



SFMTA

Geary Community Advisory Committee

July 12, 2023

Order of business

1. Call to order
2. Meeting etiquette
3. Roll call
4. Approval of minutes – [April 12, 2023](#)
5. Public comment
6. Geary Boulevard Improvement Project update
7. Geary Rapid Project update
8. Adjourn

2. Online meeting etiquette

Microsoft Teams – download for desktop or mobile at:

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- Key functions: mute/unmute, raise hand, chat
- If joining by phone:
 - Dial *5 to raise your hand in the meeting
 - Dial *6 to mute or unmute yourself
- Please stay on mute unless called on to speak by Chair

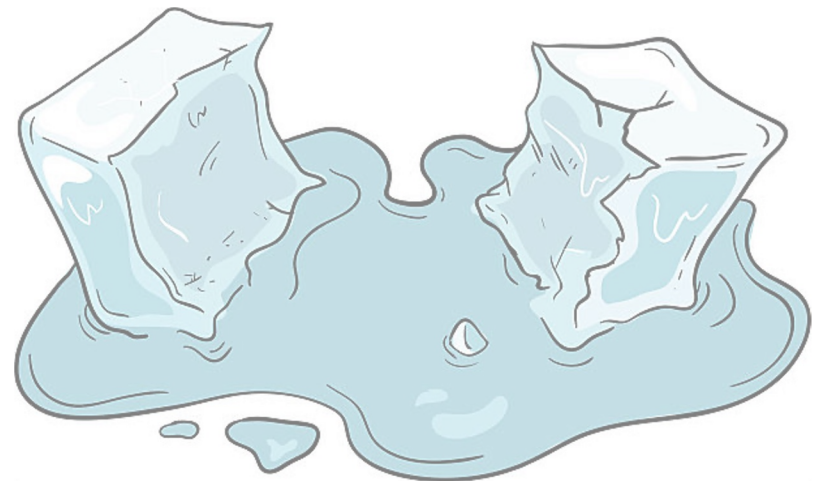
3. Roll call

Welcome to new member **Hillary Brown!**

Icebreaker

Please introduce yourself and share with everyone:

What are your summer plans?



4. Approval of minutes

- April 12, 2023

5. Public comment

- See Public Comment Policy on back of agenda.
- Public comment for matters within the Geary Community Advisory Committee jurisdiction and are not on today's calendar.
- Public comment is limited to three minutes each.

6. Geary Boulevard Improvement Project update

Geary Improvements: Design/delivery in two phases

- **Geary Rapid Project:** Substantially complete; on-time, on-budget delivery
- **Geary Boulevard Improvement Project:** Finalizing design and legislation phase



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Replacement parking update

SFMTA identified 17 additional replacement parking spaces for a total of 39 new parking spots. The new spaces are primarily possible by relocating the 14th/Geary, 21st/Geary, and 28th/Geary bike share stations as well as some additional cross street locations where angled parking can replace parallel parking on one side of the street.



- +22** Originally planned replacement parking
- +17** Additional replacement parking spaces

*14th and Funston avenue locations are proposed for angled parking but would not create a net addition in parking.

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Replacement parking update

Corridor Segment	Estimated Public Parking Spaces in Area ¹	Parking Spaces on Geary Blvd	Parking Loss Due to Project Proposals		Previously Planned Cross-Street Parking Additions	Additional parking	Net Parking Change	Net Parking Loss Per Block
			Total	Per Block				
34th Avenue – 25th Avenue	1,000	127	-13	-1.4	8	8	+3	+0.3
25th Avenue – Park Presidio	1,430	226	-39	-3.5	14	9	-16	-1.5
Park Presidio – Palm/Jordan	1,750	230	-18	-1.3	0	0	-18	-1.3
Total	4,180	583	-70	-2.1	22	17	-31	-0.9

¹ Public parking spaces within 1 block of Geary (Clement to Anza)

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Additional outreach to merchants in June 2023

Shared information about new replacement parking, construction impacts and business support resources via:

- Door-to-door with flyers and project drawing between 28th and 14th avenues
- Email sent to businesses along Geary Boulevard
- Meetings with merchant leaders/representatives



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Key merchant concerns and responses

