



17th Street and San Bruno Avenue

A major vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian traffic artery needing improvement

The Problem

- The area behind the cyclone fence along San Bruno is used for homeless encampments and as a pathway to Caltrans property behind houses on Utah.
- Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol clear out homeless and their belongings every couple of months, but in a few days they return.
- Homeless live under the freeway and also on the small sidewalk on 17th street.
- The sidewalk along San Bruno is always full of broken glass, garbage, condoms and syringes making it difficult for pedestrians to pass. The area alongside and behind the cyclone fence is used for prostitution.
- 17th Street with its bike path and pedestrian sidewalks is an important pedestrian corridor between the Mission and Potrero Hill. The 17th street section east and west of 101 is not safe, clean or well lighted, in contrast with the rest of 17th street.

Different Options

- **Identify the homeless folks who are living on 17th Street.**
- **Find a humane solution that moves them from 17th Street to a better housing situation.**
- **Continue to follow up to make sure the area is not inhabited.**
- **Come up with a good way for the neighbors to work with the police.**

Different Options



Potrero H2O Reservoir



Near Franklin Sq -17th St.



PG&E Parking – 18th St

Replace cyclone fence with stronger, smaller linked fencing material.

Different Options



Cover fences with vines or plants that are dense enough to separate the freeway from the homes.



Different Options

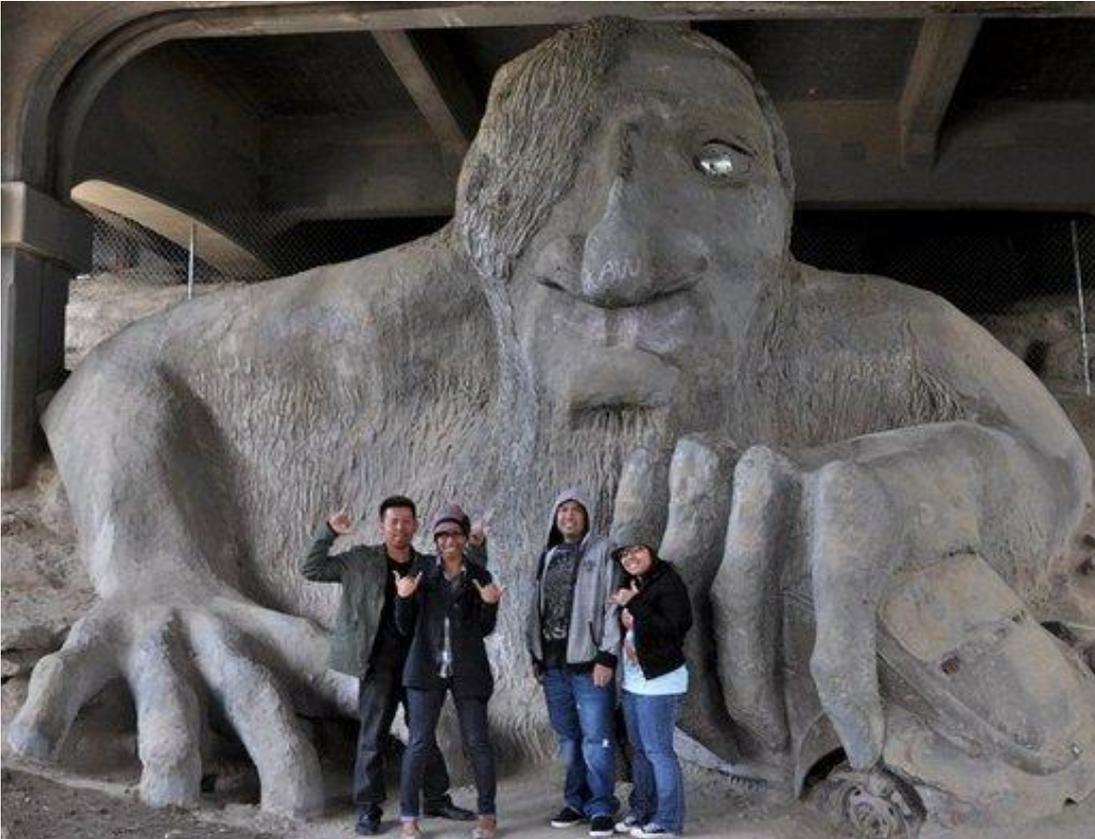


**Under the freeway,
create tiers of vegetation.**

**Vegetation needs to love
shade.**

**This would make the
pedestrian and biker
experiences much more
pleasant.**

Different Options



Come up with a completely out of the box idea, such as this troll sculpture.

This was commissioned by the Seattle Arts Council.

What We Want

- We want funding for a public works project to clean up, beautify and encourage public use of the area bordered by 17th Street, San Bruno, Mariposa and Vermont.
- We want to make this area safer by getting rid of the garbage, human and medical waste once and for all.
- We want a fence that does not allow homeless and transient access to highway 101.
- We want landscaping along the East side of San Bruno that beautifies the area, encourages pedestrian use, discourages garbage dumping, and helps reduce sound.
- We want a plan that local residents can help maintain.

How do we get a solution?

- Caltrans – guidance on what structural changes are OK.
- Homeless Outreach – work with neighbors to find a solution.
- MUNA and DPW Street Parks – work with landscape architect to design a solution. Work with student landscape architects at local schools (UCB etc) as project/contest.
- Community Challenge Program and Eastern Neighborhoods Benefit Fund – finance the structural changes.
- Neighborhood Businesses – Take on bi-annual cleanup workdays (UPS, Whole Foods, etc)
- DPW – take out encroachment permit for new street park.
- MUNA Neighbors – help maintain the park.