

## **SFMTA - TASC SUMMARY SHEET**

<b>PreStaff_Date:</b> 10/3/2023 <b>Requested_by:</b> SFMTA <b>Handled:</b> Alison Mathews for <i>SMR</i> <b>Section Head :</b> MS	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Public Hearing Consent</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Public Hearing Regular</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Informational / Other</b> <small>PH - Regular</small>	<b>No objections:</b> _____ <b>Item Held:</b> _____ <b>Other:</b> _____
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**Location:** Turk Boulevard at Willard Street North

**Subject:** Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon

**PROPOSAL / REQUEST:**

ESTABLISH – RECTANGULAR RAPID FLASHING BEACON (RRFB)  
Turk Boulevard at Willard Street North

(Supervisor District 1)

Alison Mathews, alison.mathews@sfmta.com

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION / COMMENTS**

This project will add Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) to the crosswalks at Turk Boulevard and Willard Street North. This location was selected as part of the FY21 Walkfirst RRFB project based on collision history, engineering judgment and community request.

Turk Boulevard and Willard Street North is currently an uncontrolled crossing with existing marked crosswalks and signage and striping to yield to pedestrians. The 31 Balboa and 31BX Balboa B Express Muni lines run eastbound and westbound at the intersection.

A Class II bike lane runs eastbound and westbound on Turk Boulevard at Willard Street North. Speed Limit: 30 MPH.

There has been 1 reported vehicle-pedestrian collision resulting in a severe injury in the past 5 years at the intersection.

<b>HEARING NOTIFICATION AND PROCESSING NOTES:</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE BY:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> SFMTA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Pending
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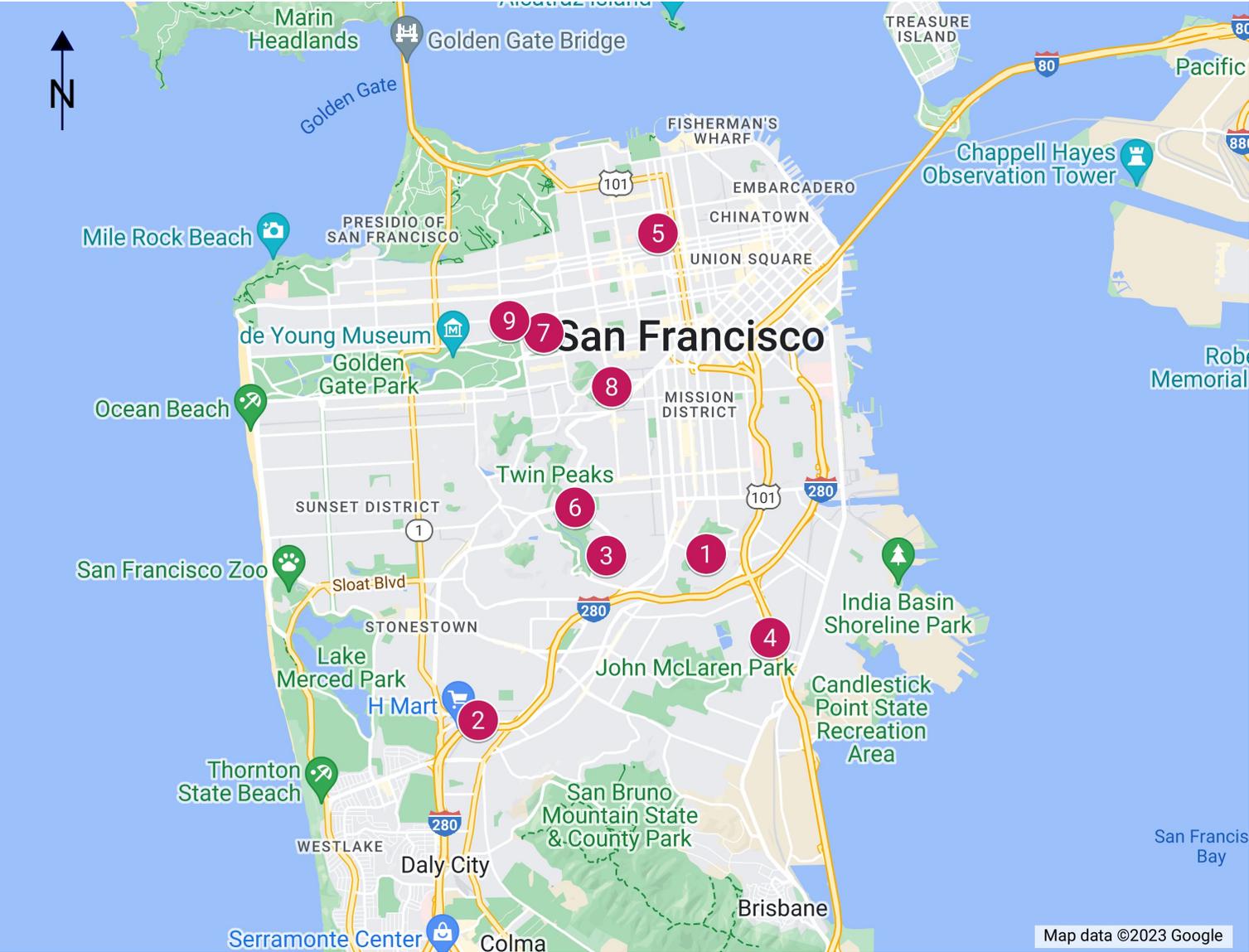
**CHECK IF PREPARING SEPARATE SFMTA BOARD CALENDAR ITEM FOR PROPOSAL:**

# FY21 Walkfirst RRFB Locations

RRFB Location

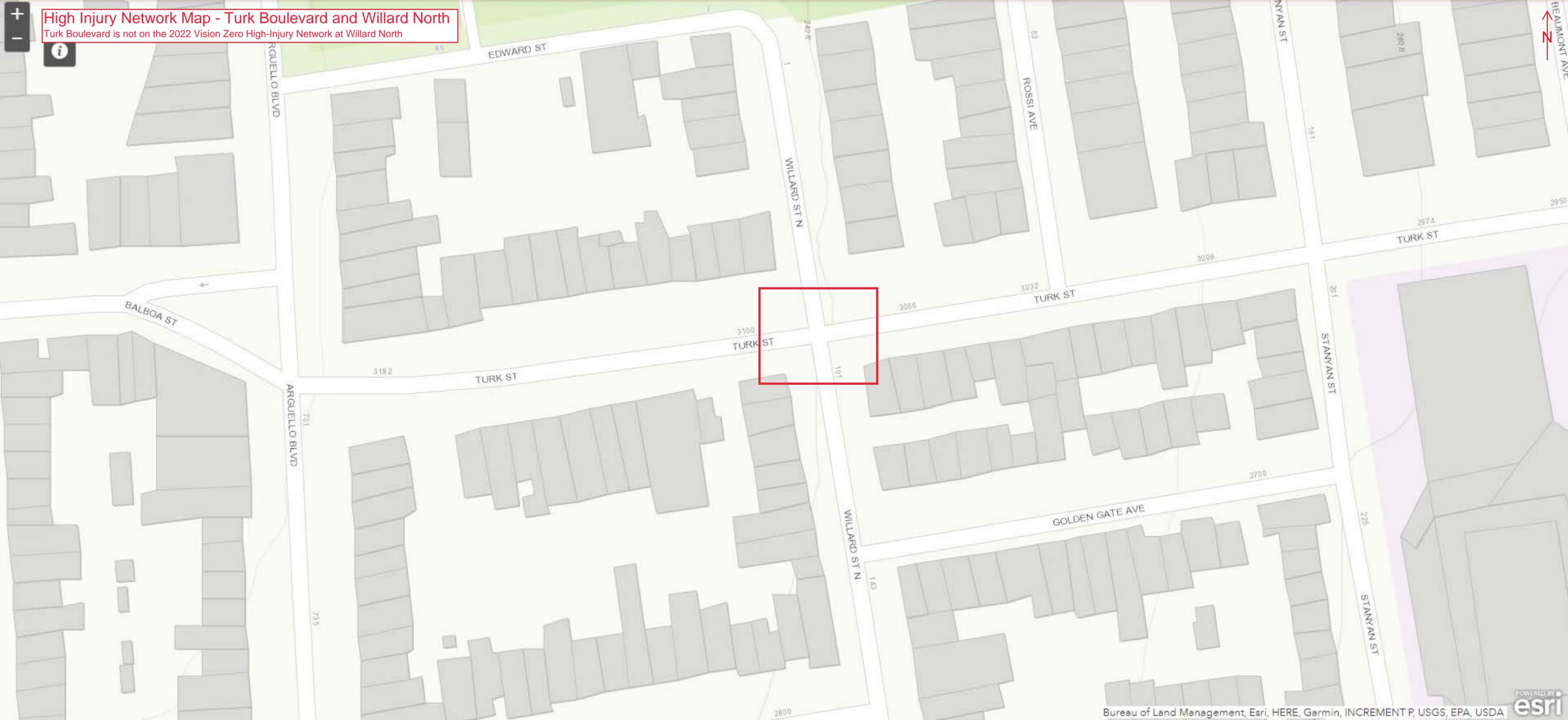
- 1 Cortland Avenue & Moultrie Street
- 2 Brotherhood Way at Alemany Boulevard and Sagamore Street
- 3 Diamond Heights Boulevard & Berkeley Way
- 4 San Bruno Avenue & Woolsey Street
- 5 Gough Street & Clay Street
- 6 Diamond Heights Blvd & Duncan St
- 7 Fulton Street & Clayton Street
- 8 Castro Street & Henry Street
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Turk Boulevard & Willard North

