Mobility Tour August 31, 2017 –Notes

Proposed Route

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Stop A –
• Bulb out in area in front of Excelsior Community center could help slow traffic and help pedestrians.
  • And LPI here (leading pedestrian signal) could also help to let pedestrians begin crossing
  • Trash is an issue here and elsewhere along the corridor.

Interim Stop
• Unmarked T intersections and some that are also unsigned. This creates a dangerous situation for pedestrians.
• Brazil and Mission – painted safety zones and bulb out could be installed here to help address the T-conditions and slow traffic.

Stop B – Mission and Persia
• Could this be a scramble? People are always running to catch the bus every which way.

There are no trash bins.
• No bus shelter here and sometimes seniors are waiting for the bus and they have no place to rest.
• Future coffee shop owners plan to install a bench.
• Greening and a bench could really help this area.
- Rectangular rapid flashing beacon
- Left turn signal
- Close outer Mission and Persia; allowing bus only traffic
- Can we close Ocean between Persia and Mission; make it for buses only? That could realize the town square of the Persia Triangle.

On the way to Stop C
- Mission between Persia and Russia would be good to have a mid-block crossing.
- Green machine can clean sidewalks; a tool Public Works has. Typically used in areas w/public health risks (needles, etc.)
- Can France become a ped only street connecting Mission and Alemany?
- Foot traffic might challenge a public plaza; what would spur people to gather?
- Retail trends: people are going to destinations or buying online.

Stop C to Stop D
- On Alemany, can we have no turns during certain times? Perhaps no left turns during peak traffic hours.
- Continuous bike networks are critical. On Geneva, there are spots where there is a dedicated bike lane and then it becomes a shared lane with traffic. Only the most seasoned and hearty bikes are going to use that facility (road) unless the separated bike lane is continuous.
  - Protected bike lanes are really best, where cyclists can feel safe from being hit by a vehicle.
  - Could the bike lane on Alemany be separated, be on the curbside?
    - Possibly, but with so many driveways, it might still be unsafe for cyclists.
- Recently, a cyclist was killed on Alemany; hit by a car around 5 pm—in the daylight! Realizing vision zero—zero traffic deaths—can be realized right on Alemany.
- Getting to School
  - Some buses on Geneva were recently re-routed. With the open school system that exists, kids often need to go to a high school across town. If they miss their transfer to their bus, they can end up being 2 hours late to class.
  - Is there a way for the busses to sync up better in order to help these students?

Stop D
- These open corners can be a place for art.
- These large concrete corners result from filling in a “pork chop”, which is Public Work-speak for a right hand turn for cars that is not great for pedestrians.
- These could be opportunities for public art or greening.