

San Francisco, CA

UCSF Parnassus Campus Design Guidelines Transportation Study



The University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) retained Nelson\Nygaard as part of a team tasked with developing campus transportation design goals and guidelines to inform future development at their Parnassus Heights campus. Many of these goals included developing a more pedestrian-oriented, campus-like feel throughout the corridor, reducing the conflicts between pedestrians and autos, and creating more pronounced and visible campus gateways.

Nelson\Nygaard headed the creation of a parking and transit access plan as part of the larger study. The plan included an analysis of balancing on-street parking needs of patients, visitors, transit, and emergency vehicles with the ultimate goal of creating a safer and friendlier connection to campus along Parnassus Avenue. The plan highlighted the importance of transit accessibility along the corridor by examining the potential realignment of the UCSF shuttle system, the proposed consolidation of Muni bus stops, and the pedestrian and bicycle impacts resulting from planned modifications.

Consultation the university's task force, neighbors, and City of San Francisco staff ultimately yielded four options for the reshaping of the avenue. The preferred option chosen by university staff expanded UCSF shuttle curb space for expanded operations, merged underutilized bus stops, improved pedestrian connectivity, and physically altered the streetscape to slow traffic while maintaining vehicle flow. The next steps in the process for implementation of these recommendations are for UCSF to include these recommendations in their next Campus Long Range Development Plan.



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