Merchant concern	Project response
Minimize construction impacts	Design modified from center- to side-running, dramatically decreases construction impacts
Minimize parking loss due to transit lane	Identified an additional 17 parking spaces to almost entirely mitigate the 18 attributable to transit lane
Minimize parking loss	Significantly decreased parking loss to an average net loss of <1 spaces per block, saving almost twice as much parking as original center-running design (-31 spaces vs. -60 spaces)
Help Geary merchants' economic recovery	Project has committed to project-funded business support during both Quick-Build and full project construction
Location-specific feedback	Revised several project proposals in response to merchant feedback including dropping proposals to re-locate 17 th and 25 th Ave outbound stops, and changes to color curb plan
Do no harm to Geary parklets	Committed to cover costs to re-build directly impacted parklets
Delay implementation of Quick-Build project	Provided more information on Quick Build timing needs and benefits, included a "Delayed Transit Lane Option" alternative for consideration by the SFMTA Board of Directors

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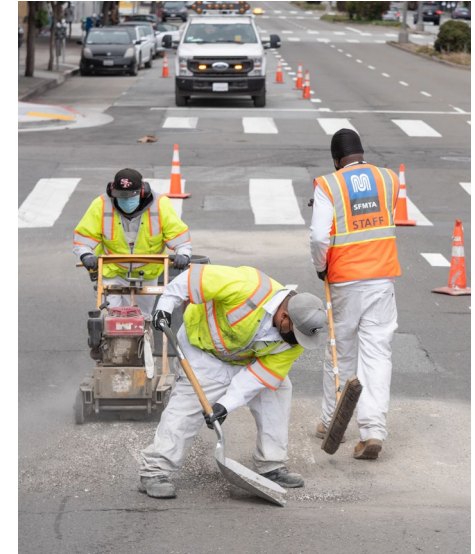
Key merchant concerns

Quick-Build phase impacts and mitigation

- No excavation. Striping and signage changes will take 1-2 days per block over about 3 months total
- Install new angled parking on cross streets *prior* to conversion of angled parking to parallel parking
- Changes to curb color for new/relocated loading zones (commercial, passenger, general)
- Safety improvements: red curb, left-turn restrictions, and retiming signals for slower walk speeds

Marketing support

SFMTA will convene a Merchant Working Group to co-create a customized marketing campaign to support the Geary commercial district. Project has budget to facilitate meetings, prepare artwork/marketing materials and \$25,000 in direct costs to execute campaign. This is *in addition to* business support funds for the construction phase.



Example of directories created for Geary Rapid Project business support.

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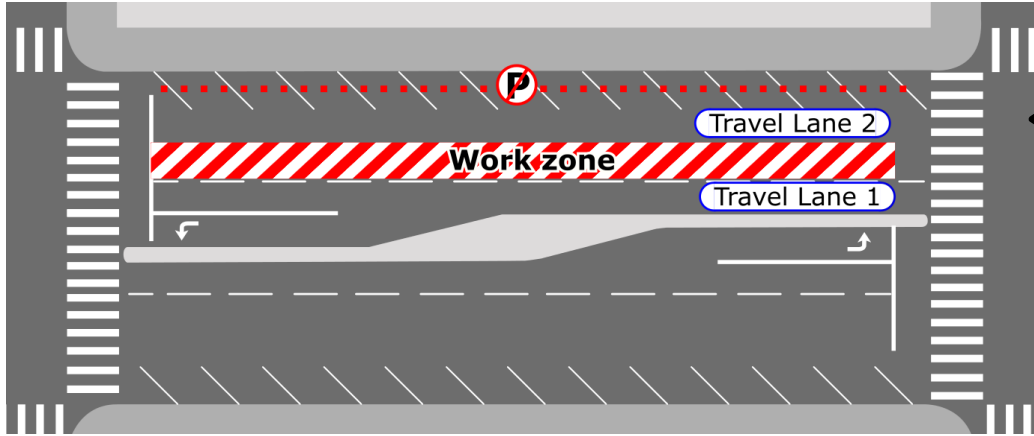
Key merchant concerns

Why implement Quick-Build before SFPUC construction?

- Act with urgency to decrease traffic injuries and deaths in the project area.
- Support the city's economic recovery by improving transit travel time and reliability for the 36,000 daily transit riders.
- Move forward with State grant-funded signal re-timing that must be spent by end of 2023. This signal retiming would also help keep buses and cars moving with improved signal progression.
- Traffic will flow smoother and more predictably by getting the bus out of the traffic lane and giving general traffic their own two lanes .
- Protect buses from delays and keep more on-street parking during SFPUC construction.

