Proposed: Candlestick Vehicle Triage Center

Community Meeting
Thursday September 9, 2021

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PIT Count: 8,035 people experiencing homelessness in 2019
  • 2019 Unsheltered PIT Count: 5,180 people
  • 2021 Sheltered PIT Count: 4,000 sheltered guests (no unsheltered count)

The Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH) strives to make homelessness in San Francisco rare, brief, and one-time through the provision of coordinated, compassionate, and high-quality services.
Partnership to Address Vehicular Homelessness

- **Collaboration:** Bayview-based service providers, community members, State Parks staff, and multiple City departments worked for 1 year+ to develop the Vehicle Triage Center proposal.

- **Bayview Advocates** and **SF Homeless Outreach Team** have been working with people encamped in the area.

- Multiple City departments respond to encampment conditions, but without a safe alternative place for people to go, these responses cannot be successful.

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Homelessness in San Francisco

• 50% of people experiencing homeless are over the age of 50.
• 44% became homeless after the age of 50.
• Nationally, 70-80% become homeless in their home region.
• Homelessness is correlated to affordability and income inequality.
• Housing prices nationally have quadrupled since 1980 and rents have doubled.
• Homelessness is a racial equity issue.
• Treatment (all kinds) is best received when people are housed.

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Overview of Vehicular Homelessness

- August 2021 count found **1,088 vehicles** with unhoused people in San Francisco.
  - Concentrated in **West Side** (Taraval) and **Bayview** (Candlestick) areas.

- 677 occupied vehicles in District 10
  - **121** occupied vehicles in the Bayview
  - **154** at Candlestick Point SRA area
  - **73** in Hunters Point
Candlestick VTC: Location

- Proposed partnership with State Parks for a Vehicle Triage Center in the Boat Launch Parking Lot

- Capacity for ~155 vehicles and 177 people

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Candlestick VTC: Infrastructure

- Bathrooms
- Sanitation stations
- Mobile blackwater pumping
- Mobile showers and laundry
- Office and confidential meeting space
- Electricity
- Security cameras
- Lights
- Fencing
- Pedestrian and vehicle gates for entry/exit

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Candlestick VTC: Site Plan

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The Candlestick Safe Parking Site would include space for up to **155 vehicles with 177 guests**.

- Site fits **86 RVs** and **69 passenger vehicles**, including 37 secondary vehicles with no occupants (people accessing services elsewhere).
- There would be **9 accessible parking spaces** and a **family zone**.
- Services include **case management** and **24/7 staffing and security**.
Program Model

Program is a **low barrier model** to address variety of clinical needs:

- Single adults, couples and families
- Voluntary services
- Strength-based; client input improves program design

Focus on **removing barriers** and getting clients **connected to care** to stabilize and support clients exiting the homelessness response system.
Outreach & Placement

SFHOT and HSOC, in collaboration with Bayview-based providers:

- Assess the area.
- Outreach to people living in their vehicles.
- Create a by name and vehicle list.
- Invite these people into the program.

Priority:

- People with extended time encamped in the area will be prioritized for placement.
Phase One: Pre-Opening

- **Bayview Coordinated Outreach** to include Homeward Bound, SFHOT/D10 outreach workers, Access Point outreach staff.

- **Locations for outreach:**
  - Hunters Point Expressway
  - Jamestown Avenue up Gilman Ave.
  - Carroll Ave down Ingles
Phase Two: Pre-Opening (October)

- **Site-specific outreach** with the staff trailers and porta potties placed – same area as Phase One

- There are **150+ RVs and vehicles** that people are living in around the Candlestick Point SRA
Phase 3: Program Opening

- Site opens and transfer of clients and program moved to Candlestick SRA lot.

- Target opening date: December 2021
Candlestick VTC: Next Steps

- Conducting community engagement process
- Approval from the BOS
- Approval from the State Lands Commission
- Coordination with other Departments
San Francisco Police Department: Public Safety

- Set up a schedule of daily passing calls to the Park and program
- SFPD will advise the design and operations teams on Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
- SFPD Bayview station officers will meet regularly with park staff and VTC staff to address safety issues in the Park and surrounding the VTC program.
- SFPD will create an emergency access plan with the vehicle triage center
- Support SFMTA in enforcing parking regulations in the area
- SFPD will provide crime data for the neighborhood to inform the public about safety and crime stats in the neighborhood upon request from the community.
Multidepartmental Support for Project

**Dumping Prevention & Debris Removal** - San Francisco Public Works will:

- **Remove litter and debris** at least 3 days per week
- **Post no dumping** signs
- **Explore the possibility of deploying Illegal Dumping Surveillance Cameras**

**Parking Enforcement** – San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency will:

- Repost the removed or damaged **parking regulations signs**
- Focus on **enforcing parking regulations** in the area to prevent re-encampment when the site opens and people encamped in the area are invited into the program.

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Re-Encampment Prevention

- Outreach
- Debris removal
- Parking enforcement
- Law enforcement

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Questions

Here to respond to your questions:

- Gerald O'Reilly, State Parks
- Shireen McSpadden, HSH
- Emily Cohen, HSH
- Sam Dodge, Healthy Streets Operations Center (HSOC)
- Larry McClendon, Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD)
- Captain Maron, San Francisco Police Department (SFPD)
- Andy Thornley, San Francisco Municipal Transit Agency (MTA)
- Peter Lau, San Francisco Public Works
- Members of the VTC Working Group
Thank you.

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