

## SUMMARY OF PIT STOP INFORMATION

Who would be the users?

Postal workers: I asked 2 of them. Both man and woman say they must return to Onondaga PO which takes 30-45 minutes for transit time, finding parking, using facility, returning to route. Yet they are pressured to complete deliveries in 8 hours. Places which once allowed them to use their toilets, such as Turo Café and Shell station, no longer are available to them because of Covid-19.

Delivery drivers, cab drivers, ride share drivers, MUNI drivers.

Elderly and/or disabled people, many of whom have control problems. I am 84 and shop at several places in the Geneva/Mission area. Sometimes I must cut short my shopping in the neighborhood stores and hasten home. I would use a well managed Pit Stop in this area. Not likely that I am the only one.

People with small children

Homeless people.

People living in their vehicles.

There is a particular need for women to have access to such facilities, especially in times when they are having their monthly periods.

Monitoring

Needs to be 24/7. Currently, there are 3 vendors who hold DPW contracts to keep Pit Stops clean, well stocked with supplies, and safe. The best results are from Urban Alchemy, possibly because they pay more than the other two. We have experience with UA managing the Triage Center and should insist on having them for Pit Stop.

Are there problems?

There are always problems with anything but these must be weighed against the benefits of places where people are safe when performing these necessary bodily functions, where their dignity is preserved, where they can wash their hands. Also, benefits for public health in keeping streets, sidewalks and doorways cleaner. Effective monitoring can reduce possibility of people using Pit Stops for

nefarious activities. Of course, people are going to do those activities anyway somewhere

Cost:

This is not cheap, esp. if there is effective monitoring which is imperative. Perhaps cost could be defrayed by selling advertising space or by encouraging businesses, such as the developers now building market rate housing in District 11, to contribute funds for this.

Again, cost must be weighed against benefits as named above, as well as aesthetic benefits which would encourage shopping here in our small businesses and eating places.

Another benefit is that this project, especially monitoring, creates jobs which create money paid into the local economy and taxes.

What's Next?

Supervisor gets involved in development of DPW budget so as to have funds for Dist. 11 Pit Stops included. Also, by contacting merchants and non-profits both to ask their opinions and to educate them about the benefits of strategically located Pit Stops and the difference between Pit Stops and porta potties.

Supervisor approaches developers and others about contributions.

Glenda Hope submits this information. I am a 52 year resident and homeowner living at 249 Niagara. A neighborhood activist, I am the founder of Cayuga Community Connectors and a longtime member of the Cayuga Improvement Association.

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The following data was collected by Renee Anderson (Treasurer, CIA) and Stiles Stewart, both Outer Mission residents and neighbors with Glenda Hope

Positive feedback from neighborhood organizations where Pit Stops are installed:

North Beach

Hi Renee,

Good to hear from another neighborhood association member! Sorry for the slow reply on our end.

In my opinion, Pit Stop Toilets have been of great value to our neighborhood. Our main one is at Washington Square Park. The benefits go far beyond just a toilet. The attendant acts as a guide for the entire block: cleaning up nearby debris, assisting those who need services, and being a friendly face for tourists wandering by. I only hope that North Beach could have more Pit Stop toilets.

Wish you the best on your D11 efforts!

Danny Sauter

Board Member, North Beach Neighbors

Castro:

Yes, you have reached the correct person. We have had a pit stop for many years now and we love it and love the staff that work the pit stop. We don't have any data re: before and after...but the group that runs the pit stops do collect data on use. I don't know who the contact is any longer...the city changed vendors and when that happened, I lost communication with the admin. organization that runs the pit stop. But DPW should know.

Good luck.

