

JAPANTOWN

SPRING 2009 UPDATE

Please join us for our next
Japantown Better Neighborhood Plan
community meeting.

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WHEN:

Saturday, April 25th
9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

WHERE:

1840 Sutter Street
Japanese Community and
Cultural Center of Northern California
(upstairs in the gym)

WHAT:

- An update on the plan schedule—we are almost done!
- A presentation of the Plan's recommendations
- Time for you to ask questions and learn more about the recommendations at topic stations
- Plenty of time for questions and answers

Coffee and a light lunch will be served.

日時:

4月25日(土)
午前9:30~午後1:00

場所:

日本町・1840サター・ストリート (1840 Sutter Street)
北加日本文化コミュニティーセンター(2階の体育館内)

内容:

- 本計画についての経過報告—完成間近です!
- 本計画の諸提案についての発表
- 分野別ブースにおける参加者からの質疑応答
- 全体会合での質疑応答

It's time for a Japantown Better Neighborhood Plan update

Since we held our last townhall meeting, Planning Department staff and the Japantown Better Neighborhood Plan (BNP) Steering Committee have continued to meet once or twice a month to develop the Plan's recommendations. We are in the process of writing the draft Plan and are now ready for your input on the recommendations.

For the past several years, we have worked with the community in deciding what physical improvements, community support strategies, and zoning updates are needed to secure Japantown's future.

The following are just a few highlights of the Plan's 20-year vision for Japantown (check our website for more details the week before our community meeting date):

- Design guidelines and zoning controls for new development to ensure it contributes positively to the community
- New open space along Webster Street
- A vision for the future of Japan Center (Miyako and Kintetsu Malls)
- Strategies to strengthen community organizations and businesses
- Safety improvements for pedestrians
- Improvements to and maintenance of existing open space and sidewalks
- Prioritization of community facilities in Japantown's core

WHAT IS THE JAPANTOWN BNP?

The Japantown Better Neighborhood Plan (BNP) will develop the community's vision for this historic and culturally-rich neighborhood, and identify how to secure its future with physical streetscape and transportation improvements, historic and cultural preservation and guidelines for new development.

The process will result in a plan to guide the use and character of the neighborhood, as well as provide recommendations to improve the connections with the Fillmore District and the Geary Corridor Bus Rapid Transit project currently under study.

GEARY BUS RAPID TRANSIT UPDATE

The City of San Francisco is conducting environmental analysis for bus rapid transit service (BRT) along Geary Boulevard.

Near the Japantown and Fillmore neighborhoods, Geary Boulevard currently travels as a grade-separated expressway under Fillmore Street. The San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) are seeking input on configurations that would accommodate a dedicated bus lane for the BRT, including significant pedestrian and streetscape improvements in the Geary corridor.

The project team will present the most recent options for Geary Boulevard improvements (between Webster and Steiner streets) and get your feedback.

Visit the Geary BRT website for more information and additional feedback opportunities: www.gearybrt.org

This plan will affect
Japantown's future. Tell us
what you think about the
recommendations.

THE PLAN IS ALMOST READY FOR REVIEW

The recommendations presented on April 25th will be integrated into the plan. We'll have a draft plan for community review by the summer. In the meantime, visit us at the Japantown Planning Room (second floor of Miyako Mall). Our hours will be posted at the room and on the Plan's website, along with the recommendations.

<http://japantown.sfplanning.org>

STAY TUNED FOR OUR SUMMER MEETING

Shortly after the draft plan is distributed for public review, we'll hold another community meeting in the late spring/early summer to hear your comments. Stay tuned for the date and details.

STAY INFORMED

To be notified of the draft plan's distribution and upcoming planning meetings, please take a moment to provide us with your contact information.

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