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Re: **Barbary Coast Neighbors COMMENTS on Sansome-Battery-Davis Connections Project Improvements**

Dear Mark & Casey,

We know that you have heard from many of the people living and working in the Barbary Coast which spans the area covered by the SFMTA [Sansome-Battery-Davis Connections Project](#). After the partial changes to roads and walkways were implemented this summer, we asked our members—living and working in the neighborhood—about what is working, what is not and what else needs improvement.

Please see attached document listing implementation issues and need for more improvements; also you can check out all comments [here](#). The following is a brief summary of the recommendations for continued improvements that affect public safety.

Implementation of one-lane of through traffic on Sansome Street between Lombard and Chestnut to the Embarcadero and the addition of a protected bike lane with only one traffic lane on Battery Street between Lombard and Greenwich.

- **Install signage BEFORE** northbound vehicles on Sansome cross Lombard warning them the left lane is a “Left Turn Only” lane.
- Trucks and shared ride cars obstruct bike lanes—**Add signage** to use appropriate passenger drop offs or commercial curb parking.

Implementation of new bike lanes on Davis Street and added striping of pedestrian crosswalk at Davis and Pacific Alley.

- People want active traffic calming and pedestrian crossing improvements and **request a traffic control officer or crossing guard** at the **Jackson/Davis St/Davis Court intersection**.
- **Install Speed Bumps and flashing lights on Davis and Front Streets** due to increased speeds and inadequate street lighting.
- **Traffic calming and pedestrian crossing improvements should go beyond the Broadway/Jackson** section of Davis St. Existing **hot spots** are identified on: Jackson/Drumm Streets, Drumm/Washington Streets, and Broadway/Embarcadero.

As one of the densest areas of San Francisco, we ask the SFMTA to consider our requests to improve traffic and pedestrian safety in our neighborhood.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

*Diana Taylor*

Diana Taylor  
President

cc: Supervisor Aaron Peskin

## **Cover Email to SFMTA Staff (11/26/19)**

Since the implementation of the SFMTA [Sansome-Battery-Davis Connections Project](https://www.sfmta.com/projects/sansome-and-battery-connections-project) (<https://www.sfmta.com/projects/sansome-and-battery-connections-project>), we asked our members—living and working in the neighborhood—about what is working, what is not and what else needs improvement.

Attached are two documents:

- A cover letter with our requests for additional safety improvements
- A detailed summary of comments and concerns (these will be updated on the BCNA website in the next week at <https://www.bcnasf.org/recent-traffic-changes-we-want-to-hear-from-you/>)

We urge your consideration of these measures to improve pedestrian safety in our neighborhood.

From BCNA Board <https://www.bcnasf.org/board-of-directors/>

## **Response from SFMTA (11/27/19)**

**From:** Hildreth, Casey <[Casey.Hildreth@sfmta.com](mailto:Casey.Hildreth@sfmta.com)>

**Subject:** RE: Barbary Coast Neighborhood requests for more improvements to the SFMTA Sansome-Davis Project

Hi Diana – Indeed, thank you for providing this thorough feedback from your members/neighbors.

There is a lot to unpack in here, so we'll need time to respond, but the timing is good as other comments are trickling in and we are planning to vet (internally) Davis street traffic calming proposal in the next few weeks. We're also finishing up the larger project observations/evaluation in December as part of a planned update to the Port Commission in January.

Mark or I will reach back out soon with more information and responses to as many of these comments as possible.

Thank you and Happy Thanksgiving!

CH

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