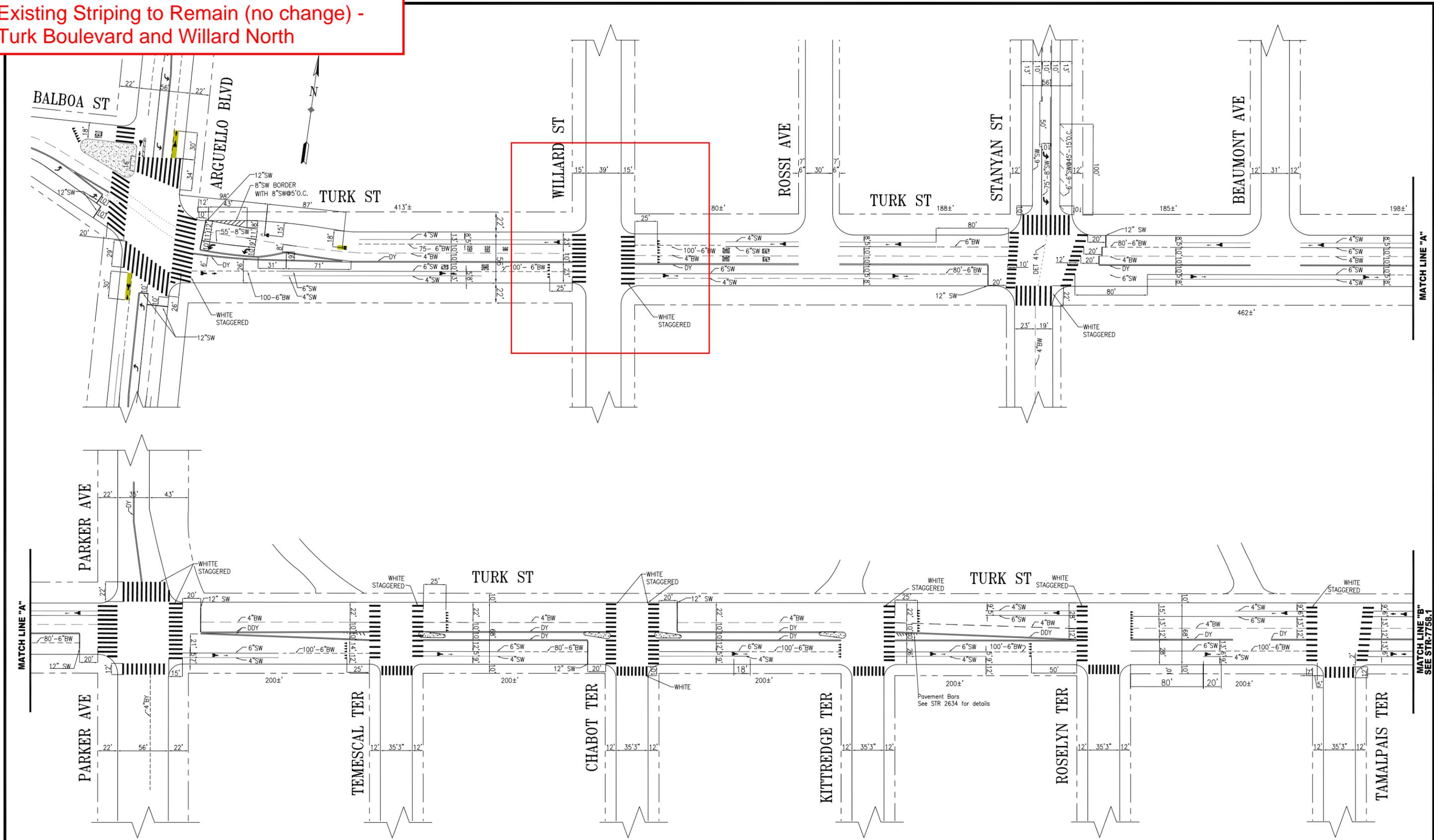




**High Injury Network Map - Turk Boulevard and Willard North**  
Turk Boulevard is not on the 2022 Vision Zero High-Injury Network at Willard North



Existing Striping to Remain (no change) - Turk Boulevard and Willard North



NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION	BY	APP
10/20/22		REMOVED CROSSWALK AND MOVED YIELD TEETH @ ROSELYN TER & KITTRIDGE TER	A. MATHEWS	M.SALLABERRY
10/08/21		ADDED YIELD TEETH AND MESSAGE ON BALBOA	J. TOM	E.TSUI
04/02/21		ADD ADV. LIMIT LINES & WHITE STAG CONTIS @ STANYAN, PARKER & CHABOT; PER FIELD: ADDED WHITE STAGGERED CONTIS @ TAMALPAIS	J.GARZEE	G.HO
09/26/19		ADD ADV. LIMIT LINES, REMOVED ISLAND, UPDATE WHITE STAGG. CONTIS, CONVERT GREEN BACK SHARROW @ ARGUELLO	C.BECK	M.SALLABERRY

