



The San Francisco Fire Department and its role with the Transportation Advisory Staff Committee

Transportation Advisory Staff Committee (TASC)

- Overview of TASC
- Challenges
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Transportation Advisory Staff Committee (TASC) is described as:

“ An interdepartmental committee chaired by the SFMTA that discusses proposed legislation or proposed street changes prior to proceeding to a SFMTA public hearing ”

- Provides a regular forum for key agencies to review and comment on proposed changes to the public right-of-way
- TASC: only an informal advisory board; the committee does not approve or disapprove items presented at TASC

Agencies represented at TASC bi-monthly meetings:

- SFMTA Sustainable Streets
- SFMTA Transit Operations
- SFMTA Parking Enforcement
- SFMTA Taxi Services
- Planning Dept.
- Dept. of Public Works
- Police Dept.
- Fire Dept.

Agenda items heard at TASC meetings are for proposed legislative or street changes requested by a project sponsor

Sponsors include:

- Individuals (property owner, resident, business owner)
- Community/Business organizations
- Private Developers
- City agencies

Proposed legislative or street change presented at TASC include:

- Curb-color designation
- Lane striping/re-configuration
- Speed limits
- Bicycle parking
- Bicycle path, lane, route
- Street Parking
- Pedestrian and traffic signals
- Traffic and parking signage
- Transit shelters
- Traffic calming and pedestrian safety measures:
 - Speed humps/cushions
 - Bulb-outs/widened sidewalks
 - Chicanes
 - Medians/Islands
 - Raised Crosswalks
 - Lane Reduction/removal
 - Speed Limit Changes
 - Traffic circles

Items required to be heard at a SFMTA public hearing are typically presented at TASC through a SFMTA representative before proceeding to the public hearing

- Meetings are not open to the public; however, non-governmental parties are invited to present or participate in committee meetings when appropriate
- TASC members may review, discuss, and comment on items
- Each agency states whether they “object/not object” to the item; can also “not object with conditions or recommendations”

- Committee agencies can also recommend that an item be placed “on-hold”; the item is not scheduled for public hearing until agency issues are resolved
- Proposals not scheduled for a SFMTA public hearing may also be presented to the Committee but are for discussion or information purposes only

The TASC disposition is provided to the SFMTA Board for consideration in conjunction with public comments during the SFMTA public hearing

SFFD review:

SFFD reviews each agenda item prior to the TASC meeting

- SFFD requests item documents be provided to SFFD for review a minimum of (5) business days before the TASC meeting
- SFFD requires drawings be provided reflecting fire service features under both existing conditions and proposed conditions

Fire service features reviewed include:

- fire vehicle access
- building access and fire dept. connection access
- fire water supply access
- fire ground operation access

SFFD reviewers also consult with Support Services and Field Operations during reviews



Field evaluations of proposals are utilized in the review





Reviews may include vehicle field tests under existing and proposed conditions that are performed when necessary

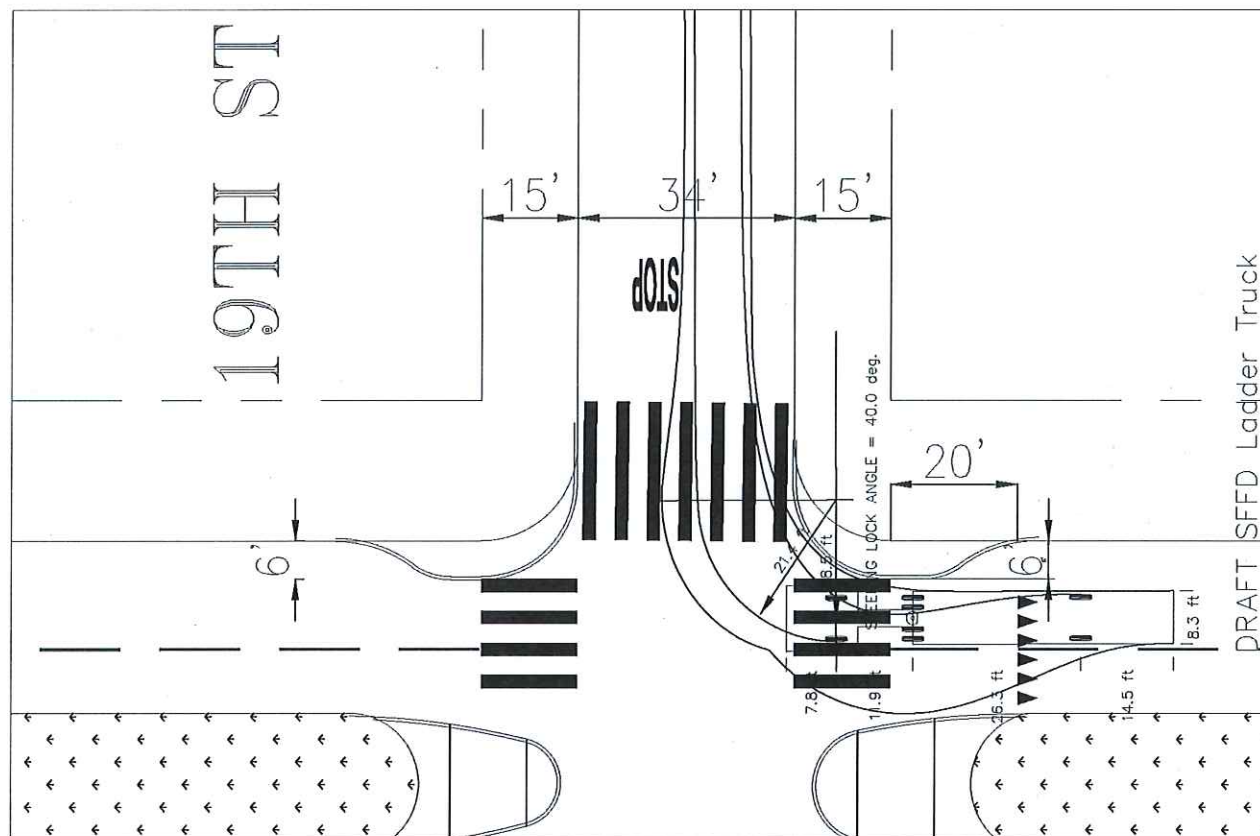


Existing Conditions



Proposed Conditions

Proposals that create compromised fire service features are typically vetted with the representative/sponsor before the TASC meeting



Unresolved items are either placed "on-hold", withdrawn from the agenda, or objected to by SFFD

SFFD Challenges

- Meeting the increased demand to review new and existing infrastructure projects
- Communicating to various City Departments the complex SFFD operational needs

SFFD Recommendations

- Develop a plan for a separate SFFD section that includes dedicated staff to review TASC proposals over the next four years, made up of members; include SFFD operation members in that section
- Request the SFFD City Attorney to provide clarity regarding interpretation of which municipal codes supersede the Fire Code and Health and Safety Code and govern when there is a conflict;
- Educate sister city agencies and their staff of specific SFFD operation and access requirements and needs related to medical and fire incidents; recommend SFFD Division of Training create a fire department informational video/power point presentation with supporting documentation of fire response and fire ground operations and present to sister agencies
- Continue to work with MTA to better communicate on all TASC related projects

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Thank you ! Questions?

Vision Zero goals to be achieved by 2024:

- Eliminate all traffic deaths
- Reduce severe and fatal injury inequities across neighborhoods, transportation modes, and populations

