



## Bike Lanes are Coming to 17th St.

by Judy West

DPT was awarded funds to improve the bike route along the 16th-17th Street corridor as a part of their Safe Routes to Transit program. We expect DPT to stripe 17th Street in 2006 for bike lanes across the Mission, which will link up with the 16th Street bike lanes already in place east of the 101 freeway to Mission Bay.

There are still problems to work out between Harrison and Potrero Ave, where automobiles and MUNI are already congested on both 16th & 17th, and no good option for bike lanes exists without removing significant parking from either one of them.

The Mission has good bike lanes running north/south on Valencia & Harrison but anyone who rides in the area knows that crossing from east to west is still a problem.

This corridor is one of the top 20 bike projects in the City's official Bike Plan and bike advocates are organizing to work out preferred options in problem areas. Since 16th and 17th Streets are the only through streets passing beneath the 101 freeway, they are key routes for automobiles as well.

The SF Bicycle Coalition hosted a kick-off meeting Jan 31 to begin looking at traffic issues and options along the corridor. SFBC members and volunteers agreed to collect parking counts and technical data in preparation for meetings with City transportation planners later in the year.

To get involved in the bike planning efforts come to the next meeting March 9. A bike tour of the corridor will begin at 5:30 at Church & 17th St and will convene at 6:30 for an indoor meeting at 321 Potrero Ave (between 16th & 17th).

See [sfbc.org](http://sfbc.org) for more info

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### Years of Interim Controls

have effectively stopped the construction of new housing in the NEMIZ and crippled the ability to upgrade existing commercial properties.

Notices sent out to residents and "occupants" across the Mission, announce another round of workshops about proposed rezoning of our commercial areas. Two primary areas of focus are along the Mission Street retail corridor, where increased height limits and reduced parking are being discussed, and the other is the NEMIZ where M-1 zoning will likely be changed to something new, presumably to allow housing in some blocks and limit office and retail businesses in preference to wholesale or "PDR" commercial.

Few objections have been made to plans for Industrial Protection zones (PDR zones) in the Bayshore and Bayview industrial districts where no housing currently exists and heavy truck loading is the order of the day.

But in much of the NEMIZ where housing is already fully intertwined with commercial, it is hard to conceive of a rationale for banning housing and all modern businesses.

**Opportunity sites** have been identified by the City, on empty lots and/or older buildings which will likely be torn down. Strangely enough, these sites are proposed to be most restricted in future development options.

### New taxes and Fees

In addition to rezoning the land, the Supervisors also have legislation in the works to impose new property taxes (levied only in the target areas) to fund "community benefits" which have yet to be determined. City Planning is not authorized to levy taxes, so they are evaluating a "development fee" system on new projects to fund their new "benefits" package.

**Critics say** the new guidelines need to apply to parcels equally, based on their neighborhood context, and to be workable with traditional bank financing, such that the burden of cleaning up the polluted industrial sites, also largely in earthquake hazard zones, is taken care of in a timely manner and does not fall upon the government to finance.

**Parking requirements** also have a huge impact on economics and how the neighborhood character develops. In order to have a healthy and functional neighborhood (especially for business activities), the ground levels cannot be entirely dedicated to parking. A parking garage has long been on the list of recommendations from our neighbors.

Since funding has been allocated for the expensive Environmental Review of a range of rezoning proposals, something may eventually be implemented in the next year, which makes the participation in this current process all the more important now than before.

The Planning Commission will consider new Interim Controls for the NEMIZ Thurs. Feb 16 at 1:30 City Hall.

[www.sfgov.org/site/planning](http://www.sfgov.org/site/planning)

### Getting Things Fixed in the Neighborhood

Abandoned Vehicles: 553-9817

Bicycle Racks

DPT Enforcement (Blocking Sidewalk): 553-1200

DPW Street Cleaning: 695-2017 days 695-2020 eve/weekend

Gas-Electric Emergency: 974-1555

Graffiti Hot-Line: 241-WASH

Illegal Dumping: 282-5326 28-CLEAN

Mission Police Station

Mobile Assistance Program (MAP) Homeless Services: 431-7400

MUNI Complaint or Compliment: 923-6164

Noise Abatement: 554-5815

Parking Meters (broken): 550-2739

Potholes: 695-2100

Recycling Center: 554-6193

Sign Problems: 554-9780

Streetlight Problems: 554-0730

Traffic Light Problems: 550-2736 days 695-2020 eve/weekends

Tree Problems: 695-2162

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