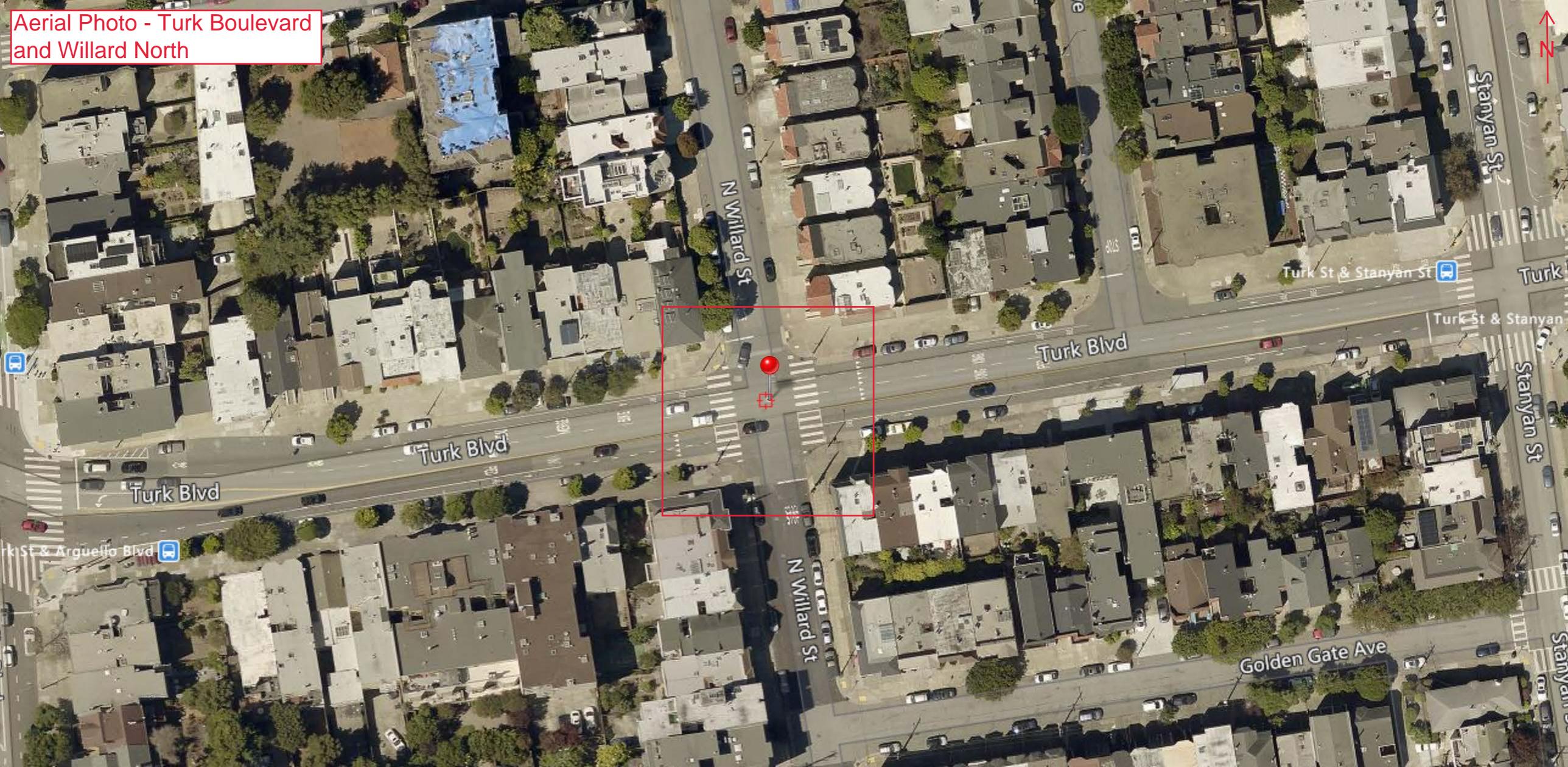


SUPERCEDES STR-7508		APPROVED <b>THOMAS P FOLKS 02/05/08</b>		SCALE: 1" = 50'
DRAWN: T. ABDALLAH	DATE: 02/2008	SENIOR ENGINEER	DATE:	SHEET/SHEETS: 1 OF 5
CHECKED: R. OLEA	DATE: 02/2008	<b>JACK L. FLECK 02/05/08</b>	CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER	DATE:

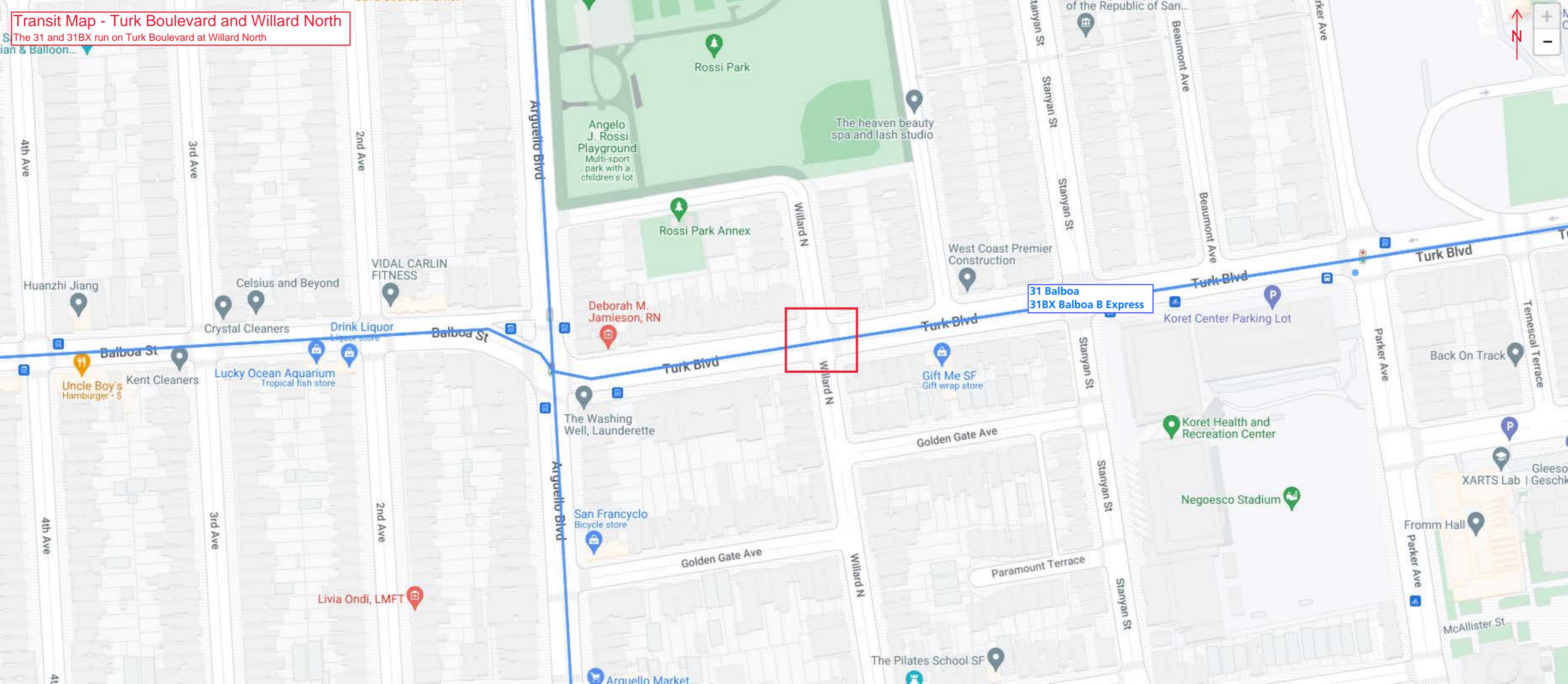
TRAFFIC STRIPING		CONTRACT NO.
TURK STREET ARGUELLO BOULEVARD TO TAMALPAIS TERRACE		DRAWING NO. STR-7758
		FILE NO.
		REV. NO. 10

