

*"Thank you for your message concerning the traffic calming pilot project on Kirkham Street between 9th and 10th Avenues. Supervisor Melgar agrees that the safety and navigability of our streets is a top priority. Our streets should be safe and efficient for all street-users, including drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, and transit-riders.*

*As our streets adapt to new transit patterns in response to the pandemic, new types of vehicles including autonomous vehicles and electric two-wheel devices, and an increase in delivery and rideshare services, it is crucial that our City and our streets adapt to these shifts. We must remain agile, flexible, and responsive to an ever-evolving City and ever-changing community needs, while always keeping safety of our streets as the top priority. The device on Kirkham between 9th and 10th came out of countless neighborhood inquiries about dangerous speeding on Kirkham. After working with the Fire Department and Public Works, the SFMTA installed the current "neck down" in order to slow traffic and reduce the risk of collision or injury. The SFMTA has been measuring vehicle volumes, speeds, and collisions on this block as well as surrounding blocks in order to measure the impact of these efforts. The results of this data, as well as a recommendation of how to proceed, are scheduled to be released early next week.*

*Supervisor Melgar appreciates your concern for the safety of this unique neighborhood in District 7 and looks forward to reviewing the SFMTA's recommendations as soon as they become available."*

Unfortunately, the neckdown hasn't been working as intended. The data shows that we weren't getting the results we wanted in traffic speeds and safety. Nonetheless, we will be putting in different traffic calming measures to ensure that the street stays safe for all users.