins, office: 628-652-4000

District Attorney, Victim services: 553-9044

Emergency Services Management, (Dept. of): 558-3800

Emergency Services, Office of Disaster Preparedness: 558-2700

Fire Department, Non-emergency: 861-8000 or 558-3300

Garbage pickup/ Trash not emptied (Sunset Scavenger/Recology): 330-1300

Graffiti, Police Report Hotline: 278-9454

Hazardous Waste Disposal: 355-3777

Homeless Outreach Team, (SFHOT) 24-hour service line: Urgent 355-7445,  
Non-urgent 355-7401, Office 355-7555

Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services: 554-5975

Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development: 554-6969

MET Community Connectors: Laura Atkins, 341-4713

Mosquito activity, reporting: 252-3806

Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT): 970-2022

P. G. & E.: 24 hour service: 800-743-5000; Outage: 800-743-5002

Pets, lost hotline: 567-8738

Poison Center: 476-6600 or 476-2845, 800-222-1222

Public Health: Code Enforcement/Environmental Resource: 252-3872

Residential Permit Parking: 701-3000 or 554-5000

Resilient MET; Glen Hatakeyama, Chair: 333-0197

SamTrans Information: 800-660-4289

SF Municipal Transportation Agency: 701-2311 (311)

Spare the Air Alert: 877-466-2876

Suicide Prevention: 24 hours, 781-0500; S.F. Mobile Crisis: 355-8300;

National: 800-273-8255

Supervisor Myrna Melgar, District 7: 554-6516 ;

Legislative Aide, D7: Emma Heiken, 554-6519

**Taraval Police Station: 759-3100 or 553-1612**

Captain Brien Hoo; Taraval Captain's Clerk: 759-3113

Code Enforcement Officer & Permit Officer: 759-3123

Taraval Lieutenant's Office: Day and Night Platoon Commanders: 759-3102

Trash/hazardous waste on private property, M-F, 8am-5pm: 252-3800; voice 252-38

Water, Power, Sewer Emergencies: 923-2400 or 551-3000, 24 hours: 550-4911

West Nile Virus hotline: 877-968-2473

**\*\* CONTINUE TO CALL: 311: to connect to all City Services \*\***

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**METNA NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**  
**@ Palmetto Meeting Hall, 640 Palmetto**  
**Avenue at 7:00pm**

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

**SISTERHOOD GARDENS' BUILD DAYS**

Brotherhood & Arch

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

Saturday, May 11, 2024

Saturday, June 8, 2024

Saturday, July 13, 2024

**Sisterhood Gardens Sumer Youth Camp**

**Mon June 10-Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**9:00 am to 1:30pm:Free, ages 7-10, space limited** (prioritized for low income families in D11) ; register at: [bit.ly/sgcamp24](https://bit.ly/sgcamp24)

**MET COMMUNITY CONNECTORS**

**@ Golden Gate Church of Christ**  
**Community Room, Corner of Upper**  
**Palmetto & Head**

Tuesdays, 10:00am – 11:00 Senior Exercise

Tuesdays, 11:00am-12:00 noon Social Hour

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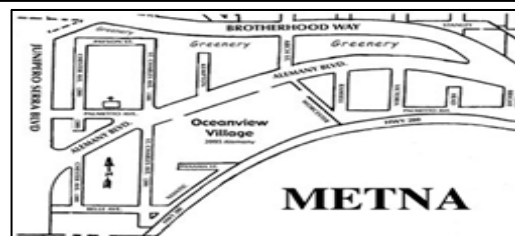
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### BUDGET CONCERNS MAY SCRAP NEW CITY TRASH CANS

San Francisco Department of Public Works (SFPDW) is in the midst of trimming its budget as San Francisco faces a looming budget deficit. Mayor London Breed has asked city departments to submit budget reductions, up to 10% for the coming fiscal year.

As a by-product of trimming Public Works' budget for the 2024-25 year (beginning July 1), is looking at areas to reduce costs. One such area of cost savings is to reduce or eliminate the expenditure of the proposed "Slim Silhouette" trash cans which won approval by a committee and the department back in 2022. The newly designed cans do not have a firm price tag, however they have been called very expensive. The goal was to replace the current 3,000 current street cans.