FILE NAME:  
DATE: --/--

Aerial Photo - Turk Boulevard and Willard North and Willard North



**Transit Map - Turk Boulevard and Willard North**  
The 31 and 31BX run on Turk Boulevard at Willard North



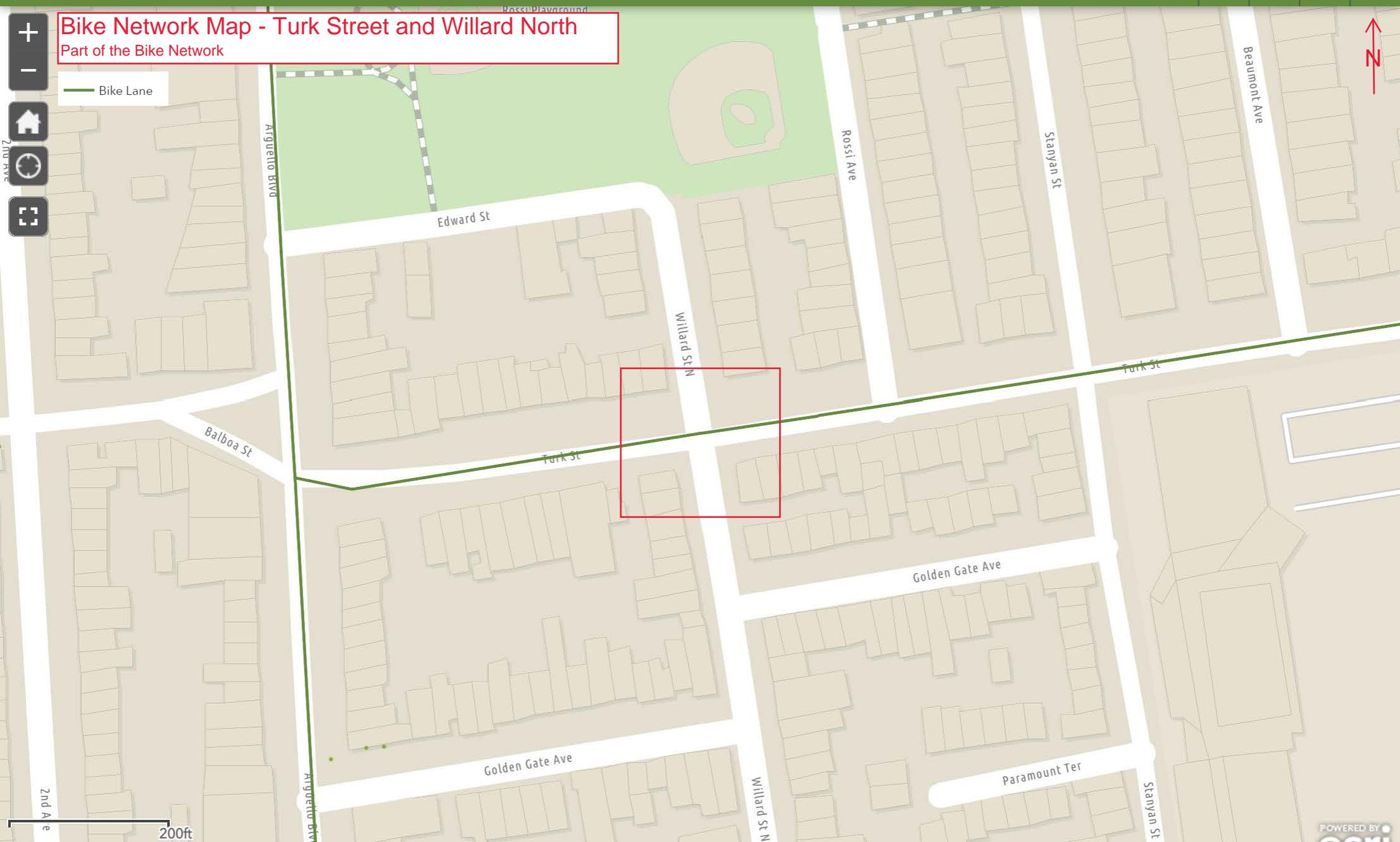
31 Balboa  
31BX Balboa B Express



Bike Network Map - Turk Street and Willard North  
Part of the Bike Network

Bike Lane

Map navigation controls: zoom in (+), zoom out (-), home, refresh, full screen



200ft scale bar

Street View - Turk Boulevard and Willard North  
Facing east



Street View - Turk Boulevard and Willard North  
Facing west



# TransBASE Internal Dashboard

Geographic Extent: 27207000: WILLARD ST NORTH at TURK BLVD

Spatial Intersect: SFMTA Intersection Related (<=20ft or <=150ft if Rear End)

Data Range: 04/01/2018 to 03/31/2023

Pull Date: 9/5/2023

## Collision/Party/Victim Table

Showing 1 to 1 of 1 entries

Count of Fatal Collisions: 0

Count of Non-Fatal Injury Collisions: 1

Total Count of Fatal/Non-Fatal Injury Collisions: 1

Case ID	Collision Date	Collision Time	Day of Week	Primary Road	Secondary Road	Distance	Direction	Party 1 Type	Party 1 Direction of Travel	Party 1 Movement Preceding Crash	Party 2 Type	Party 2 Direction of Travel	Party 2 Movement Preceding Crash	Vehicle Code Violation	Highest Degree of Injury	Type of Collision	Motor Vehicle Involved With	Hit and Run	Road Surface	Road Condition	Lighting
200734102	12/05/2020	17:39	Saturday	TURK BLVD	WILLARD ST NORTH	7	West	Driver	West	Proceeding Straight	Pedestrian	South	Not Stated	CVC 21950(a)	Injury (Severe)	Vehicle/ Pedestrian	Pedestrian	No	Dry	No Unusual Condition/ Not Stated	Dark - Street Lights

Summary: 1 severe injury collision involving a vehicle and pedestrian.

## Mathews, Alison

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**From:** Mathews, Alison  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2023 5:29 PM  
**To:** Roback, Soroush  
**Subject:** FW: File# 15741521

Remind me what the latest anticipated schedule is for RRFB installation at Turk/Willard North? I'm not able to access the Sharepoint/Teams folder to check.

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**From:** Drew Forrest <drewjforrest@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2023 5:25 PM  
**To:** Mathews, Alison <Alison.Mathews@sfmta.com>  
**Subject:** File# 15741521

EXT

Hi Alison,

I wanted to see if there was a date set for installation for the RRFB at Willard North and Turk? I was told you were the contact person. File number is 15741521.

Thanks!

-Drew (District 1 resident who lives near the intersection)

Sent from my 

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## Mathews, Alison

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**From:** Jacobson, Michael  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2022 1:24 PM  
**To:** Roback, Soroush; Mathews, Alison  
**Subject:** 311: RRFB at Turk/Willard N  
**Attachments:** 311: Turk/Willard North

Hi all,

This is a follow up from a 311-related email I sent to Alison on 9/7. I just received an email to the [TrafficCalmingApp@sfmta.com](mailto:TrafficCalmingApp@sfmta.com) address from Drew Forrest asking for an update. Let me know if you'd like me to provide the update or if you prefer to reach out to him. I will copy the original 311 below with my response (closed reason) and I will also forward you the email I received from him.

Case 15741521

### Case Details

Case Ref 15741521  
Classification City Services >> General Requests >> Request for City Services  
Associated with Intersection of TURK BLVD and WILLARD ST NORTH  
Title request\_for\_service

Description --- Caller is requesting a traffic calming solution for Willard North and Turk. Motorists come flying down Turk and there is no stop sign at Willard. Caller has reached out to Supervisor Chan twice, who had done nothing. Rossi Park is one block north of intersection and Roosevelt Middle is a few blocks further, then there is GGP park south of intersection. A lot of people walk in the area. You have to go into the street to be seen as a pedestrian to be seen by motorists and a lot of people dont have the mobility to do that.

