

Loop Steering Committee Meeting Notes
March 9, 2015 7:30-9:00

Attending: Kelli Rudnick (DPW), Dianne Bates (Vermont St), Will Chang (Vermont St.), Maria Tong(San Bruno Ave), Sheldon Trimble(Mariposa St.), Michael Kerbow (Vermont St.), Jean Bogiages(Utah St.), Steven Solomon(San Bruno Ave.), Patricia Fonseca(Mariposa St.)

The meeting began with discussion of the minutes from the 2/24/2015 meeting that Kelli provided. This meeting was attended by 13 people from Caltrans, Marcel from Bionic and Kelli from DPW. Some of the Caltrans roles represented were Landscape, Design, HQ Design, Traffic, PM, Community Planning, Maintenance and Air Space R/W. Minutes are on our website: [News | Potrero Gateway Park](#)

The 2/24 meeting minutes followed the document which divided the plan into 5 sections.

1. San Bruno – A number of comments were documented in the notes about the living wall, recommending issues that need to be considered, including the effect of an earthquake on the dirt wall, but the bottom line was that the living wall could be done. Additionally, the open space at the corner of Mariposa and San Bruno had no issues.
2. Mariposa – An access control fence would need to be on the freeway side of the path to Fallen Bridge Park. There were questions about whether the houses that border the wall would be concerned about folks near their homes and about possible homeless encampments. Kelli mentioned that if we activate the San Bruno-17th corner and install the wall, and increase in activation of the area will discourage camping.
3. 17th Street – Container businesses on the north side would be the easiest, though it would involve a lease with the state. Jean mentioned that UPS might be generous to let us develop on their lease, as we are only interested in 5 ft that they are not using for parking. The south side of 17th will be more expensive.
4. Vermont Street – It was noted that the neighbors on the west side of Vermont have applied for an adopt-a-highway permit for the area between the back of their homes and the sound wall. There was concern about having people on the sidewalk that borders the off-ramp. The paths need to meet ADA requirements. Other than that there should be no problem with the Vermont Street section.
5. Vermont Exit – There was concern about maintenance of the lower path

Kelli said that this meeting was the response we wanted from Caltrans which gave us their input on what was feasible and what was feasible but difficult. The issue of breaking the Loop into small projects vs working on the entire project at once was discussed. The \$1M line on project size could potentially make the project cost more on the whole if we cross it, but breaking the project into chunks would make it take longer. Could we find funding for the entire project if it were done at once, or do we need to seek smaller amounts, and then go from one section to the next? No matter which way we go, Kelli recommended that we work on an EV report and survey for the entire area as the first step.

Jean mentioned that she submitted a request in the participatory budgeting process for a land survey for the Loop.

There was much discussion about the lack of maintenance by Caltrans of the area. Up and down 101 there are well maintained areas, but they seem to be connected to freeway expansion projects. Around the freeway in our area the landscape design was set in place 60 years ago is deteriorated and

dangerous. Caltrans is a state agency. Mark Leno is our state senator and is on the finance committee. David Chui is our new state assembly member. We need to contact them.

The idea of getting food trucks on 17th Street was raised, as something that could be done early to activate the space.

Jean mentioned that we have a 600 member MailChimp list which needs to be updated concerning our progress. Consensus was that we should start a petition on change.org so that people can show support for the project and we can take that petition to Mark Leno and Supervisor Cohen.

We agreed on action items:

- Jean will meet with Kelli to review and complete the EV documentation.
- Jean will put together a MailChimp msg which will contain a change.org petition. Dianne will help with petition text.
- We will put together a letter and get businesses to endorse it and deliver to Mark Leno which will show that businesses as well as neighbors are in favor of the loop. We will ask him for funding help.
- We will invite Malia Cohen to an evening meeting and ask for help
 - Contacting David Chui
 - Getting city funding – part from D10 and part from DPW