



SFMTA

Motor Vehicle Stunt Driving

San Francisco Board of Supervisors

Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

July 22, 2021


Concerns

- Safety of participants and bystanders
- Fear and disturbance of residents
- Defacement of streets and markings



A Bay Area Issue

San Jose becomes first major city to make it a crime to encourage
sideshow on social media **The Mercury News**

**Oakland Police Say Sideshows Getting Bigger and More
Dangerous** 

**Put the brakes on it: Sideshows at former Alameda Navy base rile
neighbors** EAST BAY TIMES

**Police request more resources to stop
sideshow in Vallejo** 

**'Out of control': SF residents feel
powerless as sideshows converge on
their streets**  **MISSION LOCAL**
local news for a global city

**UPDATE: San Francisco Dirt Bike Gang Mayhem Ends With
Death On Bay Bridge** 

Single point stunts (“donuts”)

- On quieter, smaller streets
- Sporadic and quick incidents



Visitacion Avenue
and Rey Street

Stunt mass event (“sideshows”)

- Happen at wider intersections
- Longer duration and organized

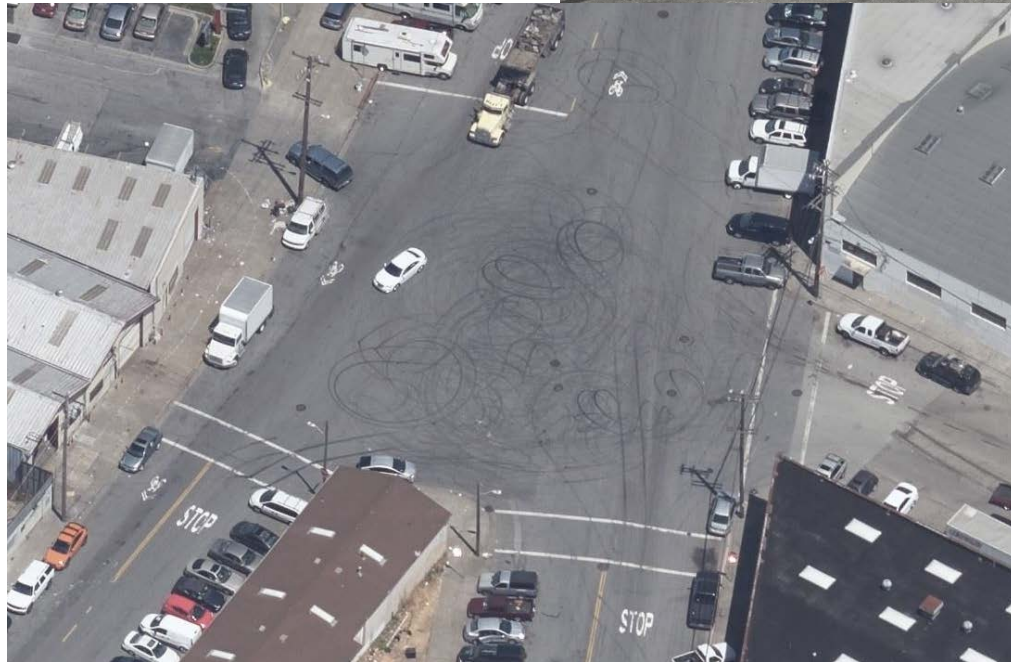


Street racing and “rideouts”

- Can happen on any main street
- Motorcycle group stunts

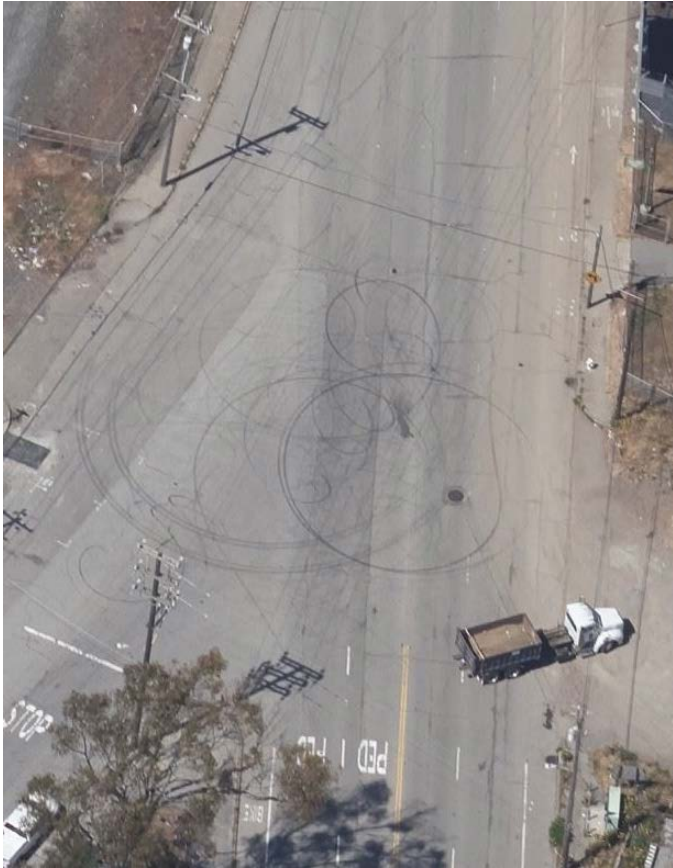


Issue: Very wide street spaces



Loomis Street, McKinnon Avenue,
and Barneveld Avenue

Case: Hunter's Point Blvd



Intersection prior to quick build project (Bing Maps)

Newly installed bumps and poles as part of Evans/Innes/Hunters Point Quick Build (July 2021)



Traffic circles, medians and islands



Addison and Digby Streets (Bing Maps)

Raised markers (Botts' Dots)



Rural Applications

Standard city size

5:18 PM
SIDESHOW CRACKDOWN 

Raised pavement markers

- Not clear if they can prevent stunts
- Maintenance and vandalism issues
- Can be slippery for bikes and motorcycles, noisy for residents



35th Avenue and McArthur Boulevard, Oakland (July 2021)

Case: Mission St and Persia Ave



October 2020: bollts' dots installed on intersection centerline

Crosswalks repainted/cleaned:

2/6/2020

9/10/2020

5/5/2021

7/9/2021



July 2021: All bollts' dots missing, ordered reinstalled

Work with SFPD on chronic locations

Areas identified by SFPD for SFMTA review:

- Alemany Boulevard and Geneva Avenue
- Galvez and Fairfax Avenues
- Barneveld Avenue, Loomis St and McKinnon Avenue
- 20th and Folsom Street
- 24th Street
- South Van Ness Avenue, Division Street and 13 Street
- San Bruno Avenue
- Plymouth Avenue and Sadowa Street

Street redesign challenges

- Changes at one location can just move stunts to other city locations
- Redesign measures can be capital or maintenance intensive
- Changes counterproductive if increase the challenge of stunts
- Most locations cannot be easily modified to prevent all stunts

Impoundment Code Amendments

- October 2020 Board of Supervisors established mandatory impoundment for vehicles involved in stunt driving
- Subsequently SFPD requested that the SFMTA exclude stunt impounds from the low-income retrieval fee of \$100
- March 2021 the SFMTA Board approved legislation to exempt stunt impounds from discounts to increase effectiveness of BOS legislation