

Community Based Transportation Planning Grants

City of San Francisco/BART Glen Park Improvement Project

- **Grant Recipient:** San Francisco Planning Department/BART/
San Francisco Public Library
- **County:** San Francisco

Project Area - Glen Park is an historic community that was initially developed around the railroad serving early San Francisco from the Peninsula. Today, Glen Park is a compact neighborhood centered around the Glen Park Bay Area Rapid Transit station and adjacent to Interstate 280 (I-280). I-280 and a segment of the BART line have replaced the railroad as the transportation system of today.

Project Focus - Glen Park now suffers from adverse transportation impacts due to the busy regional transit station in its heart and its abutment to I-280, along with the tangle of roadways built in anticipation of the Mission Freeway that was never built. Today there are many circulation conflicts between pedestrians and vehicles in this hilly terrain. Conflicts exist among busses, both public and private, motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians; as well as those using the neighborhood as a transit portal and the residents who want access to the heart of their community.

Project Goals - To develop a community plan utilizing focused design charette as a major component of a community planning process. The study will focus primarily on how community livability will be enhanced

with new development and with improvement to the public street system and other public places. Through extensive community involvement using the charette process and other techniques developed by the City in the "Better Neighborhoods" Program, the study will lead to a consensus vision for the community development within walking distance of the BART station.

Community Outreach - A week-long series of planning workshops were held by the San Francisco Planning Department (Planning). Planning staff and consultants worked with neighbors to create a preliminary community plan for Glen Park. During the sessions, community members rolled up their sleeves and worked side by side with City Planners to identify problems or issues to be resolved, as well as what they liked about Glen Park and wanted to preserve.

Project Outcome - The culmination of the week's work was an illustrated outline of the preliminary community plan and implementation strategy. The Plan's short-term recommendations include traffic calming and management solutions to address some of the negative effect of the through-traffic and freeway-oriented traffic. Additionally, design guidelines were developed to maintain the "village" character of the neighborhood.

Planning Goals Realized -

- Foster neighborhoods and project designs that enable more walking and biking;
- Reduce dependence on single occupant vehicle trips;
- Reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality.
- http://www.sfgov.org/site/planning_index.asp?id=25091#plteam