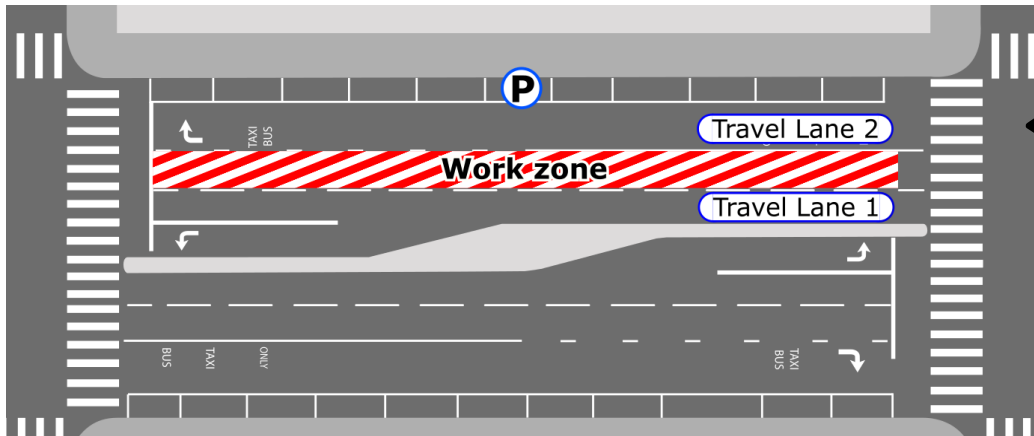
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Example street configuration during construction with angled parking



Angled parking lane would be used as a traffic lane during SFPUC construction.

Example street configuration during construction with parallel parking

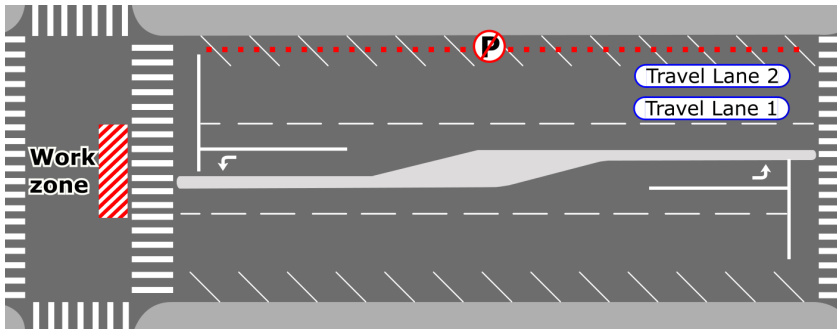


With parallel parking, there would be enough room to keep both parking lane *and* traffic lane during most activities.

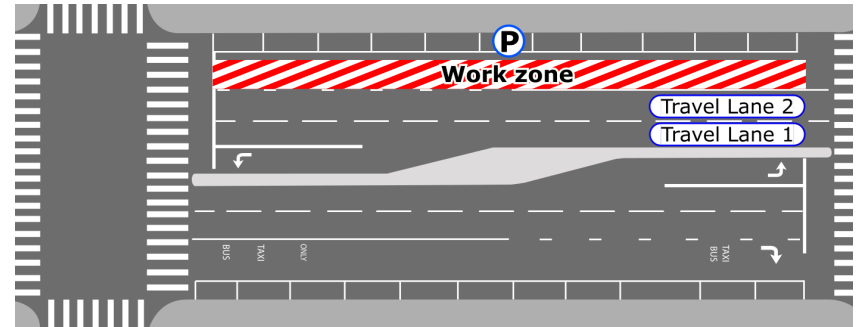
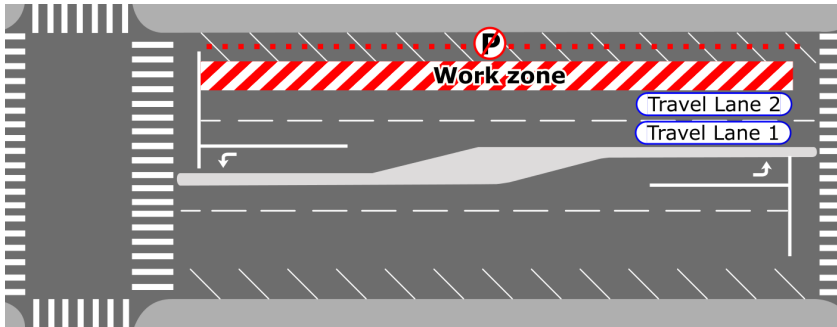
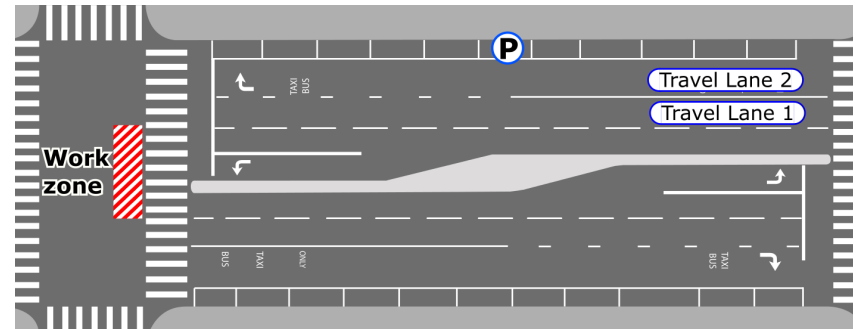
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Additional example street configurations during construction with angled parking



