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### \*\*\*PRESS RELEASE: SUPERVISOR WALTON & SFMTA KICKING OFF TRAFFIC CALMING CONSTRUCTION ON PALOU AVENUE\*\*

See footage from the event: <a href="https://fb.watch/kZTnMI8YkT/">https://fb.watch/kZTnMI8YkT/</a>

**SAN FRANCISCO, CA** – Beginning on Monday, June 5, SFMTA will be partnering with Public Works to construct traffic calming improvements along Palou Avenue in the Bayview neighborhood. Through a community process with SFMTA's Residential Traffic Calming Program, these improvements were submitted to slow down speeding vehicles and improve bike and pedestrian safety along Palou Avenue.

Sixteen new traffic calming devices will be constructed on Palou Avenue, supplementing the four devices installed on Palou Avenue last year. All together, the SFMTA expects to implement over fifty new traffic calming measures in District 10 over the next six months.

"We are excited to start constructing these traffic calming improvements along Palou Avenue spanning across eight blocks," said Supervisor Shamann Walton of District 10, "Our office has worked closely with residents and the SFMTA to bring these changes so that we can have safer streets for pedestrians and cyclists. Today is the start but we will have more traffic calming measures coming soon throughout District 10. Thank you, SFMTA and Public Works for your partnership on this."

"Safety on our streets for all pedestrians and drivers is our top priority. The SFMTA has made significant traffic calming progress in recent years for the Bayview neighborhood and we look forward to the additional work planned in the upcoming seasons," said Tom Maguire, SFMTA Director of Streets. "I want to thank the residents, working groups and Supervisor Walton for their guidance and leadership as we continue ensuring safety, accessibility and equity for the D10 community."

"We recognize that the safety of all individuals is of utmost importance," said Youth Commissioner Vanessa Pimentel of District 10. "We want to make sure that everyone can arrive at their destinations safely and securely, no matter their age or whether they are driving, walking, biking, or using public transportation. Personally, I remember growing up in the neighborhood and playing in the Palou Phelps Mini Park and the fear I had when crossing the street. Knowing that these proposed measures will help protect youth like me brings me immense relief and are essential to keeping our community safe and secure."



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The construction will last a couple months. Speed cushions, which are speed humps with slots to accommodate Muni and emergency response vehicles, will be installed on the following blocks:

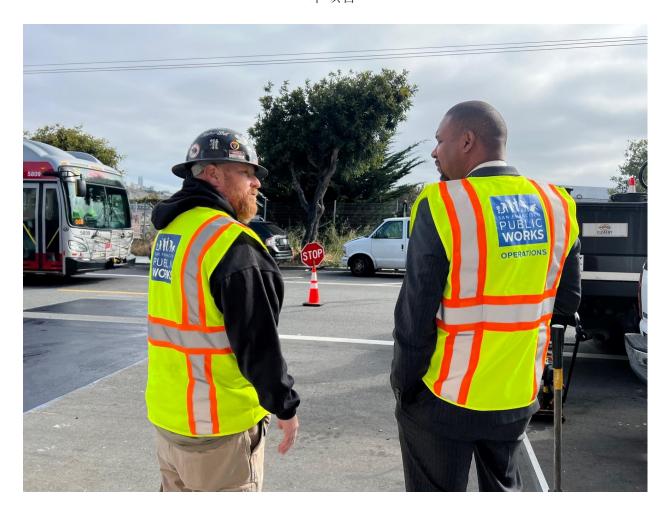
- 1100 block of Palou Ave, Hawes St to Ingalls St
- 1200 block of Palou Ave, Ingalls St to Jennings St
- 1300 block of Palou Ave, Jennings St to Keith St
- 1400 block of Palou Ave, Keith St to Lane St
- 1700 block of Palou Ave, Newhall St to Phelps St
- 1800 block of Palou Ave, Phelps St to Quint St/Silver Ave
- 1900 block of Palou Ave, Quint St/Silver Ave to Rankin St
- 2000 block of Palou Ave, Rankin St to Selby St

For more information on traffic calming improvements in District 10 and other parts of the city, please visit www.sfmta.com.

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