

Clement Avenue/Tilden Way Workshop and Open House Notes

May 2022

At the virtual community workshop, a total of 31 attendees were at the virtual community workshop, and a total of 21 attendees provided the following comments:

1. Dharmendra Khanolkar: Lives at 1902 Broadway, and has had issues with a person who is homeless, and is concerned about noise and privacy if Clement Avenue is extended.
2. Denyse Trepanier: Referred to a roundabout education slide, and wants a roundabout with more indication on what a cyclist should do with striping than what is presented on that slide, and wants to give cyclists an indication on what they should do. She is concerned about full separation because it increases the walking distance, and asked to make the proposal more pleasant and to minimize the crossing distance for people walking. She is a fan of roundabouts, and she talked about the importance of safety.
3. Maria Gallo: Thanked City staff, and lives four blocks away from the area for 30 years. She expressed concern about Fernside Blvd. safety between Tilden Way and High Street. The neighborhood has been advocating for traffic calming on Fernside Blvd. for a long time. Children have to cross Fernside Blvd. to get to the Elementary School. She is wanting more safety for pedestrians and bicyclists rather than prioritizing motorists. She mentioned Pearl Street right in/right out, liked the approach, and wondered about the push back on it. She would like to hear more about what is being considered due to housing and the future in that housing can cause transportation problems.
4. James Johnston: Lives in the South Shore area, and uses the bus/bike and drives. The biggest problem is by bicycle, and he had a crash in the area by the bridge. The biggest priority is to have a protected bikeway to/from Fruitvale BART for Alternative A1 with a bike connection on the bridge. For Broadway/Tilden, he is not sure about the left turn when coming from Oakland. He likes the Dutch style intersections such as at Otis Drive/Grand Street. He likes the idea of the roundabout at Blanding/Fernside/Tilden.
5. Rick Baldonado: He has lived at 2804 Fernside Blvd since 2003, and stated kudos to the plan and that it is about time. He expressed that he is excited to see it and is concerned about safety. He is concerned about Fernside Blvd. He expressed concern about speeding on Fernside Blvd., and asked if there are traffic calming opportunities on Fernside Blvd. He expressed concern about the Fernside/Versailles intersection.
6. David Burton: He thanked bringing this project forward, and he used to have an office on Broadway and used to live on Versailles. He voted for Alternative A1 in that it has the greatest chance for reducing vehicle speeds and for improving cyclist and pedestrian infrastructure. He is curious how it will develop to improve the Cross Alameda Trail connection to/from the bridge. He stated that Alternative A1 is the best option by a long shot.
7. Andy Murdock: He lives on Windsor Drive, and walks to the shopping center, and mentioned the danger of crossing Tilden Way. He likes the roundabout, and knows about them from being in Norway, and it is a win in all sorts of ways. It keeps traffic flowing in all directions and lowers speeds and improves safety, and he prefers Alternative A1. He would hesitate to add another traffic light on Tilden Way. He mentioned Versailles, and to consider bicyclists coming from that direction in that it is a Slow Street, and the need to create a way to successfully navigate the Versailles/Fernside intersection.
8. Hana Allison: She thanked everyone, lives on Clement west of Broadway, and rides the bus and drives in the area. She thinks it is an exciting project. She asked about truck access by Tilden Way, and is concerned about it becoming a short-cut by private vehicles and speeding on Clement

Avenue. She prefers Alternative 1 with the one-way access, and wants a pocket park and additional green space for the neighborhood. She votes for the roundabout, and wants traffic calming at Broadway/Tilden.