Status Closed (Case Resolved)

Closed Reason Thank you for sharing your traffic safety concerns on Turk and Willard North. Livable Streets plans to install a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) at this location. No firm date has been set for installation, but we expect construction to begin in 2023. For more information please contact Alison Matthews.

More information regarding RRFB's can be found here:

[https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/ped\\_bike/step/docs/TechSheet\\_RRFB\\_508compliant.pdf](https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/ped_bike/step/docs/TechSheet_RRFB_508compliant.pdf)

Staff contact: [Alison.Matthews@sfmta.com](mailto:Alison.Matthews@sfmta.com)

Closed Date 7 Sep 22 17:21 (83 days ago)  
Created Date 26 Aug 22 09:44 (96 days ago)  
Created by Barbara Casey  
Raised by Drew Forrest (Voice In)

### Mike Jacobson

Transportation Planner  
Livable Streets



## Mathews, Alison

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**From:** Jacobson, Michael  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2022 1:25 PM  
**To:** Roback, Soroush; Mathews, Alison  
**Cc:** Traffic Calming Applications  
**Subject:** FW: #15741521

Fwd'ing you Drew's RRFB follow up email.

Best,  
Mike

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**From:** Drew Forrest <drewjforrest@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 23, 2022 3:59 PM  
**To:** Traffic Calming Applications <TrafficCalmingApp@sfmta.com>  
**Subject:** #15741521

EXT

Hi!  
I wanted to see if there was a date set for installation for the RRFB at Willard North and Turk? I was told you were the contact person. File number is 15741521.

Thanks!

-Drew (District 1 resident who lives near the intersection)

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## Mathews, Alison

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**From:** Qin, Simon  
**Sent:** Friday, February 3, 2023 4:22 PM  
**To:** Roback, Soroush; Mathews, Alison  
**Cc:** Tom, Jeffrey  
**Subject:** RE: RRFB Installations at Turk and N Willard

Thank you for that [Alison](#)!

[Soroush](#) yes I totally understand since this had been a popular repeat location for us at Ops as well. The most recent request was quite short, only one sentence long actually, from constituent Drew Forrest.

I just snipped it to attach to the email instead of sending the whole file.

### Citizen Request Information

<b>Description</b>	flashing beacons at Turk and Willard North.	<b>Location</b>	Intersection of TURK BLVD WILLARD ST NORTH
		<b>District</b>	Citywide

Regards,  
**Simon Qin**  
Office 415.6463229



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**From:** Roback, Soroush <[Soroush.Roback@sfmta.com](mailto:Soroush.Roback@sfmta.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 3, 2023 2:58 PM  
**To:** Mathews, Alison <[Alison.Mathews@sfmta.com](mailto:Alison.Mathews@sfmta.com)>; Qin, Simon <[Simon.Qin@sfmta.com](mailto:Simon.Qin@sfmta.com)>  
**Cc:** Tom, Jeffrey <[Jeffrey.Tom@sfmta.com](mailto:Jeffrey.Tom@sfmta.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: RRFB Installations at Turk and N Willard

When you get a moment, please share with us the request or 311 for our records. Turk/Willard N. is one of the popular locations. Maybe 3 or 4 311s already.

Thanks,  
Soroush

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**From:** Mathews, Alison <[Alison.Mathews@sfmta.com](mailto:Alison.Mathews@sfmta.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 3, 2023 2:22 PM  
**To:** Qin, Simon <[Simon.Qin@sfmta.com](mailto:Simon.Qin@sfmta.com)>; Roback, Soroush <[Soroush.Roback@sfmta.com](mailto:Soroush.Roback@sfmta.com)>  
**Cc:** Tom, Jeffrey <[Jeffrey.Tom@sfmta.com](mailto:Jeffrey.Tom@sfmta.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: RRFB Installations at Turk and N Willard

Hi Simon,

Yes, that's correct – this intersection is getting an RRFB. Schedule for implementation is still a bit TBD but we're working on it. Please let me know if you have additional questions!

-Alison

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**From:** Qin, Simon <[Simon.Qin@sfmta.com](mailto:Simon.Qin@sfmta.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 3, 2023 1:38 PM  
**To:** Roback, Soroush <[Soroush.Roback@sfmta.com](mailto:Soroush.Roback@sfmta.com)>; Mathews, Alison <[Alison.Mathews@sfmta.com](mailto:Alison.Mathews@sfmta.com)>  
**Cc:** Tom, Jeffrey <[Jeffrey.Tom@sfmta.com](mailto:Jeffrey.Tom@sfmta.com)>  
**Subject:** RRFB Installations at Turk and N Willard

Hi Soroush and Alison,

We recently received a request from constituents for additional traffic control devices at Turk Boulevard and North Willard Street.

I wanted to reach out and confirm from you that this location is getting an RRFB before responding to the constituent.

Thank you.

Best,  
**Simon Qin**  
Assistant Engineer  
Streets Division  
Office 415.6463229



San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency  
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th floor  
San Francisco, CA 94103



**Mathews, Alison**

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**From:** Olea, Ricardo  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 10:39 AM  
**To:** Roback, Soroush  
**Subject:** 311: Turk and Willard North

Soroush – Did this location make it to the RRFB list? Ricardo



**Date / Time: 2022-08-26 09:47:30.567**

**Service Request Number:  
15741521**

**Request for City  
Services**

**CUSTOMER CONTACT  
INFORMATION:**

Name: Drew Forrest  
Phone: 415-963-1540  
Address:  
Email: [drewjforrest@gmail.com](mailto:drewjforrest@gmail.com)

**DEPARTMENTS:**

Department: [\(help me choose\)](#) Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA)

Sub-Division:\* Livable Streets

Department Service Levels: The City's goal is to respond to these types of requests within 7-21 calendar days; 21 days for request for service; 7 days for all other categories.

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:**

**Point of Interest:**  
**Street Number:** INTERSECTION  
**Street Name:** TURK BLVD  
**Street Name 2:** WILLARD ST NORTH  
**City:** SAN FRANCISCO

**ZIP Code:** 94118  
**X coordinate:**  
**Y coordinate:**  
**Latitude:**  
**Longitude:**  
**CNN:**  
**Unverified Address:**

**ADDITIONAL LOCATION INFORMATION:**

Location Description:  
(e.g. 600-block of Market St. or in front of Main Library entrance)

**REQUEST DETAILS:**

Nature of Request:\* Request for Service

**ADDITIONAL REQUEST DETAILS:**

Additional Request Details: \* Caller is requesting a traffic calming solution for Willard North and Turk. Motorists come flying down Turk and there is no stop sign at Willard. Caller has reached out to Supervisor Chan twice, who had done nothing. Rossi Park is one block north of intersection and Roosevelt Middle is a few blocks further, then there is GGP park south of intersection. A lot of people walk in the area. You have to go into the street to be seen as a pedestrian to be seen by motorists and a lot of people dont have the mobility to do that.

Provided recap of SR to caller?:\* Yes

## Mathews, Alison

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**From:** Olea, Ricardo  
**Sent:** Monday, September 19, 2022 6:45 PM  
**To:** Roback, Soroush  
**Cc:** Banchemo, Rick; Jacobson, Michael  
**Subject:** Fwd: Customer traffic light request (case 674131)

Who can respond to this RRFB request?