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Shared Spaces update

Shared Spaces In Angled Parking

- **Joe's Ice Cream**
(northside, between 18th and 19th)
- **Trad'r Sam**
(northside, between 25th & 26th)
- Eligible for reimbursement of costs to rebuild parklet into parallel configuration
- Tommy's, Blarney Stone, Nag's Head, Na Ya, Chomp n' Swig, Jin Pot have removed structures

Conflict with Far-Side Bus Stop Relocation

- **Ireland's 32** (northside between 3rd and 4th Ave)
- Eligible for reimbursement of costs to remove parklet at time of Quick-Build implementation

Changes in Geary parking supply due to Shared Spaces program

	Parking Spaces Occupied by Shared Spaces on/near Geary (34 th to Stanyan)
In 2021	52
Current (as of May 2023)	13
Anticipated by Fall 2023 (based on current applications and project design)	11

- 39 parking spaces have been restored as of May 2023 within the project limits since peak Shared Spaces in operation in 2021
- An additional two spaces will be restored by fall 2023 (although businesses may choose to apply for a new Shared Space at any time)

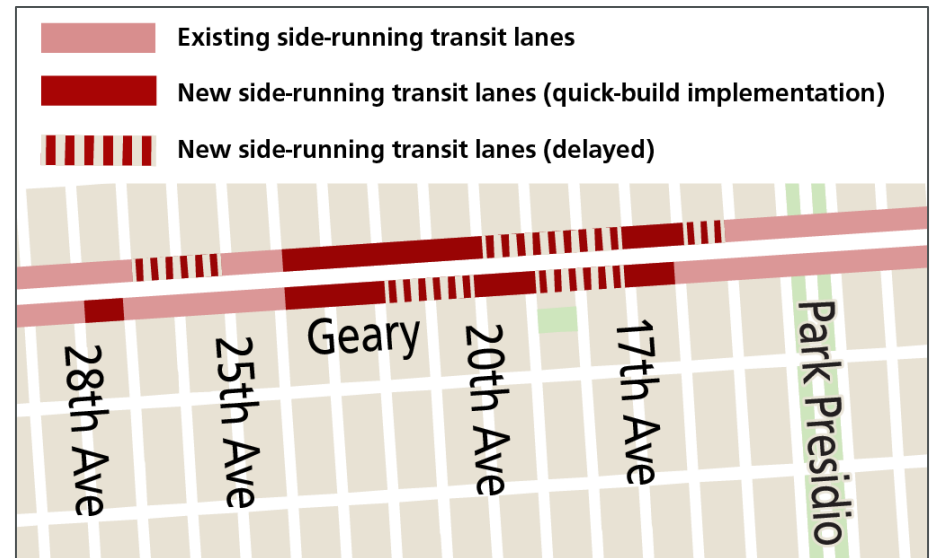
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Upcoming approval process

SFMTA Board will consider two options in August (tentative):

1. Approve and implement project as recommended by staff
2. Delay implementation of some transit lanes along ten block faces until early 2025, delaying loss of 18 parking spaces. Would result in additional 600 hours of staff work, additional \$200,000 in costs, potential need for affected Shared Spaces to rebuild twice, and net loss of transit benefits (up to 10.5 hours for a daily 38 rider over ~18 month delay)

Delayed Transit Lanes Option



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Upcoming outreach

- Website
- Email series
- Mailer with info about SFMTA Board of Directors hearing
- Public hearing notices posted along Geary
- Blog
- Social media
- Office Hours

SFMTA Public Hearing

Geary Boulevard Improvement Project

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The Geary Boulevard Improvement Project is the second phase of improvements proposed on Geary Boulevard. This project aims to build on the success of the eastern Geary corridor improvements by making similar transit and safety upgrades between 34th Avenue and Stanyan Street.

