VISITACION VALLEY
IMPACT FEE AND NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT UPDATE

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this presentation is to fulfill requirement 6.4 of the Visitacion Valley/Schlage Lock Development Agreement, which requires that the Planning Department provide annual updates on the project area. This document includes updates on capital projects in the neighborhood and impact fee projections.
PROJECT UPDATES

- Impact fee projections
- Updates on projects in the neighborhood
**IMPACT FEES**

- Impact fees capture value created by development that is then used for capital improvements.
- Impact fees can fund new infrastructure:

  - **TRANSIT**
  - **STREETS**
  - **OPEN SPACE**
  - **CHILDCARE**

- Amount and availability of funds depend on ultimate buildout and timing of development.
IMPACT FEES

- Collected on new development of a certain size and can be spent anywhere within the impact fee boundary.

VISITACION VALLEY IMPACT FEE BOUNDARY

- Impact Fee Boundary
- Impact Fee Boundary 250 Foot Buffer
- City & County Boundary

IMPACT FEE PROJECTIONS

THROUGH FY2029 = ~$7.3 million
THROUGH FY2033 = ~$13.8 million
Project priorities were identified during 5 community workshops: 9/2014, 5/2015, 9/2015, 6/2016, 5/2017

3 community surveys (in person and online); 220 responses received

Projects identified from the community process have moved forward for construction.
PROJECT UPDATES:

- Blanken Underpass Community Mural, DPW, BOS
- Visitacion Avenue Sidewalk Installation and Trail Improvements, RPD
- Visitacion Avenue Connector trailhead crossing, RPD
- 2020 Citywide Parks Bond Funding and McLaren Park Vision Plan Update, RPD
- Herz Playground Renovation, RPD
- Visitacion Valley Community Transportation Plan, MTA
BLANKEN UNDERPASS COMMUNITY MURAL

Project Details:

▪ Funding allocated by D10 Supervisor
▪ Artist selection and community design process Feb - Aug 2019
▪ Design approved by SF Arts Commission August 2020
▪ Caltrans "Transportation Art Proposal" application submitted October 2020

Project Update:

▪ Focus has shifted away from Caltrans site, as maintenance costs and other responsibilities could not be agreed upon
▪ Community members are currently looking for another location for the mural.
VISITACION AVENUE MCLAREN PARK CONNECTOR TRAIL — SIDEWALK INSTALLATION

Project Details:
- New sidewalks and pedestrian lighting on Visitacion Avenue, between Visitacion Valley Middle School and Hahn Street
- New bike lanes, sharrows, and/or multi-use paths between Mansell Street and Hahn Street
- Narrowed vehicle travel lanes
- New crosswalk on Visitacion Avenue, west of Lelend Avenue

Project Update:
- Recreation and Parks Department (RPD) has been developing a project funding strategy and scoping design alternatives.
- RPD anticipates hosting a community meeting and identifying a preferred design by January 2024.
- Construction start has been delayed, as anticipated grant funding was not secured as expected. The project team has used the additional time to engage with community stakeholders on overall McLaren Park connectivity, and to coordinate with SFMTA on larger neighborhood adaptive transit plans.
- These efforts have led to continuous refinement of the Visitacion Avenue Safety Project.
- Contact brian.stokle@sfgov.org (RPD) or marien.coss@sfgov.org (RPD)
VISITACION AVENUE MCLAREN PARK
CONNECTOR - TRAIL CONNECTOR

Project Details:
- New Native Plant Garden and Nature Exploration Area south of the McLaren Community Garden
- New natural trail on the east side of Visitacion Ave between Hahn Street and Visitacion Valley Middle School
- New interpretive and wayfinding signage

Project Update:
- The Native Plant Garden is mostly complete. Tree work will begin in winter 2024, followed by new pedestrian trail construction.
- Construction start was initially anticipated for winter 2023, but the project is in a sensitive natural resource area, and has required much more time than initially expected to plan and document compliance with the Natural Resource Management Plan component of the Environmental Impact Report.
  - Project team is currently working through archeological review, which is the final step before construction can begin.
- Contact lauren.chavez@sfgov.org (RPD)
Aim is to update the 2018 Vision Plan, create a capital project plan, and recommend priority projects for bond funding.

Planning, site assessments, and community engagement has been ongoing since fall 2022.

Coordination with MTA is ongoing, for planning multi-use connectivity into and through the park (via regular planning meetings, and review and feedback on the Portola Vis Valley CBTP and neighborhood adaptive transit plans).

Collaboration with the Sunnydale/ HopeSF protect team is shaping a more welcoming southern gateway (Sunnydale community members have repeatedly expressed a feeling of disconnection with the park, due to the physical isolation of the immediately adjacent Gleneagles fencing).

Synthesis of feedback and cost estimating is underway, and draft recommendations will be shared in early 2024.

Contact lauren.chavez@sfgov.org (RPD)
HERZ PLAYGROUND RENOVATION

- Herz Playground opened to the public on August 24, 2023
- A complete renovation of children’s play areas at Herz Playground opened to the public on August 24, 2023. The project includes all-new play equipment and surfacing, benches, picnic tables, fencing, pathways, and updated restrooms

- For more information visit: https://sfrecpark.org/1162/Herz-Playground--McLaren-Park
  - Contact: Keri Ayers (RPD), keri.ayers@sfgov.org
HERZ RECREATION CENTER

- Site clearing is complete
- Construction broke ground on September 15, 2023
- Project is expected to be completed in early 2025
- For more information visit: https://sfrecpark.org/1488/Herz-Recreation-Center-Project
  - Contact: Eoanna Goodwin (RPD), eoanna.goodwin@sfgov.org
Three phases of community outreach informed proposed projects

Funding for **mid-block crosswalks and traffic-calming for the Vis Valley Greenway** was awarded by SFCTA in March 2023.

Project design phase is expected January 2024 – June 2025.

Construction phase is expected July 2025 – December 2026

Will submit a Caltrans Active Transportation Program grant to secure funding for **Mansell Streetscape**
SFMTA VISITACION VALLEY & PORTOLA COMMUNITY-BASED TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CBTP)

Final Plan – Mansell St

Mansell Street Improvements Legend:

1. Widen median and construct sidewalk-level shared-use path. This orientation eliminates conflicts with transit and parking, but introduces additional conflicts at intersections, as well as additional costs compared to an on-street bikeway.

2. Construct bus bulbs and/or curb extensions and relocate bus stops to improve access to Muni buses and shorten crossing distances for people walking. Coordinate with 29 Sunset Improvement Project.

3. Retain on-street parking and loading on Mansell St. Narrow parking lane from 11 feet to 8 feet to accommodate bikeway.

- High-priority project identified throughout three phases of community outreach.
- Funding was awarded by SFCTA in March 2023.
- Project design phase expected January 2024 – June 2025.
- Construction phase expected July 2025 – December 2026
SFMTA VISITACION VALLEY & PORTOLA COMMUNITY-BASED TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CBTP)

Updates:
- Plan was adopted at SFMTA Board in March 2023
- Pursue Quick-Builds and grant funding for highest-priority projects.

For more info:
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