

Chinatown Working Group
Parking, Transportation, Circulation & Security Working Team
Tuesday, 2/17/2009

Attendees: jerry chan, sheldon chan, jim solomon, jeanie chin, david wan, lotus chan, victor pei, maria pei, triple edwards, lora tenenbaum, quan chen, mary cooley, toby turkel

items discussed

- * balance between the following
 - o public transportation
 - o bikes
 - o pedestrians
 - o vehicles
 - o businesses and trucks
- * with an emphasis on quality of life and safety
- * specific items
 - o verrazano bridge tolls
 - o bus vs. businesses vs. residents vs. commuter vans
 - o pedestrian safety
 - o parking
 - o proximity to civic center and the impact on businesses and residents
 - + specifically placard parking abuse
 - o canal street and CATS and CATS II
 - + ACTION ITEM: get a CATS II update
 - o park row
 - o road conditions (potholes, etc)
 - o jaywalking
- * remain cognizant that this is a planning exercise
 - o we need to make recommendations that can be implemented
 - o as it is a "chinatown working group" effort, we should identify problems that are specific to chinatown
- * there is expression of frustration over study after study with no tangible results
 - o another useful thing that the CWG/team can do is to build an institutional memory of what has been done and what needs to be done
 - + crosswalks
 - + signage on canal street
- * there was a discussion of street closures for economic development
 - o is this good or bad?
 - o should there be pilots?
- * decided to table the decision on guiding principles as we work through more discussion of these issues
- * decided to table the identification of chair(s) until at least the next meeting
- * next meeting is set for march 10th, 6pm