There currently are six (used to be eight) street trash receptacles in the Merced Extension Triangle, two each at the entrances to the Alemany-Brotherhood Dog Park, one on the south-west corner of Alemany and Worcester, and one on the north-west corner of Alemany and Arch. There is an additional can on the north-west corner of Brotherhood Way and Arch. That trash receptacle was moved from the Brotherhood Way entrance to Sisterhood Gardens in 2022, requested by the garden's committee due to illegal dumping at the site which now no longer occurs at that spot.

### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

#### 7 LEAVES CAFÉ OPENS

7 Leaves Café had a soft opening in the latter part of April. The Grand Opening of 7 Leaves Café is scheduled for Saturday, May 11. See the article on 7 Leaves Café, in this addition of the METNA News.

#### BICYCLE CURB CUT AT NORTH SIDE OF ST. CHARLES PATHWAY

Local residents and bicyclists traveling through the area on Bike Route 75 have complained for years about the lack of a curb cut for bicyclists at the north end of the St. Charles Bike Path created in 2001. That situation was rectified by Public Works with a new curb ramp added in early March.

The dead end street at the north end of the path on St. Charles had no curb cut that would be useful for not only bicyclists, but also for wheelchairs and baby strollers. Now non-motorized wheeled vehicles can traverse the ramp with ease.

#### BROTHERHOOD WAY GREENBELT GETS MAJOR CLEAN UP

Three Public Works crews spent January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> cleaning up several partially hidden former homeless encampments on Brotherhood Way. The BSSR crew removed tons of debris at two spots on the south side of Brotherhood, just east of Junipero Serra, while the Urban Forestry landscape crew cut brush and low hanging branches in the greenbelt. The tree maintenance crew cut and ground large low hanging and dead pine tree branches next to Junipero Serra where an abandoned encampment had been hidden.

The cleanup left the area clean and will allow the field mowers to cut grass before it grows tall and presents a fire hazard when dry. The project, requested by METNA president Marc Christensen and coordinated by Public Works Area Superintendent John Reilly, served as a beginning to a major renovation of the area in advance of the District 7 Beautification Day on Saturday, April 13. Volunteers worked on the Brotherhood Way Greenbelt and the Dog Park.

#### New curb cut ramp on St. Charles



### 7 LEAVES CAFÉ OPEN AT OVV -GRAND OPENING: SATURDAY, MAY 11-

#### 7 LEAVES CAFÉ

3931 Alemany Blvd., Suite 2002-03

Managers: Alex Anderman, Maricor Julaton

Phone: 415-349-4445

Open Hours: 8:00am - 10:00pm, daily

7 Leaves Café will have a Grand Opening on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. 7 Leaves Café will feature a variety of hand crafted teas, fresh brewed coffee, and many standard tea drinks.

Alex Anderman states, "There will be a soft opening in mid-April. Peak your head in to see if we are open and to say hello. We are excited to be part of the community."

METNA welcomes 7 Leaves Café to the Merced Extension Triangle neighborhood. Please support your local businesses.





METNA BIKE SHARE STATION SURVEY RESULTS

SURVEY RESULTS:	Neighborhood Residents		OceanView Village Residents		Overall Totals	
I will use the Bike Share Program on a regular basis	2	2%	7	7%	9	5%
I will occasionally use the Bike Share Program	13	14%	18	18%	31	16.5%
I support the Bike Share Program	33	35.5%	47	50%	80	43%
I have no interest in a Bike Share Program	38	41%	30	32%	68	36%
I do not feel that the Bike Share Program benefits my neighborhood	16	17%	5	5%	21	11%
I am opposed to a Bike Share Station in the neighborhood	17	18%	7	7%	24	13%
Total respondents.....	93	49.5%	95	50.5%	188	100%
Summary:						
21.5% of respondents would use the Bike Share Program (16.5% occasionally)						
43% support a Bike Share Station in the neighborhood						
13% are opposed to a Station in the neighborhood						