9. Linda Diers: She is not an advocate of roundabouts in the United States, and likes them in Europe. In the U.S., we do not know how to use roundabouts. She does not see the safety value from it. She mentions that Clement Avenue is a truck route yet it is too narrow now, and is no longer wide enough for trucks.
10. Tharon Bunger: Lives on Clement Avenue close to Broadway, is primarily a pedestrian, and is concerned about Edison School in that students cross Tilden Way to access the school. She is concerned about Tilden/Broadway, the speeding and wants traffic calming. She likes Alternative A1 as the best solution as presented so far.
11. Alex Helperin: Lives on Broadway, and is a pedestrian to Nob Hill, a bicyclist going to BART and he drives through the area. He asked about removing the left turn at Tilden/Clement, and wants clarification about it. He wants improved bicycle infrastructure to/from BART, especially toward Oakland. He is concerned about roundabouts and people understanding how to use the roundabouts, and wants roundabout education. He does not want trucks on Broadway in that Tilden Way and Clement Avenue already are truck routes.
12. Michael Kelly: He applauds Alternative A1, and likes the change at Pearl Street. He wants enhanced pedestrian crossings with flashing lights at all four of the roundabout crosswalks, especially on Tilden Way coming off the bridge due to speeding. He is concerned about a cyclists going from BART to Fernside Blvd., which is more difficult with a roundabout.
13. Mark Farrell: Likes Alternative A1, and wants to know how it coordinates with the Clement Avenue safety project in that he lives on Clement Avenue. He wants to see Alameda Recreation and Parks Department involved, and wants a dog park. For the Clement Avenue extension, he wants more green space rather than a street extension. He would like public art and to coordinate with the public art commission.
14. Colin Blake: He wants protected bike lanes to Fruitvale BART, and likes Alternative A1, and trusts that people can figure out how to use roundabouts. He is concerned about the Clement Avenue extension from Tilden Way due to the uncontrolled intersection, and is concerned that this turn conflicts with the priorities for people walking and bicycling.
15. Holly Vezina: Said thank you, and she lives on Eagle Avenue by Clement Avenue, and walks, bikes and drives in the area. She loves the roundabout and wants protected bike lanes. Coming into Alameda and with traffic, it currently ends for bicyclists, and it needs to flow with traffic as part of a bike lane. She likes the dog park idea and green space in the area.
16. Evan Schwimmer: Lives on Versailles by Windsor, and thinks safety is important. He also wants to point out that it is a gateway, and landscaping and beauty are important. He does not want connectivity with the Marina neighborhood. He does not want the punch through left turn to Clement Avenue. He wants a data driven decision for roundabouts with signage and other warnings to facilitate safety. He wants safety on Fernside Blvd.
17. Derek Sagehorn: Lives in Oakland and Fruitvale Avenue will be constructed and improved in 2024, and likes Alternative A1. He does not want additional signals on Tilden Way in that it would create congestion. He expressed concern that the street is dangerous.
18. Alana Stoltzfus: Lives in the Broadway area. She likes the roundabout design, and would like better pedestrian-friendly measures at Broadway/Tilden. She expressed concerns about safety at this intersection, especially due to the bus stop. About green space, she wants more of it in that this neighborhood is lacking it. She saw previous alternatives that would have cut off Broadway, which she supports.

19. Jon Spangler: He mentioned a roundabout in San Francisco that works well, and he has no problem with it working. He wants flashing beacons or a scramble for Broadway/Tilden. He would like signs that say bikes allow full use of lane at all of the streets that converge on the roundabout. The dog park idea sounds good. He is not sure about the one-way Clement Avenue extension due to safety issues.
20. Stan: He is in favor of roundabouts, and numerous American cities have them. He lives on Clement Avenue by Everett Street. He likes having a monument in the roundabout as an entry into the city. He likes the art idea. He does not like the idea of diverting trucks onto Clement Avenue. He echoes concerns about safety, especially at Broadway/Tilden.
21. Marc/Tracy Moran: I was in the Zoom workshop but unfortunately had to leave before I could comment. Basically, I would like to submit to the team the following:
 - for all alternatives, please find a way to describe the whole affect on:
 - Clement (one way) - does the one way extend to park st?
 - Tilden - it was confusing regarding 4 total traffic lanes versus 2 total traffic lanes - for example, does the 2 lane option extend to Park St?I support the traffic circle and supplemental effort/ funding for Landscaping of the Dirt Patch

At the in-person open house, a total of 19 attendees were at the open house, and provided the following comments during the group discussion:

- Blanding Avenue
 - o Lack of sidewalk near Tilden Way
- Clement Avenue extension
 - o Concern about cut through traffic with speeding on Clement Avenue
 - o Concern about right turn from Tilden Way when traveling from Oakland/bridge
- Broadway/Clement Avenue
 - o Visibility issue
 - o Motorists do not turn at a 90 degree angle and cut corners
- Triangle space
 - o Want as a roundabout instead of traffic light at Broadway/Tilden Way
 - o Want to keep the former railroad platform as an historic relic since it is the terminus of the transcontinental railroad
 - o Concern about acoustics if it were to be used to make speeches or as an amphitheater
 - o Amphitheater idea exists for Nob Hill shopping center as part of Bridgeside easement, which could be used for negotiation purposes
 - o Want a park or community garden
 - o Want trees along Tilden Way so as to block the noise from Tilden Way
- Pearl Street
 - o Increased traffic due to the Slow Street on Versailles Avenue
- Alameda Housing Authority future residential area
 - o Expect increased traffic on Eagle Avenue at Broadway intersection due to Pearl Street right in/right out restrictions and can only go right at that intersection
- Broadway/Tilden Way
 - o Expressed concerns about safety, especially for people walking and bicycling
 - o Want to remove left turn on Tilden Way from Park Street to Broadway
 - o Want protected bike lane on Broadway approach to Tilden Way by Eagle Avenue
 - o Requested raised crosswalks or intersection

- Roundabout
 - Want welcoming gateway
 - mural
 - mosaic such as from the Jingletown Studio
 - seascape of Alameda
 - Noticed control boxes at Blanding/Tilden that may need to be moved
 - Want improved pedestrian access on Blanding Avenue between Tilden and the gas station due to current free right causing speeding
 - Concern about pedestrian crossings and requested flashing beacons or enforcement at the beginning
 - Concern about bridge closure issue and interested to see about mitigation for it with roundabout
- Former railroad property: buried tracks exist
- Bridge: Want one way into Alameda so as to make the change before Tilden Way due to downhill with curvature is especially difficult place to be transitioning to one lane from bridge
- Asked about Tilden Way towards Park Street and want it as a one lane in each direction