Geary Boulevard 改善項目建議改善 Geary Boulevard 34th Avenue 和 Stanyan Street 之間的交通和安全。該項目包括新的公交車道、公交站變更、交通信號升級以及公交站和十字路口角側的人行道延伸。在市府廳，1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place，400 室。

Проект улучшения бульвара Гери предлагает улучшить транспорт и безопасность на бульваре Гери между 34 й авеню и улицей Станян. Этот проект включает в себя новые полосы для общественного транспорта, изменение автобусных остановок, модернизацию светофоров и расширение тротуаров на автобусных остановках и перекрестках. Публичные слушания по этому проекту состоятся во вторник, 2 мая, в 13:00 в здании 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, комната 400.

SFMTA Public Hearing
Tuesday, Month X, 2023, 1 p.m.
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place,
Room 400

You may make comments in person at the meeting or remotely by calling 415.655.0001; Access code: XXXX XXX XXX. Remote comments are limited to 10 minutes per discussion item, except for those who have received an accommodation due to disability. To guarantee your feedback is heard, it is advised to make your comments in person at the meeting or to submit comments in advance (instructions below).



More info: [SFMTA.com/ImproveGeary](https://www.sfmta.com/ImproveGeary)

A public hearing for the proposals below will be held on Tuesday, MONTH X, 2023 to take public comment, discuss, and vote on adoption of the Geary Boulevard Improvement Project's parking and traffic changes.

- Installing transit lanes between 28th and 15th Avenues. To make room, angled parking on Geary would be converted to parallel parking.
- Transit improvements, including relocating 10 bus stops, removing two closely spaced stops, new bus bulb-outs and lengthening bus zones that are too short to accommodate two buses.
- Safety improvements, including pedestrian bulb-outs, daylighting, expanded median refuges and left-turn restrictions at key intersections.
- Curb space changes to accommodate merchant loading needs.
- Converting some parallel parking on some cross streets to angled parking to partially offset parking loss along Geary Boulevard due to project proposals. Total net parking change would be 48 fewer spaces within the 2-mile-long project area or an average of 1.4 fewer parking spaces per block.

Note: The SFMTA Board will be asked to decide whether to: 1) implement all proposed transit lanes as a part of Quik Build implementation, anticipated around fall 2023; 2) or to defer implementation of some transit lanes until the start of planned SFJWC water and sewer construction. The project is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21088.02. Action by the SFMTA Board shall constitute the Approval Action for the project for the purposes of CEQA, pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 31.04(b).

Detailed legislation and project information is available at [SFMTA.com/ImproveGeary](https://www.sfmta.com/ImproveGeary). Or contact Amy Fowler, Public Relations Officer, at 415.646.2889 or ImproveGeary@SFMTA.com.


If you would like to comment on this proposed change, you may attend SFMTA's Public Hearing or file your comments in advance of the meeting by 5 p.m. Monday, MONTH X via: / 要對此提案發表評論，您可以參加公開聽證會或在下午 5 點之前向會議之前提交您的評論。5 月 1 日星期一。/ Чтобы прокомментировать это предложение, вы можете присутствовать на публичном слушании или представить свои комментарии до встречи до 17:00, Понедельник, 1 мая.

- Email: MTABoard@SFMTA.com with subject line "Geary Boulevard Public Hearing"
- Phone: 415.646.4470
- Mail: Attn: SFMTA Board of Directors, One South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103

415.646.2300 for free interpretation services, please submit your request 48 hours in advance of meeting. / 如果需要免費口語翻譯，請於會議之前 48 小時提出請求。/ Для бесплатных услуг устного перевода просьба представить ваш запрос за 48 часов до встречи собрания. / Para servicios de interpretación gratuita, por favor haga su petición 48 horas antes de la reunión.

All comments will be reviewed by project staff and entered into the public record. Comments will be considered by the SFMTA Board before a decision is made.

