



Poplar Street Traffic Calming and Safety Project

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why is the Poplar Street Traffic Calming and Safety Project being developed?

The Poplar Street Traffic Calming and Safety Project seeks to improve the safety of bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorists traveling to and from Poplar Beach, Coastal Trail, schools, residential neighborhoods, and the retail district.

2. How is the project funded?

The project is a Capital Improvement Project that is partially funded through a One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) provided by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to enhance transportation infrastructure.

3. How will vehicle speeding be addressed as part of the Poplar Street project?

The project integrates traffic calming measures including narrowing of the vehicle travel lanes using striping and concrete curbs as well as other options discussed in question 4 to reduce vehicular speeds along Poplar Street.

4. What traffic calming strategies may be implemented on Poplar Street?

The project features a selection of strategies to reduce travel speeds including undulations (speed humps and tables), traffic circles, and vehicle lane narrowing using striping and concrete curbs.

5. Why are sidewalks necessary?

Poplar Street has a high demand of pedestrians that seek a safe accommodation to walk to destinations within the neighborhood. A sidewalk provides a dedicated and accessible path of travel for pedestrians as well as users with physical disabilities to safely access their destinations.

6. Will the Poplar Street project impact existing on-street parking?

The project will better define locations for on-street parking. When complete, there will be about 120 parking stalls available, which generally matches the current capacity.

7. How is the Poplar Street project being integrated with the Poplar Beach Gateways Plan?

The Poplar Street Traffic Calming and Safety Project is a Capital Improvement Project intended to provide safe access along the Poplar Street corridor for all users. The Poplar Beach Gateways Plan is a multi-year project that will develop a plan that focuses on the Poplar Beach area. The City is coordinating the integration of both projects.

8. What is a Deferred Street Agreement?

A Deferred Street Agreement is an agreement between a property owner(s) and the City, in which the property owner(s) agree to participate in a future assessment district and being asses their share of the construction of street improvement to City Standards.

9. How do I know if I have Deferred Street Agreement with the City?



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Contact Maziar Bozorginia, City Engineer, [E-mail](#) and Evelyn Moran, Assistant Engineer, [E-mail](#) to determine if you have a Deferred Street Agreement.

10. How will the project impact planting, fencing, and other improvements in front of my house?

If the improvements are outside of the City's right of way, there should be no changes required. If the project impacts improvements on private property, it will restore them. If the improvements are located within the public right of way, they will be removed.

11. Will the existing street trees be removed?

The Poplar trees located along the street will be preserved.

12. Will the project reduce pollutants to the Pacific Ocean?

The project proposes to install rain gardens in select locations to removed trash and debris from storm water before it flows to the Pacific Ocean.

13. Will the project add landscaping?

The City is working to determine if there are sufficient funds available to both install and maintain landscaping.

14. How can I get more information about the project?

Please see the following [LINK](#) for proposed outreach events. In addition, staff will be meeting with all property owners fronting Poplar Street to review the proposed improvements.