



DEPARTMENT OF
HOMELESSNESS AND
SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Proposed: Candlestick Vehicle Triage Center

Community Meeting
Thursday September 9, 2021

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- **PIT Count: 8,035 people experiencing homelessness in 2019**
 - 2019 Unsheltered PIT Count: 5,180 people
 - 2021 Sheltered PIT Count: 4,000 sheltered guests (no unsheltered count)
- The **Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH)** strives to make homelessness in San Francisco **rare, brief, and one-time** through the provision of **coordinated, compassionate,** and **high-quality** services.

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Partnership to Address Vehicular Homelessness

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- Collaboration: Bayview-based service providers, community members, State Parks staff, and multiple City departments worked for 1 year+ to develop the Vehicle Triage Center proposal.
- **Bayview Advocates** and **SF Homeless Outreach Team** have been working with people encamped in the area.
- Multiple City departments respond to encampment conditions, but without a safe alternative place for people to go, these responses cannot be successful.

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Homelessness in San Francisco

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- 50% of people experiencing homeless **are over the age of 50.**
- 44% became homeless after the age of 50.
- Nationally, **70-80%** become homeless in their home region.
- Homelessness is correlated to affordability and income inequality.
- Housing prices nationally have quadrupled since 1980 and rents have doubled.
- Homelessness is a **racial equity issue.**
- Treatment (all kinds) is **best received when people are housed.**

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Overview of Vehicular Homelessness

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- August 2021 count found **1,088 vehicles** with unhoused people in San Francisco.
 - Concentrated in **West Side** (Taraval) and **Bayview** (Candlestick) areas.
- 677 occupied vehicles in District 10
 - **121** occupied vehicles in the Bayview
 - **154** at Candlestick Point SRA area
 - **73** in Hunters Point

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Candlestick VTC: Location

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- Proposed partnership with State Parks for a Vehicle Triage Center in the **Boat Launch Parking Lot**
- Capacity for **~155 vehicles** and **177 people**



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Candlestick VTC: Infrastructure

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- Bathrooms
- Sanitation stations
- Mobile blackwater pumping
- Mobile showers and laundry
- Office and confidential meeting space
- Electricity
- Security cameras
- Lights
- Fencing
- Pedestrian and vehicle gates for entry/exit

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Candlestick VTC: Site Plan



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Amenities & Services

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- The Candlestick Safe Parking Site would include space for up to **155 vehicles with 177 guests**.
- Site fits **86 RVs** and **69 passenger vehicles**, including 37 secondary vehicles with no occupants (people accessing services elsewhere).
- There would be **9 accessible parking spaces** and a **family zone**.
- Services include **case management** and **24/7 staffing and security**.

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Program Model

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- Program is a **low barrier model** to address variety of clinical needs:
 - Single adults, couples and families
 - Voluntary services
 - Strength-based; client input improves program design

- Focus on **removing barriers** and getting clients **connected to care** to stabilize and support clients exiting the homelessness response system.

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Outreach & Placement

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• **SFHOT** and **HSOC**, in collaboration with Bayview-based providers:

- Assess the area.
- Outreach to people living in their vehicles.
- Create a by name and vehicle list.
- Invite these people into the program.

• **Priority:**

- People with **extended time encamped in the area** will be prioritized for placement.

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Phase One: Pre-Opening

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- **Bayview Coordinated Outreach** to include Homeward Bound, SFHOT/D10 outreach workers, Access Point outreach staff.
- **Locations for outreach:**
 - Hunters Point Expressway
 - Jamestown Avenue up Gilman Ave.
 - Carroll Ave down Ingles

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Phase Two: Pre-Opening (October)

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- **Site-specific outreach** with the staff trailers and porta potties placed – same area as Phase One
- There are **150+ RVs and vehicles** that people are living in around the Candlestick Point SRA

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Phase 3: Program Opening

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- Site opens and transfer of clients and program moved to Candlestick SRA lot.
- Target opening date: **December 2021**



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Candlestick VTC: Next Steps

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- Conducting community engagement process
- Approval from the **BOS**
- Approval from the **State Lands Commission**
- Coordination with other Departments

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Multidepartmental Support for Project

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• San Francisco Police Department: **Public Safety**

- Set up a schedule of **daily passing calls** to the Park and program
- SFPD will advise the design and operations teams on **Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)**
- SFPD Bayview station officers will meet regularly with park staff and VTC staff to address safety issues in the Park and surrounding the VTC program.
- SFPD will create an **emergency access plan** with the vehicle triage center
- Support SFMTA in enforcing parking regulations in the area
- SFPD will provide crime data for the neighborhood to inform the public about safety and crime stats in the neighborhood upon request from the community.

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- **Dumping Prevention & Debris Removal** - San Francisco Public Works will:
 - **Remove litter and debris** at least 3 days per week
 - Post **no dumping** signs
 - Explore the possibility of deploying **Illegal Dumping Surveillance Cameras**
- **Parking Enforcement** – San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency will:
 - Repost the removed or damaged **parking regulations signs**
 - Focus on **enforcing parking regulations** in the area to prevent re-encampment when the site opens and people encamped in the area are invited into the program.

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Re-Encampment Prevention

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- Outreach
- Debris removal
- Parking enforcement
- Law enforcement



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Questions

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• Here to respond to your questions:

- **Gerald O'Reilly**, State Parks
- **Shireen McSpadden**, HSH
- **Emily Cohen**, HSH
- **Sam Dodge**, Healthy Streets Operations Center (HSOC)
- **Larry McClendon**, Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD)
- **Captain Maron**, San Francisco Police Department (SFPD)
- **Andy Thornley**, San Francisco Municipal Transit Agency (MTA)
- **Peter Lau**, San Francisco Public Works
- Members of the **VTC Working Group**

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Thank you.

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