Ricardo

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Banchemo, Rick" <Rick.Banchemo@sfmta.com>  
**Date:** September 19, 2022 at 6:35:30 PM PDT  
**To:** "Olea, Ricardo" <Ricardo.Olea@sfmta.com>  
**Cc:** "Mohamed, Kharima" <Kharima.Mohamed@sfmta.com>, "Rubio, Vanessa" <Vanessa.Rubio@sfmta.com>  
**Subject:** Customer traffic light request (case 674131)

Hello,

FYI

**Case: 674131**

**▼ Case Details**

Issue Category

Issue Subcategory

Category

Description I would like to request a flashing pedestrian light at the intersection on Stanyan between Turk and Fulton. These are dangerous i

Incident Date

Incident Time

**▼ Line and Vehicle (Asset) Details**

Transit Line

Location Details

**▼ Employee Details**

Operator ID

Contact

**▼ Investigation Details**

**▼ Key Dates & Resolution**

Date Received 9/19/2022

Initial Response Date 9/19/2022

**▼ Contact Information**

Contact Name Carolyn Glaser

Contact Email carolynglaser@hotmail.com

**▼ Case Attributes**

Case Number 674131

**Rick Banchero**  
Public Relations Officer  
Communications & Marketing Division





## CEQA Exemption Determination

### PROPERTY INFORMATION/PROJECT DESCRIPTION

<b>Project Address</b>		<b>Block/Lot(s)</b>
SFMTA_WalkFirst Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon Installation Fiscal		
<b>Case No.</b>		<b>Permit No.</b>
2023-006660ENV		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Addition/Alteration</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Demolition (requires HRE for Category B Building)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>New Construction</b>
<p><b>Project description for Planning Department approval.</b></p> <p>The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) proposes to install new Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) at nine intersections across San Francisco to improve pedestrian safety. RRFBs would be installed at the intersections of San Bruno Avenue at Woolsey Street, Brotherhood Way at Sagamore Street and Alemany Boulevard, Gough Street at Clay Street, Fulton Street at Clayton Street, Turk Boulevard at Willard North, Castro Street at Henry Street, Diamond Heights Boulevard at Duncan Street, Cortland Avenue at Moultrie Street, and Diamond Heights Boulevard at Berkeley Way. The proposed project (project) would involve the installation of new RRFB signal poles and foundations, pull boxes, and conduits. The project would also upgrade curb ramps in select locations, in addition to grade adjustment for select existing stormwater catch basins.</p> <p>Full project description attached below.</p>		

### STEP 1: EXEMPTION TYPE

<b>The project has been determined to be exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Class 1 - Existing Facilities.</b> Interior and exterior alterations; additions under 10,000 sq. ft.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Class 3 - New Construction.</b> Up to three new single-family residences or six dwelling units in one building; commercial/office structures; utility extensions; change of use under 10,000 sq. ft. if principally permitted or with a CU.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Class 32 - In-Fill Development.</b> New Construction of seven or more units or additions greater than 10,000 sq. ft. and meets the conditions described below:</p> <p>(a) The project is consistent with the applicable general plan designation and all applicable general plan policies as well as with applicable zoning designation and regulations.</p> <p>(b) The proposed development occurs within city limits on a project site of no more than 5 acres substantially surrounded by urban uses.</p> <p>(c) The project site has no value as habitat for endangered rare or threatened species.</p> <p>(d) Approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality.</p> <p>(e) The site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.</p> <p><b>FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING USE ONLY</b></p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Other</b> _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3)).</b> It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility of a significant effect on the environment. <b>FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING USE ONLY</b>

**STEP 2: ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING ASSESSMENT**

**TO BE COMPLETED BY PROJECT PLANNER**

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Air Quality:</b> Would the project add new sensitive receptors (specifically, schools, day care facilities, hospitals, residential dwellings, and senior-care facilities within an Air Pollution Exposure Zone? Does the project have the potential to emit substantial pollutant concentrations (e.g. use of diesel construction equipment, backup diesel generators, heavy industry, diesel trucks, etc.)? (refer to <i>The Environmental Information tab on the <a href="https://sfplanninggis.org/pim/">https://sfplanninggis.org/pim/</a></i>)</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Hazardous Materials:</b> If the project site is located on the Maher map or is suspected of containing hazardous materials (based on a previous use such as gas station, auto repair, dry cleaners, or heavy manufacturing, or a site with underground storage tanks): Would the project involve 50 cubic yards or more of soil disturbance - or a change of use from industrial to residential?</p> <p><b>Note that a categorical exemption shall not be issued for a project located on the Cortese List if box is checked, note below whether the applicant has enrolled in or received a waiver from the San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) Maher program, or if Environmental Planning staff has determined that hazardous material effects would be less than significant.</b> (refer to <i>The Environmental Information tab on the <a href="https://sfplanninggis.org/pim/">https://sfplanninggis.org/pim/</a></i>)</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Transportation:</b> Does the project involve a child care facility or school with 30 or more students, or a location 1,500 sq. ft. or greater? Does the project have the potential to adversely affect transit, pedestrian and/or bicycle safety (hazards) or the adequacy of nearby transit, pedestrian and/or bicycle facilities?</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Archeological Resources:</b> Would the project result in soil disturbance/modification greater than two (2) feet below grade in an archeological sensitive area or eight (8) feet in a non-archeological sensitive area? If yes, archeology review is required.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Subdivision/Lot Line Adjustment:</b> Does the project site involve a subdivision or lot line adjustment on a lot with a slope average of 20% or more? (refer to <i>The Environmental Information tab on the <a href="https://sfplanninggis.org/pim/">https://sfplanninggis.org/pim/</a></i>) <b>If box is checked, Environmental Planning must issue the exemption.</b></p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Average Slope of Parcel = or &gt; 25%, or site is in Edgehill Slope Protection Area or Northwest Mt. Sutro Slope Protection Area:</b> Does the project involve any of the following: (1) New building construction, except one-story storage or utility occupancy, (2) horizontal additions, if the footprint area increases more than 50%, or (3) horizontal and vertical additions increase more than 500 square feet of new projected roof area? (refer to <i>The Environmental Planning tab on the <a href="https://sfplanninggis.org/pim/">https://sfplanninggis.org/pim/</a></i>) <b>If box is checked, a geotechnical report is likely required and Environmental Planning must issue the exemption.</b></p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Seismic Hazard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Landslide or</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Liquefaction Hazard Zone:</b></p> <p>Does the project involve any of the following: (1) New building construction, except one-story storage or utility occupancy, (2) horizontal additions, if the footprint area increases more than 50%, (3) horizontal and vertical additions increase more than 500 square feet of new projected roof area, or (4) grading performed at a site in the landslide hazard zone? (refer to <i>The Environmental tab on the <a href="https://sfplanninggis.org/pim/">https://sfplanninggis.org/pim/</a></i>) <b>If box is checked, a geotechnical report is required and Environmental Planning must issue the exemption.</b></p>
<p><b>Comments and Planner Signature (optional):</b> Jennifer M Barbour Mckellar</p> <p>PLEASE SEE ATTACHED</p>	

**STEP 3: PROPERTY STATUS - HISTORIC RESOURCE  
TO BE COMPLETED BY PROJECT PLANNER**

<b>PROPERTY IS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:</b> <i>(refer to Property Information Map)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Category A:</b> Known Historical Resource. <b>GO TO STEP 5.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Category B:</b> Potential Historical Resource (over 45 years of age). <b>GO TO STEP 4.</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Category C:</b> Not a Historical Resource or Not Age Eligible (under 45 years of age). <b>GO TO STEP 6.</b>

