

**AGE AND DISABILITY FRIENDLY SF  
OUTDOOR SPACES AND BUILDINGS**

**MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2021**

**1:30PM-3:30PM**

# OUTDOOR SPACES AND BUILDINGS PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

- Outdoor Spaces and Buildings Domain Review
  - 2017 Identified Gaps
  - 2017 Goals and Recommendations
- New Gaps
- Community Engagement
  - Slow Streets
  - Shared Spaces
  - Road Closures
- Advocacy Works
- Resources: How to Stay Engaged
- Addressing Gaps: Revising ADF Action Items
- Who Is Interested: Getting Engaged

The **Outdoor Spaces & Building** domain covers all outdoor spaces such as parks and plazas, as well as the paths of travel that connect our spaces, such as sidewalks.

This domain also includes public buildings such as libraries and community centers, and private businesses such as small business districts, malls, and theaters.

Relevant policies include efforts to increase green space, installing parklets, ensuring equitable access to parks, as well as efforts to improve the accessibility of our small businesses.

# OUTDOOR SPACES AND BUILDINGS

## 2017 IDENTIFIED GAPS

<b>Gaps</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Access and use of public parks and park programming may not be equitable among seniors and people with disabilities.</li><li>• Either current conditions or design may limit the ability of seniors or people with disabilities from accessing and utilizing public spaces.</li><li>• While local commercial corridors were greatly appreciated, challenges were identified with accessing individual businesses.</li><li>• A need exists for a range of programs and events for both people with disabilities as well as seniors.</li></ul>
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# DEFINITIONS

## GOALS, RECOMMENDATIONS, ACTIONS

**GOALS-** Identified by Task Force as critical to achieving an age- and disability-friendly city, goals were based on many things, including research, stakeholder interviews, the WHO framework, etc. The goals were designed to be visionary in order to help guide forthcoming iterations of the Age and Disability Friendly Action Plan. Ideally, the **goals generally remain the same throughout the life of the initiative** or are only occasionally updated.

**RECOMMENDATIONS-** Based on the gaps analysis, the strategy to achieve the goals within the next three years. Recommendations vary in terms of project types, timelines, but must all meet previously established guidelines. They remain the same for the entire implementation phase (three years), but **the workgroup has the opportunity to either change or keep them each time the Action Plan is updated.**

**ACTIONS-** the tangible and specific projects that accomplish the recommendations and ultimately bring us closer to the goals. **Identifying and developing actions for the next draft of the Action Plan will be the work of this workgroup in the coming year.**

# OUTDOOR SPACES AND BUILDINGS

## 2017 GOALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Goal	Recommendation	Outcome
A diversity of accessible & clean outdoor public spaces.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess and identify opportunities to increase access for underserved populations to green space</li> <li>Supporting and expanding age and disability friendly programming and events within existing public spaces,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paused</li> <li>Completed- Getting There Together (09/2019)</li> </ul>
Buildings, both public & private, should be accessible and inclusive.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support existing efforts to ensure that small businesses are able to implement accessible modifications, including an accessible front entrance.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paused</li> </ul>
Public right of ways, such as sidewalks, should be accessible & inclusive.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identifying, developing and advocating for best practices to ensure that sidewalks are age and disability friendly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paused</li> </ul>

**WHAT NEW GAPS EXIST OR HAVE  
EMERGED BECAUSE OF COVID?**

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: OUTDOOR SPACES AND BUILDINGS

- SLOW STREETS
- SHARED SPACES
- ROAD CLOSURES
  - e.g. JFK Drive, Great Highway, Twin Peaks



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: SLOW STREETS

- San Francisco now has 45 miles of slow streets, with more on the way.
  - Vehicle access is restricted to residents, deliveries, and businesses.
  - Prioritizes people walking and biking.
- As the city is now considering how to make some Slow Streets permanent, there's a key question to answer: how can Slow Streets be great places specifically for seniors and people with disabilities?
- What is the impact if slow streets become permanent?

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: SHARED SPACES

Equity for people with disabilities and seniors has 2 components: equitable use of the participating businesses AND equitable use of the sidewalks, streets, parking and mass transit nearby

- In the temporary program:
  - Many of the Covid-erected dining solutions have accessibility gaps. For example,
    - Parklets
    - Access to accessible tables and chairs
  - Enforcement Issues. For example,
    - Maintaining path of travel
    - Parklet accessibility
    - Blind and low vision access
  - Parking and transportation impacts throughout the City.