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Boulevard (35 foot bikeshare station) (Supervisor District 7).”  
METNA contacted D7 Supervisor Myrna Melgar’s office, and we received a favorable response to look at METNA’s position.  
A “Public Hearing” was held by SFMTA on March 22<sup>nd</sup> to hear from neighborhood residents regarding the Bikeshare Station on St. Charles. Many neighborhood residents emailed the SFMTA lead person to give many reasons why that location is not acceptable. Some residents also spoke on a telephone link to the meeting giving their comments.  
On April 15, five METNA officers met with Adrian Leung to propose four alternate sites for a potential Bike Share Station. A consensus was that the best location would be on a concrete slab inside of the sidewalk on Alemany near Arch. Preliminary verbal approval was given to use this site by the Director of Public Works. No parking spaces would be eliminated at this location.  
We wait for SFMTA’s response to METNA.

LAKE MERCED WEST SHORELINE PROJECT MOVES FORWARD

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) received a Costal Zone Permit in late January of this year to demolish seven one-story recreation structures, and provide soil remediation around the former skeet shooting fields on the western shore of Lake Merced, at 520 John Muir Drive. The approximately 11-acre site was the former home of the Pacific Rod and Gun Club (PRGC) from 1934 to 2015. This part of the project “does not propose any new structures or change of use at the project site.” The permit allows for soil decontamination and the demolition of seven vacant buildings that were used by the PRGC.  
In 2016, the Recreation and Park Commission approved a \$2.6 million renovation of the site to become a recreation facility for water sports, for fishing, and other recreational uses. The site now named Lake Merced West is finally moving forward after sitting idle for over eight years. The Environmental Impact Report was approved in January of 2023, under case No. 2019-014146ENV.

OCEAN BEACH CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION PROJECT

The Ocean Beach Climate Change Adaptation Project is the first major climate change project in San Francisco. Part of the 2022 Ocean Beach master Plan, this new project envisions the creation of more than a mile of a new costal trail by improving access to Ocean Beach south of Sloat Boulevard.  
This project is designed to protect the vital water and wastewater facility located just off Skyline Boulevard and will implement the removal of the Great Highway roadway portion between Sloat and Skyline Boulevards, followed by the introduction of a multipurpose coastal trail.  
The current schedule estimates construction to begin in 2025 and take up to four years to complete. A report on this project is due out in the summer of 2024 by the National Park Service.

METNA REMINDER

NO PARKING WITHIN 20 FEET OF A CROSSWALK

Last October Gov. Gavin Newsom signed into law a parking requirement that prohibits parking within 20 feet of either side of a marked or unmarked crosswalk. The new law, known as “daylighting,” provides a space for motorists to clearly see pedestrians entering a crosswalk.  
The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) has begun issuing warning notices for the new parking restriction. However, it cannot issue fines until 2025.  
Note: under this new parking restriction, throughout the State of California, if the curb is painted red near a crosswalk or intersection motorists should follow that distance, even if it is less than 20 feet. However, if there is no curb paint or signage, then the 20-foot distance must be observed.  
SFMTA is in the process of painting the “daylighting red zones” throughout San Francisco beginning with the city’s “High Injury Network” intersections, where the most serious and fatal traffic accidents have occurred.

ILLEGAL TO STORE OR SET OFF FIREWORKS IN SAN FRANCISCO

The San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD) and the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) want San Francisco residents to know that it is illegal to store and/or set off fireworks on private property or public spaces within the City and County of San Francisco.  
This is a serious safety issue. Fireworks at times cannot be controlled and may cause an unwanted injury to persons nearby and may cause an unwanted fire on a neighboring property. Anyone setting off any type of firework is ultimately responsible for the outcome of their actions.  
Furthermore, many neighbors who have small children and pets are disturbed by the sight and sound of any type of firework. What may seem like harmless fun can have serious consequences.  
SFFD and SFPD encourages residents to report anyone storing fireworks or setting off fireworks at any time. Call 9-1-1 to report any firework violations. Above all, be respectful of your neighbors and make the time leading up to the Fourth of July a safe experience for all.