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***PRESS RELEASE: SUPERVISOR WALTON, SFMTA & COMMUNITY CELEBRATE TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON GILMAN AVENUE**

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – Throughout the summer, SFMTA has partnered with Public Works to construct traffic calming improvements along Gilman 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 pedestrian safety along Gilman Avenue.

Eight (8) new traffic calming devices were constructed on Gilman Avenue, along with two new traffic calming devices on nearby Arelious Walker Drive. These improvements are in addition to the sixteen new traffic calming devices installed on Palou Avenue, and the dozens of more devices recently installed or planned elsewhere throughout the Bayview neighborhood. All told, the SFMTA expects to implement over sixty new traffic calming measures in District 10 in 2023 and 2024, a considerable increase over the twenty traffic calming devices installed in District 10 in 2022.

"We are excited to begin constructing traffic calming improvements along Gilman Avenue," 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 our community, especially our students at Bret Harte Elementary. 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."



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"It should not be a challenge or barrier to walk across the street safely," said Taneika Jones, Bayview resident, "Three and a half years ago, I knew there needed to be a change on Gilman Avenue and Arelious Walker Way. This intersection needed speed bumps, a crosswalk, stop sign, or a red light. I started a petition and gathered over 60 signatures from local residents by going door to door. I then submitted a street calming application to SFMTA and I stayed in touch with SFMTA to make sure a safety measure was going to be implemented. I am so excited to see street safety measures have finally arrived. Now, residents do not have to be scared to cross the street. Community safety is important and matters!"

For more information on the residential traffic calming program, please visit https://www.sfmta.com/getting-around/walk/residential-traffic-calming-program

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