**STEP 4: PROPOSED WORK CHECKLIST  
TO BE COMPLETED BY PROJECT PLANNER**

<b>Check all that apply to the project.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. <b>Change of use and new construction.</b> Tenant improvements not included.
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. <b>Regular maintenance or repair</b> to correct or repair deterioration, decay, or damage to building.
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. <b>Window replacement</b> that meets the Department's <i>Window Replacement Standards</i> . Does not include storefront window alterations.
<input type="checkbox"/>	4. <b>Garage work.</b> A new opening that meets the <i>Guidelines for Adding Garages and Curb Cuts</i> , and/or replacement of a garage door in an existing opening that meets the Residential Design Guidelines.
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. <b>Deck, terrace construction, or fences</b> not visible from any immediately adjacent public right-of-way.
<input type="checkbox"/>	6. <b>Mechanical equipment installation</b> that is not visible from any immediately adjacent public right-of-way.
<input type="checkbox"/>	7. <b>Dormer installation</b> that meets the requirements for exemption from public notification under <i>Zoning Administrator Bulletin No. 3: Dormer Windows</i> .
<input type="checkbox"/>	8. <b>Addition(s)</b> that are not visible from any immediately adjacent public right-of-way for 150 feet in each direction; does not extend vertically beyond the floor level of the top story of the structure or is only a single story in height; does not have a footprint that is more than 50% larger than that of the original building; and does not cause the removal of architectural significant roofing features.
<b>Note: Project Planner must check box below before proceeding.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Project is not listed. <b>GO TO STEP 5.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Project <b>does not conform</b> to the scopes of work. <b>GO TO STEP 5.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Project involves <b>four or more</b> work descriptions. <b>GO TO STEP 5.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Project involves <b>less than four</b> work descriptions. <b>GO TO STEP 6.</b>

**STEP 5: ADVANCED HISTORICAL REVIEW  
TO BE COMPLETED BY PRESERVATION PLANNER**

<b>Check all that apply to the project.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. <b>Reclassification of property status.</b> <i>(Attach HRER Part I)</i>  <input type="checkbox"/> Reclassify to Category A a. Per HRER b. Other <i>(specify):</i>  <input type="checkbox"/> Reclassify to Category C <i>(No further historic review)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Project involves a <b>known historical resource (CEQA Category A)</b> as determined by Step 3 and conforms entirely to proposed work checklist in Step 4.
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. <b>Interior alterations to publicly accessible spaces that do not remove, alter, or obscure character defining features.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	4. <b>Window replacement</b> of original/historic windows that are not "in-kind" but are consistent with existing historic character.
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. <b>Façade/storefront alterations</b> that do not remove, alter, or obscure character-defining features.

<input type="checkbox"/>	6. <b>Raising the building</b> in a manner that does not remove, alter, or obscure character-defining features.
<input type="checkbox"/>	7. <b>Restoration</b> based upon documented evidence of a building's historic condition, such as historic photographs, plans, physical evidence, or similar buildings.
<input type="checkbox"/>	8. <b>Work consistent</b> with the <i>Secretary of the Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties (Analysis required)</i> :
<input type="checkbox"/>	9. <b>Work compatible</b> with a historic district (Analysis required):
<input type="checkbox"/>	10. <b>Work that would not materially impair</b> a historic resource (Attach HRER Part II).
<b>Note: If ANY box in STEP 5 above is checked, a Preservation Planner MUST sign below.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Project can proceed with exemption review.</b> The project has been reviewed by the Preservation Planner and can proceed with exemption review. <b>GO TO STEP 6.</b>
<b>Comments (optional):</b>	
<b>Preservation Planner Signature:</b>	

**STEP 6: EXEMPTION DETERMINATION**  
**TO BE COMPLETED BY PROJECT PLANNER**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>No further environmental review is required. The project is exempt under CEQA. There are no unusual circumstances that would result in a reasonable possibility of a significant effect.</b>	
	<b>Project Approval Action:</b> City Traffic Engineer's Directive	<b>Signature:</b> Jennifer M Barbour Mckellar
		08/18/2023
	<p>Supporting documents are available for review on the San Francisco Property Information Map, which can be accessed at <a href="https://sfplanninggis.org/pim/">https://sfplanninggis.org/pim/</a>. Individual files can be viewed by clicking on the Planning Applications link, clicking the "More Details" link under the project's environmental record number (ENV) and then clicking on the "Related Documents" link.</p> <p>Once signed and dated, this document constitutes an exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines and Chapter 31 of the SF Admin Code. Per Chapter 31, an appeal of an exemption determination to the Board of Supervisors shall be filed within 30 days after the Approval Action occurs at a noticed public hearing, or within 30 days after posting on the Planning Department's website a written decision or written notice of the Approval Action, if the approval is not made at a noticed public hearing.</p>	

## **Step 2: Environmental Screening Comments**

The proposed project meets the definition of a class 1 (CEQA Guidelines section 15301) categorical exemption, as a minor alteration of an existing public structure, because it would install new Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) to improve pedestrian visibility and safety at nine intersections across San Francisco.

San Francisco Public Works Standard Construction Measures would be implemented, as applicable, as part of the project: (1) Seismic and Geotechnical Studies; (2) Air Quality; (3) Water Quality; (4) Traffic; (5) Noise; (6) Hazardous Materials; (7) Biological Resources; (8) Visual and Aesthetic Considerations (Project Site); and (9) Cultural Resources: Archeological Resources (Public Works Standard Archeological Measure I: Discovery during Construction) and Historic (Built Environment) Resources. Project-related physical environmental impacts would be less than significant.

None of the CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 exceptions apply to the proposed project.

## STEP 7: MODIFICATION OF A CEQA EXEMPT PROJECT

### TO BE COMPLETED BY PROJECT PLANNER

In accordance with Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code, when a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exempt project changes after the Approval Action and requires a subsequent approval, the Environmental Review Officer (or his or her designee) must determine whether the proposed change constitutes a substantial modification of that project. This checklist shall be used to determine whether the proposed changes to the approved project would constitute a "substantial modification" and, therefore, be subject to additional environmental review pursuant to CEQA.

### MODIFIED PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Modified Project Description:

### DETERMINATION IF PROJECT CONSTITUTES SUBSTANTIAL MODIFICATION

Compared to the approved project, would the modified project:

- |                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Result in expansion of the building envelope, as defined in the Planning Code;   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Result in the change of use that would require public notice under Planning Code Sections 311 or 312;  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Result in demolition as defined under Planning Code Section 317 or 19005(f)?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Is any information being presented that was not known and could not have been known at the time of the original determination, that shows the originally approved project may no longer qualify for the exemption? |

**If at least one of the above boxes is checked, further environmental review is required**

### DETERMINATION OF NO SUBSTANTIAL MODIFICATION

- |                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | The proposed modification would not result in any of the above changes. |
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If this box is checked, the proposed modifications are exempt under CEQA, in accordance with prior project approval and no additional environmental review is required. This determination shall be posted on the Planning Department website and office and mailed to the applicant, City approving entities, and anyone requesting written notice. In accordance with Chapter 31, Sec 31.08j of the San Francisco Administrative Code, an appeal of this determination can be filed to the Environmental Review Officer within 10 days of posting of this determination.

**Planner Name:**

**Date:**



Date: August 18, 2023  
To: Jennifer McKellar, San Francisco Planning Department  
From: Alison Mathews, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency  
Through: Forrest Chamberlain, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency  
Re: WalkFirst Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon Installation Fiscal Year 2021  
Case No.: 2023-006660ENV

### **Project Description**

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) proposes to install new Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) at nine intersections across San Francisco to improve pedestrian safety by alerting drivers that pedestrians are crossing the street. RRFBs would be installed at the intersections of San Bruno Avenue at Woolsey Street, Brotherhood Way at Sagamore Street and Alemany Boulevard, Gough Street at Clay Street, Fulton Street at Clayton Street, Turk Boulevard at Willard North, Castro Street at Henry Street, Diamond Heights Boulevard at Duncan Street, Cortland Avenue at Moultrie Street, and Diamond Heights Boulevard at Berkeley Way. The proposed project (project) would involve the installation of new RRFB signal poles and foundations, pull boxes, and conduits. The project would also upgrade curb ramps in select locations, in addition to grade adjustment for select existing stormwater catch basins.

