UCSF Community Meeting - 5th/Kirkham Traffic Calming (8/29/2012)

Reminder: The upcoming Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) process will involve discussion of issues of broader concern, including proposed future development plans for UCSF Parnassus campus and associated transportation analysis.

Neighbor comments by corner/element:

NE Corner:
- Add bulbouts into both 5th and Kirkham, if feasible

SE Corner:
- Remove bulbouts from both 5th and Kirkham

SW Corner:
- Remove bulbout into 5th

NW Corner:
- Add bulbout into Kirkham, if feasible (may prevent median)

Kirkham median:
- Reduce the length of the Kirkham median due to driveway

Additional feedback/questions:
1. I would like to see UCSF’s financial commitment to paying for this project in writing.
   
   Response: UCSF has committed funding to cover the cost of implementing these traffic calming measures (as currently proposed). Neighbors’ feedback is unlikely to increase the cost, but if it does, we will seek additional funding.

2. While we appreciate UCSF taking this step, please do not interpret this as a license to add more truck traffic to this area.

3. Yellow “ladder” crosswalks should be used because of the preschool.
   
   Response: The revised plan will include MTA’s new standard “ladder” crosswalk in white paint. We will discuss with MTA whether yellow is appropriate in this location, because yellow typically is only used near K-12 schools.

4. Will emergency vehicles still have clear and safe access?
   
   Response: SFFD will review the plan during MTA’s review process and flag any issues that might affect emergency access or maneuverability for their vehicles; however, we have designed the elements to accommodate standard turns for their vehicles through the intersection.

5. Who is responsible for maintaining the bulbouts?
   
   Response: SF DPW is responsible for maintaining city streets.

6. Will Parnassus be closed to loading and vehicles, and all those vehicles sent to this intersection?
   
   Response: No. A revised proposal for Parnassus Avenue will be vetted with the community during the upcoming LRDP.
7. Would a signal be a potential solution at this intersection?

   *Response: Traffic signals are installed based on a set of standard “warrants” that evaluate the intersection’s traffic volumes, pedestrian volumes, and vehicle delay, as well as other issues. The intersection volumes at this location are low, and a signal would likely not meet warrants.*

8. How will shuttle traffic (on 5th Avenue north of Parnassus) be handled?

   *Response: Shuttles are being analyzed as part of the LRDP.*

**MTA Timeline:**
Once a community-supported proposal is received by the MTA, it takes approximately 90 to 100 days period to review and legislate the proposal (DPW, Parking, SFFD, engineering, then public hearing at MTA board). Construction could be performed by UCSF or the City (via a financial gift from UCSF).

**Next Steps:**
1. UCSF will email bullet point meeting notes by Tuesday (9/4) morning.
2. UCSF/Fehr & Peers will assess feedback and revise the current plan where feasible to address concerns.
3. A revised plan will be submitted to the community for additional feedback.