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Hello all

We have lived in our home at 210 Allen Drive for 18 years. We live at the top of the Allen Drive apex. There is a blind spot on both sides of the hill, worse when the morning sun creates less visibility.

We have not had a problem feeling safe driving out of our driveway or crossing the street walking the dogs for many years. However, over the last year, it has been much more tenuous with so many cars and the buses driving quite fast over the hill.

I have had to take quick moves or stops getting in and out of the driveway. Crossing the street on foot is tough was well.

We have a number of dogs and kids living in the 6-8 homes at the apex.

I would like to propose a speed hump so that the cars and buses need to slow down over the hill and blind spot. I encourage each of you to drive up here to examine the blind spot.

Please let me know how I can request adding a speed hump. Thank you

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FEBRUARY 2019 NEWS

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High-Speed Rail: Still Alive, Still More Than a Train Project

Political drama put California high-speed rail in the spotlight this month. First Governor Newsom confused the media with his “state of the state” remarks on the project, then President Trump threatened to stop funding it. Perhaps the upside of all the theater was the chance to restate the transformative potential of high-speed rail as part of statewide economic development and growth planning. As Newsom put it, “This is so much more than a train project.”

SPUR’s Egon Terplan on KQED Forum >>
Our take on how to pay for high-speed rail without federal funding >>
SPUR report Harnessing High-Speed Rail >>

How Much Housing Should the Bay Area Have Built to Avoid the Current Housing Crisis?
One of the key causes cited for the Bay Area’s housing affordability crisis is that demand for housing continually outstrips the available supply. If only the region had built more housing, the reasoning goes, extreme competition for a limited number of units wouldn’t be driving prices so high. But is the problem really a simple mismatch of supply and demand? And if so, how much housing should the region have built in order to solve it? Our latest research presents new data to answer these questions. Read more from SPUR >>

New SPUR Paper: How Better Maps Make Transit Easier to Use

In many of the world’s best transit systems, the local transit map has taken on iconic status — but we can’t say the same for the Bay Area. Each of the region’s 27 transit operators develops its own maps, using a wide range of styles, symbols, graphics and language. SPUR’s new paper Finding Transit offers recommendations for creating better maps that can make the Bay Area transit system easier to understand, navigate — and use. Read the white paper >>

Did the Bay Area Reach a “Grand Bargain” to Solve Housing?

In January, the region took an important step toward solving its housing crisis with the endorsement of the CASA Compact, a grand bargain among dozens of governments and organizations to arrive at real
solutions. SPUR has called for many of the ideas in the compact and we are pleased to see it approved. But the work has just begun. Enacting these reforms will require a number of changes to state law. CASA’s success will lie in holding the coalition together through the challenges to come.
Read more from SPUR >>

The Year In Urbanism

Our annual issue reviews the highlights of 2018:
Legalizing Better Land Use
Transit Ridership on the Decline Across the U.S.
Cities Commit to Carbon Neutrality

Celebrating the Public Sector in SF and SJ

SPUR believes in local government as a force for good. Each year, we recognize public sector managers who have performed exceptionally, becoming models for other agencies around the country. Our annual Good Government Awards acknowledge employees of the City and County of San Francisco. This year, we have launched the SPUR Impact Awards to recognize city and county employees in Santa Clara County. Please join us in celebrating their stories of success.
Good Government Awards, March 6 >>
SPUR Impact Awards, March 22 >>

OPPORTUNITIES AT SPUR

Transportation Policy Director

SPUR is hiring a policy director to lead our transportation work. This role will be responsible for developing and implementing SPUR’s transportation policy work across San Francisco, San Jose,
UBERANISM IN THE NEWS

The hunt for cheaper housing is stretching the boundaries of the Bay Area
Mercury News >>

The lost wet winter: California wastes most of its rainwater
Los Angeles Times >>

Is California the birthplace of America’s new Progressive Era?
Project Syndicate >>

San Jose, the city that told Amazon and Google: no incentives
NPR >>

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