At the intersection of San Bruno Avenue and Woolsey Street, one new RRFB signal pole would be installed on each corner (four new poles in total). One existing curb ramp on the northeast corner of the intersection would be upgraded.

At the intersection of Brotherhood Way at Sagamore Street and Alemany Boulevard, one new RRFB pole would be installed along the eastern side and one new RRFB signal pole would be installed on the western side on the median island (two new poles in total). One new pedestrian push button pole would be installed on the eastern side of the intersection. Partial curb ramp wing reconstruction would occur for two curb ramps.

At the intersection of Gough Street and Clay Street, one new RRFB signal pole would be installed at three of the four corners (three new poles in total). No new RRFB signal pole would be installed at the northwest corner of the intersection.

At the intersection of Fulton Street and Clayton Street, one new RRFB signal pole would be installed at

the northeast corner and one new RRFB signal pole would be installed at the southeast corner (two new poles in total). One streetlight pole would be installed on the southeast corner of the intersection, and one pedestrian push button pole would be installed on the northwest corner of the intersection.

At the intersection of Turk Boulevard and Willard North, one new RRFB signal pole would be installed at the northeast corner.

At the intersection of Castro Street and Henry Street, one new RRFB signal pole would be installed at the northeast corner.

At the intersection of Diamond Heights Boulevard and Duncan Street, one new RRFB signal pole would be installed at the northeast corner and one new RRFB signal pole would be installed at the southeast corner (two new poles in total). One dual streetlight pole would be installed within the median of the intersection.

At the intersection of Cortland Avenue and Moultrie Street, one new RRFB signal pole would be installed at the southwest corner. Curb ramps would be reconstructed on the northeast corner of the intersection. Two existing on-street metered parking spaces (approximately 20 feet each in length) would be removed to improve visibility of the new RRFBs.

At the intersection of Diamond Heights Boulevard and Berkeley Way, one new RRFB signal pole would be installed at the southwest corner and one new RRFB signal pole would be installed at the southeast corner (two new poles in total). Partial curb ramp reconstruction would occur for one curb ramp on the southwest corner of the intersection.

**Table 1 – Detailed Excavation Information Per Component**

<b>Component/Location</b>	<b>Excavation Depth (Feet)</b>	<b>Excavation Diameter (Feet-Inches)</b>	<b>Excavation (Cubic Yards)</b>
<b>San Bruno Avenue and Woolsey Street Intersection</b>			
One 1-A (15') signal pole adjacent to the crosswalk on the northwest corner	6'	2'6"	1.09
One 1-A (15') signal pole adjacent to the crosswalk on the northeast corner	6'	2'6"	1.09
One 1-A (15') signal pole adjacent to the crosswalk on the southwest corner	6'	2'6"	1.09
One 1-A (15') signal pole adjacent to the crosswalk on the southeast corner	6'	2'6"	1.09
<b>Brotherhood Way at Sagamore Street and Alemany Boulevard Intersection</b>			
One 1-A (15') signal pole on a median island adjacent to the west side of the crosswalk	6'	2'6"	1.09

<b>Component/Location</b>	<b>Excavation Depth (Feet)</b>	<b>Excavation Diameter (Feet-Inches)</b>	<b>Excavation (Cubic Yards)</b>
One 1-A (15') signal pole on the sidewalk in advance of the crosswalk on the east side of the intersection	6'	2'6"	1.09
One pedestrian push button pole on the sidewalk adjacent to east side of the crosswalk	1'6"	1'6"	.10
<b>Gough Street and Clay Street Intersection</b>			
One 1-A (15') signal pole adjacent to the crosswalk on the northeast corner	6'	2'6"	1.09
One 1-A (15') signal pole adjacent to the crosswalk on the southwest corner	6'	2'6"	1.09
One 1-A (15') signal pole adjacent to the crosswalk on the southeast corner	6'	2'6"	1.09
<b>Fulton Street and Clayton Street Intersection</b>			
One pedestrian push button pole adjacent to the crosswalk on the northwest corner	1'6"	1'6"	.10
One 1-A (15') signal pole adjacent to the crosswalk on the northeast corner	6'	2'6"	1.09
One 1-A (15') signal pole near the crosswalk on the southeast corner	6'	2'6"	1.09
One streetlight pole adjacent to the crosswalk on the southeast corner	9'	2'6"	1.64
<b>Turk Boulevard and Willard North Intersection</b>			
One 1-A (15') signal pole adjacent to the crosswalk on the northeast corner	6'	2'6"	1.09
<b>Castro Street and Henry Street Intersection</b>			
One 1-A (15') signal pole adjacent to the crosswalk on the northeast corner	6'	2'6"	1.09
<b>Diamond Heights Boulevard and Duncan Street Intersection</b>			
One 1-A (15') signal pole adjacent to the crosswalk on the northeast corner	6'	2'6"	1.09
One 1-A (15') signal pole adjacent to the crosswalk on the southeast corner	6'	2'6"	1.09
One dual streetlight pole within the median on the east side of the intersection	9'	2'6"	1.64
<b>Cortland Avenue and Moultrie Street Intersection</b>			

<b>Component/Location</b>	<b>Excavation Depth (Feet)</b>	<b>Excavation Diameter (Feet-Inches)</b>	<b>Excavation (Cubic Yards)</b>
One 1-A (15') signal pole adjacent to the crosswalk on the southwest corner	6'	2'6"	1.09
<b>Diamond Heights Boulevard and Berkeley Way Intersection</b>			
One 1-A (15') signal pole adjacent to the crosswalk on the southwest corner	6'	2'6"	1.09
One 1-A (15') signal pole adjacent to the crosswalk on the southeast corner	6'	2'6"	1.09

The following proposed project locations are adjacent to historic resources:

- Gough/Clay streets intersection (historic buildings on adjacent block/lots 0617/008-010)
- Castro/Henry streets intersection (historic building on adjacent block/lot 3540/092)
- Diamond Heights Boulevard/Duncan Street intersection (historic buildings on adjacent block/lots 7515A/001-012 and 7504A/005-018; these buildings comprise part of the Diamond Heights Historic District)

The proposed work would be carried out by SFMTA and San Francisco Public Works crews, in addition to a licensed contractor managed by San Francisco Public Works with funding/oversight from SFMTA. Construction is anticipated to last approximately three months at each intersection. San Francisco Public Works Standard Construction Measures would be implemented, as applicable, as part of the project: (1) Seismic and Geotechnical Studies; (2) Air Quality; (3) Water Quality; (4) Traffic; (5) Noise; (6) Hazardous Materials; (7) Biological Resources; (8) Visual and Aesthetic Considerations (Project Site); and (9) Cultural Resources: Archeological Resources (Public Works Standard Archeological Measure I: Discovery during Construction) and Historic (Built Environment) Resources. Contractors would use concrete saws and jackhammers but no pile-drivers. The project would not result in the removal of any existing trees or on-street loading spaces.

There are no past, present or reasonably foreseeable projects within the vicinity of each of the proposed project sites that would combine with the project to result in a cumulative impact.

## **Attachments**

Attachment A: WalkFirst FY21 Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon Location Map

Attachment B: Site Plans

## **Approval Action**

The project would be approved by the City Traffic Engineer's Directive, which does not occur at a noticed public hearing. Therefore, as defined by San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 31, Sections 31.04(h)(2) and 31.08(g), the Approval Action for the purpose of CEQA would be the posting of the date of the Engineer's Directive on the Planning Department website. The Approval Action starts the 30-day exemption appeal period.