Chinatown Transportation Research and Improvement Project

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Chinatown Transportation Research and Improvement Project (CTRIP) is a volunteer advocacy group that looks at transportation issues in the San Francisco Chinatown area. Its mission is to provide the residents of Chinatown with transportation options, whether walking, driving or taking public transportation. CTRIP began in 1976 as a result of the MUNI strike. As a result, Chinatown residents were without transit service. Chinese and Chinese-American bus drivers formed a network to take the elderly of Chinatown to their necessary appointments. After the strike settled, a core group decided to advocate for transportation issues affecting the Chinatown residents. After 26 years, TRIP has made huge strides with transportation issues in Chinatown area. Members are volunteers, coming to monthly meetings. TRIP members hold positions in Citizen Advisory Committees (CAC) that make decisions on government issues.

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CTRIP educated the community on traffic engineering devices and methods through presentations at community meetings, senior centers, and elementary and middle schools. They specifically educated the community about the new traffic pattern called pedestrian scrambles installed along Stockton Street, at the intersections of Clay, Washington, Jackson and Pacific Streets. CTRIP developed and distributed brochures and other educational materials in both English and Chinese, instructing people how to use these pedestrian scrambles. They worked with the Department of Parking and Traffic and with the Department of Public Works to ensure that pedestrians will have a safe space on sidewalks during installation of these scrambles.

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