

Love Our Neighborhoods Permit Update

The Love Our Neighborhoods Permit will support community-driven, community-benefit projects that enhance and beautify the public right of way while upholding Public Works' responsibility of maintaining safety and accessibility for all.

The goals of the new permit are to create a process that is user-friendly, inexpensive, better coordinated with other City departments and streamlines approvals.



Outreach during development phase:

Public Works staff:

- Executive team
- Budget team
- Bureau of Street-use and Mapping
- Community engagement team
- IDC Construction Management

City government:

- Board of Supervisors' Districts 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9 offices
- Mayor's Office
- City Attorney
- Community Challenge Grants
- Office of Economic and Workforce Development
- San Francisco Arts Commission

Community organizations:

- SF Parks Alliance
- Council of District Merchants
- Community Benefit Districts
- Green Benefit District
- Livable City



Examples of projects in the public right of way that the new permit will cover:

- “Little Libraries”
- Sidewalk benches fronting private property
- Painted murals on retaining walls, bridges
- Sidewalk murals
- Tiled staircases
- Sidewalk plaques
- Street banners
- Gardens
- Sculptures
- Fog catchers
- Lighting
- Irrigation systems
- String lights in commercial districts
- Multi-amenity projects



Timeline:

February/March/April: Community outreach

June: Advocated with Board of Supervisors for budget to support staff necessary for Love Our Neighborhoods Permit.

June 27: Draft legislation introduced by Supervisor Melgar. Co-sponsors are Supervisors Stefani, Mandelman, Ronen and Engardio.

July 27: Budget signed by Mayor that includes two years of funding for positions in support of Love Our Neighborhoods Permit.

August: Public Works in discussions with City Attorney and Supervisors' offices.

August/September/October:

- Develop regulations.
- Develop communications and outreach campaign.

Late September: Supervisor Melgar will introduce substitute legislation. We expect more co-sponsors.

October: Legislation will be heard at the Board of Supervisors' Land Use Committee.