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: ROAD CLOSURES

- Concern from Older Adult and Disability communities that they are not consistently heard from at the appropriate point in the process (Twin Peaks, Great Highway)
- Golden Gate Park/JFK Drive convened Stakeholder Working Group did include representation from community,
  - Stakeholders provided feedback on Action Strategy
  - Full community engagement underway this summer

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: ROAD CLOSURES (Continued)

- Concern from these communities that even when they are reached, that feedback may not be:
  - Incorporated in a way that is inclusive of older adults and people with disabilities.
  - Representative of the entire disability and older adult community spectrum
- These communities want to be included in the design process.
  - Challenge: Accessibility code requirements do not always equal usability for all.

# ADVOCACY WORKS

As a result of advocacy, public engagement, and community persistence, the City is responding. For Example,

- The City has publicly committed to address accessibility, especially in Shared Spaces and JFK Drive.
- City is responding to equity concerns from small businesses.
- City is committed to public engagement processes, especially around road closures.

# RESOURCES: HOW TO STAY ENGAGED

## SHARED SPACES PERMANENT PROGRAM

SF Ordinance 210284: <https://sfgov.legistar.com/>

- Enter Ordinance number 210284
- Go to Legislation Details for this Ordinance
- Currently under review by Land Use and Transportation Committee
- Mayoral Legislation, with Supervisor sponsors
- **Desired Finalization: 7/1/2021**

## GOLDEN GATE PARK/JFK DRIVE

- Study called for by Supervisors Fewer and Chan (D1)
- County Transportation Authority (CTA) Board reviewed Action Strategy on May 11, 2021:
  - <https://www.sfcta.org/events/transportation-authority-board-27>
  - **Action Strategy is Item 7 on May 11 Agenda**
- Community Engagement to be led by MTA and Recreation and Parks
  - **Through Summer 2021**

# RESOURCES: HOW TO STAY ENGAGED

## Mayor's Disability Council

- Monthly Public Hearings every 3rd Friday, 1-4pm
- On Zoom and Broadcast on SF GOV TV
- Next meeting: **May 21, 2021**
  - Small Business and Accessibility
  - JFK Drive Action Strategy presentation by CTA
- For updates and information, go to [sfgov.org/mod](https://sfgov.org/mod)
- Subscribe to Newsfeed, or go to the Mayor's Disability Council tab at the top of the page
- Council currently has vacancies
- Any concern can also be elevated by you to the Mayor's Office on Disability. [MOD@sfgov.org](mailto:MOD@sfgov.org) and (415) 554-6789

## Slow Streets

- Track the path to permanence: <https://www.sfmta.com/projects/slow-streets-program>
- Senior and Disability Workgroup of the VisionZero Coalition is also taking direct feedback via WalkSF

# ADDRESSING GAPS: REVISING ADF ACTION ITEMS

## (in light of COVID response)

Goal	Recommendation	Possible Revised ADF Action Item	ADF Impact
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Buildings, both public & private, should be accessible and inclusive.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support existing efforts to ensure that small businesses are able to implement accessible modifications, including an accessible front entrance.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Establish partnership of small business/restaurant owners and members of age and disability community that could help advise business owners in making their establishments Age and Disability Friendly</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slow Streets</li> <li>Shared Spaces</li> <li>Road Closures</li> <li>Buildings</li> </ul>
Public right of ways, such as sidewalks, should be accessible & inclusive.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identifying, developing and advocating for best practices to ensure that sidewalks are age and disability friendly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Establish process where people with disabilities and older adults are involved in design solutions in Outdoor spaces and buildings</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slow Streets</li> <li>Shared Spaces</li> <li>Road Closures</li> </ul>



# WHO IS INTERESTED: GETTING ENGAGED (A COMMITMENT)

Who is interested in developing the revised ADF action items around the proposed revised action items?

- Recommend City codify a community engagement process around understanding the impact on older adults and people with disabilities so engagements are proactive instead of reactive.
- Establish partnership of small business/restaurant owners and members of age and disability community that could help advise business owners in making their establishments Age and Disability Friendly
- Establish process where people with disabilities and older adults are involved in design solutions in Outdoor spaces and buildings
- Others