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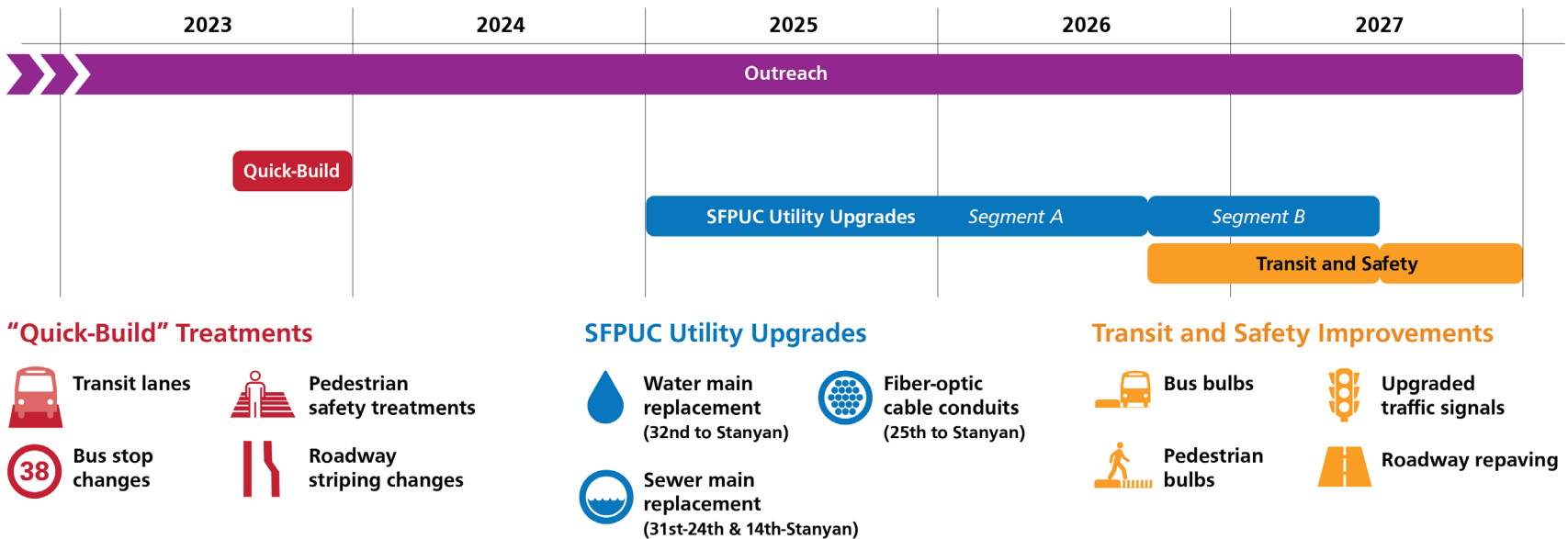
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New project rendering showing proposed improvements at Geary/20th Avenue



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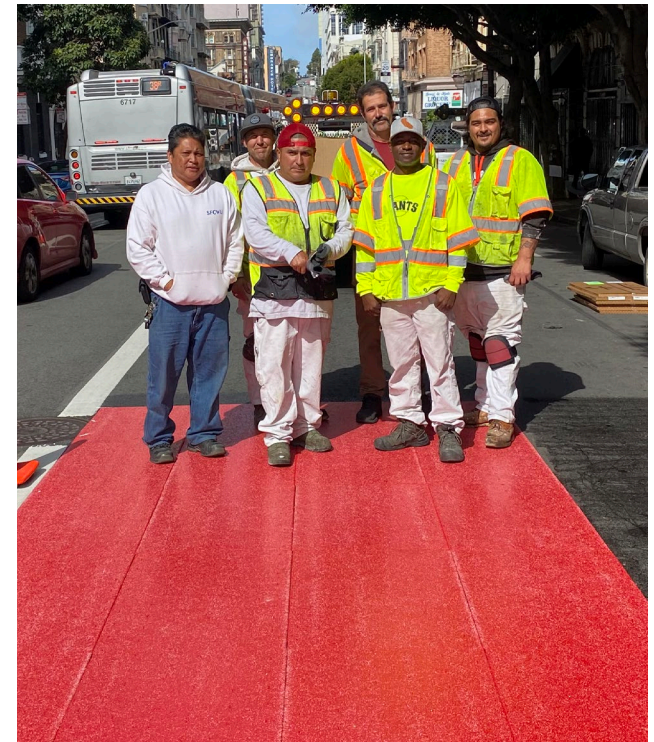
Tentative implementation schedule



7. Geary Rapid Project update

“Geary East” contract: Van Ness to Market Street

- Coordinated roadway repaving and contract punch-list are complete.
- Paint Shop has completed ~80% of the installation of red thermoplastic transit lane colorization. Awaiting overtime crew availability for completion of the red near bus stops, to minimize transit impacts



8. Adjourn

Thank you!

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 11, 6 p.m.

Online meeting via Microsoft Teams