



CREATING AN AGE AND DISABILITY FRIENDLY SAN FRANCISCO

To ensure that San Francisco is inclusive, diverse, and safe for all people, regardless of age or ability, so they are able to remain within the community of their choice as they age.

Locally, nationally, and globally, populations are aging at increasing rates and San Francisco is no exception. Currently one in five San Franciscans is 60 or older, these numbers are expected to increase as the Baby Boomers retire. Additionally, 4% or more than 35,000 San Franciscans are adults (18 to 59 years) with a disability.

There is a need to address both the benefits and the challenges that come with a rapidly aging population while recognizing what San Francisco already has done both to support and prepare for this growth, including:

THE ADVANTAGES

- A diverse and engaged population
- One of the best public transportation systems
- A rich provider community
- A long history of advocacy
- Existing programs, such as free MUNI

THE CHALLENGES

- Predominantly older housing stock
- Increasing housing costs
- A very hilly city
- A rapidly growing senior population

GOAL: To create, implement, and evaluate an Age- and Disability-Friendly Plan for San Francisco that includes a baseline assessment and recommendations.

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At its core, an Age and Disability Friendly Plan will leverage existing resources and efforts, ensure that future investments, plans and programs incorporate an aging and disability friendly lens, and develop a framework that allows for tangible and measurable improvements for both community organizations and city agencies, ensuring that San Francisco is welcoming and accessible to all.

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TASK FORCE UPDATE.

DELIVERABLES

BASELINE ASSESSMENT: Based on the World Health Organization's model, develop a collaborative and comprehensive assessment of the current age and disability friendliness of San Francisco.

DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS & ACTION PLAN: Use baseline assessment findings to develop recommendations that are actionable, measurable, and sensitive to change.

DOMAINS CONSIDERED.

The WHO model suggested eight domains that focus on various aspects of the urban environment, while recognizing that each city would identify topics that were specific and relevant to their own community. The task force focused on the following topics:

- Community Support & Health Services (Feb 8 & March 8)
- Engagement & Inclusion (April 12)
- Communication, Information, & Technology (May 10)
- Employment & Economic Security (June 14)
- Housing (July 12)
- Transportation (August 9)
- Outdoor Spaces & Buildings (Sept 13)
- Resiliency & Emergency Preparedness (Oct 11)

TIMELINE

January - October 2017: covering one domain each month, develop the baseline assessment & draft recommendations.

December 2017: prioritize & finalize recommendations based on SMART goals. Next steps regarding implementation including Age & Disability workgroup.

January 2018: Executive Summary released, including recommendations for next 1-3 years (per WHO model).

Spring 2018: Final Report (including executive summary, recommendations, & baseline assessment) released.

2018-2021: Implement recommendations, evaluating results in 2021.

25 member task force representing the following categories:

- 6 Community members
- 9 Providers or partners
- 6 City departments, 1 Mayor's Office
- 2 Academia
- 1 AARP

Baseline Assessment incorporates:

focus groups, prior workgroup including Party with a Purpose, DAAS Needs Assessment, SF City Survey, Dementia Friendly practices, existing reports, current research, interviews with partners, individuals, departments, and partners, other city's best practices, and more.

SMART Goals include:

Specific: tangible next steps

Measurable: How will we determine success?

Attainable: actionable, partners & resources

Realistic/Relevant: clear goals, next steps & addresses a gap

Time Bound: timeline, a mix of short term & long term recommendations

MORE INFO

All draft recommendations, domain memos, and minutes are available online. Final meeting is Wed, Dec 13 and open to the public.

<http://www.ltccsf.org/age-disability-friendly-task-force>

