Chinatown Working Group
Parking, Transportation, Circulation & Security Working Team
Tuesday, 2/17/2009

Attendees: jerry chan, sheldon chan, jim solomon, jeanie chin, david wan, lotus chan, victor pei, maria pei, triple edwards, lora tenenbaum, quan chen, mary cooley, toby turkel

items discussed

* balance between the following
  o public transportation
  o bikes
  o pedestrians
  o vehicles
  o businesses and trucks
* with an emphasis on quality of life and safety
* specific items
  o verrazano bridge tolls
  o bus vs. businesses vs. residents vs. commuter vans
  o pedestrian safety
  o parking
  o proximity to civic center and the impact on businesses and residents
    + specifically placard parking abuse
  o canal street and CATS and CATS II
    + ACTION ITEM: get a CATS II update
  o park row
  o road conditions (potholes, etc)
  o jaywalking
* remain cognizant that this is a planning exercise
  o we need to make recommendations that can be implemented
  o as it is a "chinatown working group" effort, we should identify problems that are specific to chinatown
* there is expression of frustration over study after study with no tangible results
  o another useful thing that the CWG/team can do is to build an institutional memory of what has been done and what needs to be done
    + crosswalks
    + signage on canal street
* there was a discussion of street closures for economic development
  o is this good or bad?
  o should there be pilots?
* decided to table the decision on guiding principles as we work through more discussion of these issues
* decided to table the identification of chair(s) until at least the next meeting
* next meeting is set for march 10th, 6pm