To : Thalia Leng
   SFMTA Engineering

The GPA Transportation Committee has reviewed the most recent proposal for changes/additions to the bike and vehicle traffic lanes along Bosworth Street.

Ensuring safety to all members of our community - including bicyclists, pedestrians, and drivers of vehicles is the primary concern for the GPA.

The GPA Transportation Committee feels that the current proposal is a modest step in the right direction of improving bike safety along the Bosworth corridor, but falls short of the community's reasonable expectations for overall safety (Vision Zero) along Bosworth Street.

The GPA Transportation Committee would be willing to partner with SFMTA *to offer conditional support* of the project with the following additional safety measures:

1. Additional and Replaced Signage along Bosworth for Pedestrian Safety:

Lane changes along Bosworth between Diamond (or Hamerton) and O'Shaughnessy will also have effects on pedestrian safety. Traffic congestion on Bosworth St. is significant-especially during commute hours. Bosworth St. between Elk and Lippard has crosswalks at intersections, but no corresponding traffic controls.

With these situations, improved pedestrian safety should be a priority as much as improving protection to bike riders.

Requests for additional signage and paint:

A) Replace/Add more visible pedestrian signage along Bosworth St. at Chilton, Hamerton, and Elk - both East and Westbound

 – Bright Yellow Pedestrian signs, with arrow pointing down diagonally toward the crosswalks

 – Bright Yellow Pedestrian "Ahead" signs underneath Speed Limit 25 sign, on Bosworth

 –Tall Bright Yellow "State Law Yield to Pedestrian Within Crosswalk" sign

  (Please see attached Photos of examples at O'Shaughnessy/Malta and
    Monterey/Detroit)

B) Repaint along Bosworth's Continental Crosswalks YELLOW

- Bosworth at Chilton
- Bosworth at Hamerton

2. Long-term project to move a bike lane off Bosworth roadway between Elk and O'Shaughnessy to a protected bike lane adjacent to existing pedestrian sidewalk.

The GPA Transportation Team feels that the proposed design still offers *unacceptable* safety risks to bikers along Bosworth between Elk and O'Shaughnessy. This stretch of Bosworth includes winding turns, grade changes, and no traffic controls. Narrowing the lanes along this stretch of road to accommodate a bike lane on the existing roadway could exacerbate safety risks for both bikers and vehicles.

As there is ample space along the north side of Bosworth - with a wide sidewalk and adjacent open land (Glen Canyon Park), there exists a rare opportunity to offer bikers complete protection with a dedicated lane off the existing roadway. This would be consistent with extending the shared bike and pedestrian walkway that extends the length up O'Shaughnessy. The Transportation Team also urges SFMTA to replace the existing guard rail along this stretch of Bosworth to a system that *does* not require ~2 ft. of void space. The current guard rail wastes space on the sidewalk that could be used for both a bike lane and/or pedestrians. The GPA Transportation Team is looking toward moving toward a long-term plan & commitment with SFMTA to look into ways to address this safety concern.

The GPA Transportation Team feels strongly that the implementation of the above improvements will be consistent with the long-term safety goals expected by our community and should be included within the bike lane proposal. Recent changes and pressures along the Bosworth corridor have been a very acute in the last 2 years. The GPA community is very keen to make sure that any new changes live up to goals of our community plan. Our neighbors are also aware of the recent injury of a pedestrian along Bosworth and have reached out the GPA Transportation Committee to help prevent anymore accidents in our community.

The GPA Transportation Committee is committed to being partners with SFMTA in our local projects, and look forward to working with SFMTA toward achieving mutual goals.

Sincerely,
Scott Stawicki
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President