John Muir Home Zone

Steering Committee Meeting #1 August 7, 2024

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Presentation Outline

- Introductions
- Home Zone Process
 - Goals, Timeline, Steering Committee role, budget
- Home Zone Boundary
- Community Walks
 - Early scheduling, volunteers to lead
- Community Needs Survey Results
 - Community Needs Map
- Discussion, Questions





What is a Home Zone?

A Home Zone is a neighborhood that supports and encourages active travel, play, and community building.

Traffic speeds and volumes are low and people of all ages and abilities feel safe, comfortable, and welcome walking and rolling – whether they are heading to work, school, the grocery store, or a friend's house.



The Home Zone Process

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What are the **key issues** related to traffic safety and comfort for people walking and rolling? Where are vehicle speeds and volumes the highest? Is there cut-through traffic? What routes do people use to walk to key destinations like transit, grocery stores, health centers, schools, and parks? What are the **best** solutions to issues the community identified? Do these solutions fit within our limited budget? Are there other funding sources that can help us implement Home Zone projects?

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Budget - Design & Construction



\$350k + some from other programs



Timeline



2024 - 2025

- Stage 1: Identify & Prioritize Community Needs
- Stage 2: Determine Project Feasibility
- Stage 3: Draft and Revise Home Zone Plan

2025 - 2026

Stage 4: Design Proposed Projects
Stage 5: Construct and Evaluate Projects



What is the Steering Committee's role?

• Provide ongoing input to SDOT team

• (Several community members have already reached out about specific issues related to traffic safety and drainage. Keep the comments coming!)

• Spread the word! Help us engage the whole neighborhood

- We are especially interested in engaging folks with Limited English Proficiency. SDOT can provide interpreters upon request, and we translate as many public communications as possible.
- Lead Community Walks
- Help prioritize key issues to make best use of our limited funds



Target Languages

• We will aim to translate critical information about the Home Zone into these target languages:

- Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, Tigrinya, Amharic, Somali, Tagalog
- Home Zone yard signs were posted in all target languages
- Survey was translated into all target languages
- Social media ads for survey were translated into target languages

How do we make our goal a reality?

- Reduce vehicle speeds
 - speed humps, traffic circles, chicanes, street art
- Reduce cut-through traffic
 - turn restrictions, traffic diverters
- Improve routes for people walking and rolling
 - walkways, Neighborhood Greenways, arterial crossings
- Make Home Zone streets distinct from other residential streets
 - Gateway Treatments, street art, wayfinding





HZ Boundary

- Request to expand HZ boundary to Rainier Vista West of MLK Jr Way
- Original boundary was drafted by SDOT staff to focus on streets without sidewalks and Walking School Bus routes



Community Walks

- •Led by Steering Committee members
- Usually 2-3 separate walks, different sections of the neighborhood
- September November, depending on Steering Committee preference



Community Needs Survey

• 243 responses

 Advertised with yard signs and social media ads – ads and survey translated into target languages



Community Needs Map John Muir Home Zone | August 2024 Version

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Takeaways for Further Outreach

- High number of responses from households with children and caretakers of children
- Improve outreach to people with disabilities
- Improve engagement needed with Limited English Proficiency folks few responses in languages other than English
- <u>Perform more detailed analysis, comparing survey responses to</u> <u>neighborhood demographics</u>



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Examples: Potential Home Zone Treatments





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Examples: Improved Unopened Right of Way







Who?	What?
Steering Committee + SDOT	Schedule Community Walks, advertise to neighborhood
CDOT	Complete Community Needs map, translate, and post publicly
SDOT	Perform detailed analysis of survey response demographics to identify outreach gaps





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