Andrea

Andrea Aiello Executive Director

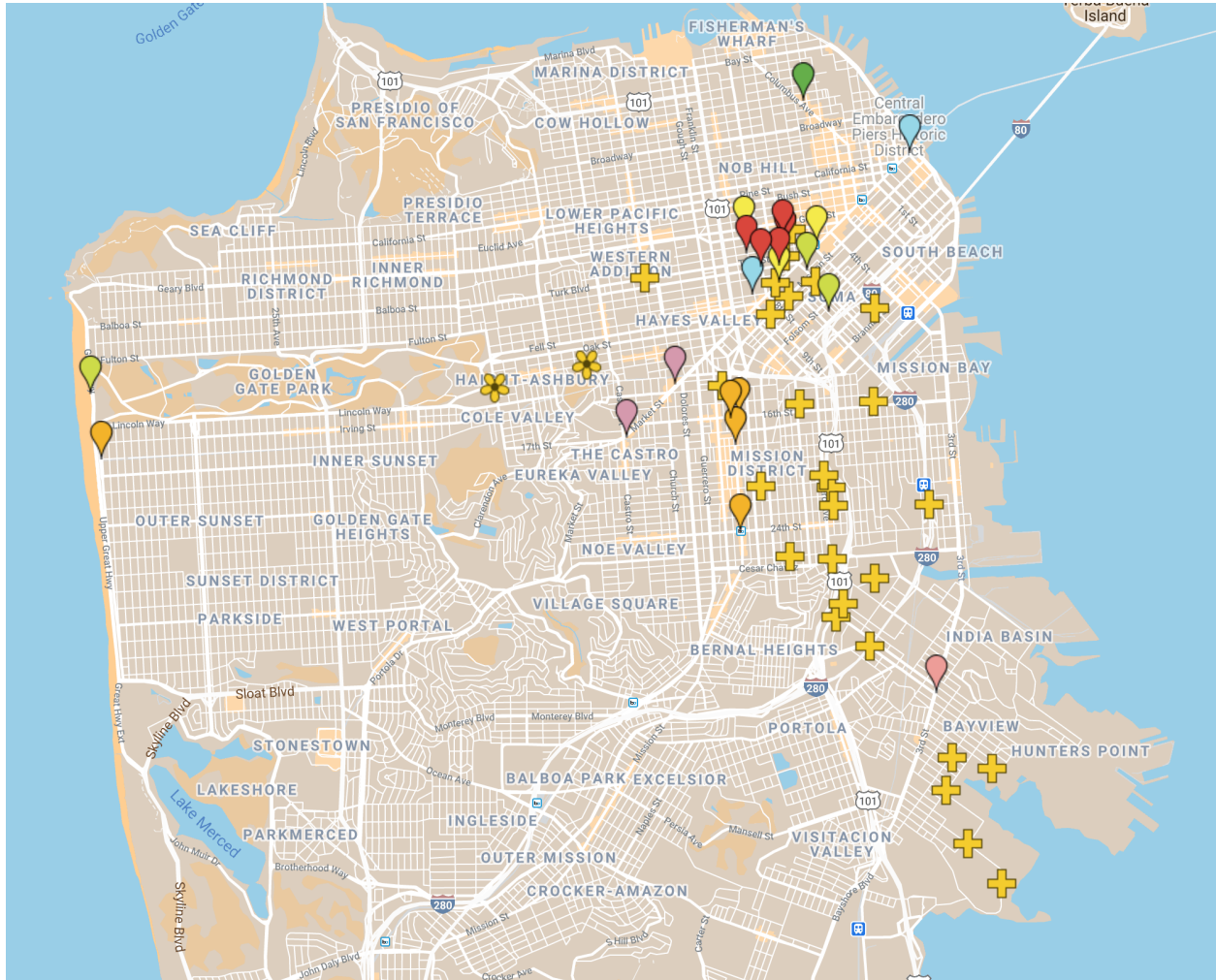


Locations of Current Pit Stops (none in D-11)

Pins are permanent

Flowers are permanent in the Haight

Crosses are temporary to support COVID efforts



Additional feedback from Commercial Businesses:

Business owners and renters verbally report people using their front doorways as bathrooms, and report seeing people squatting between parked cars.