



Land Use and Transportation Committee Hearing on Safeway Closure

1355 Webster Street

Monday, February 3, 2025

Departments:

Office of Economic and Workforce Development, Human Rights Commission, Planning
Department



Multi Departmental Effort

Departments Engaged:

- Office of Economic and Workforce Development
 - Community Engagement, Departmental Coordination, Intervention Implementation
- Human Rights Commission
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- Planning Department
 - Land use and Community Engagement
- Police Department
 - Enhanced Public Safety
- Municipal Transit Agency
 - Transportation Options and Resources (Paratransit)
- Treasurer's Office: Office of Financial Empowerment
 - Financial Options and Resources



Overview

- Safeway Closure
- Ownership and Land Use
- City Actions to Date
- Community Resources
- Next Steps

Safeway Closure

- **March 2024**
 - Initial closure date announced
- **January 2025**
 - Initiation of additional public safety support to keep store open 10 additional months
- **January 17, 2025**
 - Safeway closed except for pharmacy hours M-F 10AM-2PM
- **February 6, 2025**
 - Pharmacy closure date, no layoffs



Ownership and Land Use Planning Department

- Parcel is privately owned by Safeway
- Easement into parking lot owned by city
- Safeway has announced a pending sale to a developer for a mixed-use construction project
- City has not received any development plans or proposals

City Actions to Date

Human Rights Commission

Community Outreach and Engagement

- HRC meetings: Fillmore, Japantown, senior centers
- Gathered concerns and ideas surrounding the closure of Safeway
 - Alternative food access programs
 - Safeway parking lot activation
 - Alternative banking
 - Pharmacy options

Interventions Being Assessed Human Rights Commission

- Increase food giveaways at local non-profits
- Provide information on pharmacy's that provide home delivery
- In discussions with Farmer's market about feasibility of adding an additional day
- Explore activation of the parking lot with various activities

Interventions Underway

Office of Economic and Workforce Development



- **Transportation to Access Goods and Services**

- SFMTA Transport for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities to alternate grocery stores and other services
- Shop-A-Round Program, Essential Trip Card Program, and other reduced fare programs
- 10 transportation informational meetings (Dec-Feb)
 - Western Addition and Japantown community centers and residential facilities. (El Bethel Terrace, Western Addition Senior Center, St. Francis Square, US Bank in Japantown)
- Coordinating with residential facility management to support scheduling of services

Community Resources

A promotional graphic for SFMTA's accessibility services. It features the SFMTA logo in the top left and bottom left corners. The main text reads "Public transit services also include: SF Access, SF Paratransit Taxi/Ramp Taxi Services, and more!". Below the text are four images: a person in a wheelchair with a shopping bag, a person with a shopping bag, a group of people waiting for a bus, and a red and white van. Logos for "shop@round SFMTA" and "VAN GOGH Shuttle" are also present.

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shop@round
SFMTA

VAN GOGH
Shuttle

Transport Seniors/People with Disabilities

- SFMTA Paratransit Van and Taxi Service
 - <https://www.sfmta.com/getting-around/accessibility/paratransit>
- Mobility Management Center
415-351-7053
Monday - Friday, 9am - 4:45pm
MobilityOptions@SFMTA.com
www.SFMTA.com/accessibility

Transportation Options Informational Meeting :

February 24, 2025 @11 am at the African American Art & Culture Complex located at 762 Fulton Street

Interventions Underway

Office of Economic and Workforce Development

- **Grocery/Food Access**

- Continue to explore and bring programs and services (public and private) to community that will increase access to goods and services

- **Economic Development**

- Provide small business support and interventions to maintain and increase foot traffic in the Lower Fillmore corridor post closure and connect businesses to existing resources
- Prioritize attracting businesses that provide food access, banking and pharmacy services



Next Steps

- Continue to conduct outreach and provide options to programs and services to food, pharmacy and banking
- Work to fill vacancies and attract needed services into neighborhood storefronts
- Continue working with Supervisor's Office to explore interventions and deploy services
- Continue to work with current and future owners to explore potential for fresh food and other neighborhood needs on the site.