

# 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET WEST OAKLAND TRANSIT VILLAGE PHASE II

## Comments and Questions Raised During December 19, 2018 Community Meeting and Responses

1. **Share the project web page with our community contact list for this project, and post a link to NextDoor.**

The City of Oakland project website address is below, which is also posted in NextDoor.

<https://www.oaklandca.gov/projects/7th-street-west-oakland-transit-village-streetscape-project-phase-ii>

2. **Investigate options and respond to a community request for flashing lights to reduce speeding down 7<sup>th</sup> Street, like those found at 24<sup>th</sup> and Broadway.**

The recommended RRFBs design is not feasible in the project area due to structural conflicts with BART column foundations. To power the flashing beacons in the median, the contractor needs to trench and install conduits which is in direct conflict with BART structural elements. In lieu of installing RRFBs at these locations, the project will add pedestrian yield signs and yield markings to improve pedestrian safety.

- a. **Look into opportunities for lighting to help pedestrians crossing streets and on the sidewalks.**

In addition to the proposed 16 dedicated pedestrian lights, the project will replace and add 15 streetlights throughout the project limits 8 of which will be at 8 corners of Campbell street and Willow Street pedestrian crossings. Moreover, sidewalk extensions combined with reduced lanes shorten crosswalk distances and provide traffic calming effect that will improve pedestrian safety.

- b. **Report out on any lighting options *already* planned for inclusion in the project.**

As stated above, the project plans to install a total of 31 lights, 16 of which will be pedestrian lights, and 15 streetlights. A copy of the electrical plan can be shown.

3. **Improve ongoing dialogue and coordination between the City (all relevant departments), CalTrans, the Port of Oakland, the Post Office, and ACTC, especially about an upcoming ACTC project at the Port that could have staging impacts relating to 7<sup>th</sup> Street.**

Construction of the Port project is scheduled to begin in June 2020 at the earliest; OakDOT liaison has forwarded the community's concern to the Port of Oakland project team who confirmed that a community meeting will take place in the coming months. The community will be notified with a date by the Port of Oakland project team.

4. **Parking issues:**

- a. **Standing ask for the contractor to block off only those parking spaces needed to perform the work.**

Aside from active construction zone, a traffic control zone is necessary for traffic safety reasons, hence some parking spots may be blocked due to the implementation of advance

merging cones. Once south side construction finishes, we will provide additional permanent parking spaces to offset the spaces taken away.

**b. Look into the possibility of establishing a residential permit for the spaces currently slated as 2-hour spots only.**

Residents are encouraged to refer to City Municipal Code Section 10.44.050 – Designation of a residential permit parking area before filing a petition for a residential permit parking area. The link to the code is

[https://library.municode.com/ca/oakland/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=TIT10VETR\\_CH10.44REPEPAPR\\_10.44.050DEREPEPAAR](https://library.municode.com/ca/oakland/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT10VETR_CH10.44REPEPAPR_10.44.050DEREPEPAAR)

The residential permit parking program application will be available at the next community meeting, or can be obtained online at the address below:

<https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/parking-permits>

**c. Look into the possibility of adjustments to the street sweeping schedule so that we reduce the occurrences of disallowing parking on all major streets in the neighborhood at once.**

The current sweeping schedule alternates between Thursdays and Fridays of each month on each side of Willow Street which allows car owners to relocate their vehicles before scheduled street sweeping. Due to construction activities and limited parking spaces, the City can temporarily suspend all scheduled sweeping on Willow Street, however this will allow dust particles and debris to build up along the street and impact the cleanliness of the neighborhood. Storm water runoff could also be affected because of blocked gutter. Hence, we do not recommend street sweeping suspension given the negative effects.

**5. Signage:**

**a. Consider a pedestrian yield sign or any other pedestrian safety signage options in the project area and especially at 7<sup>th</sup> and Willow.**

We will add advance yield markings at uncontrolled intersections. The project will also improve pedestrian safety by reducing the number of vehicular travel lanes (shorter crossing distance), upgrading ADA curb ramps (handicap user friendly), extending sidewalk at street crossings (shorter crossing distance, increased pedestrian visibility, traffic calming, reduced turning speed, etc).

**6. Mitigate construction noise as possible. Ask the contractor to provide advance notice to both Ms. Gordon and the City PIO for distribution to residents who will be affected, allowing them to make plans where necessary.**

Contractor will notify residents of upcoming activities that require loud/heavy equipment.

**7. School zone – Implement pedestrian safety measures for nearby schools and reduce construction noise**

7<sup>th</sup> and Peralta is confirmed to be a school zone intersection and will receive yellow high-visibility crosswalk striping.