M Ocean View Transit & Safety Project

SFMTA CAC

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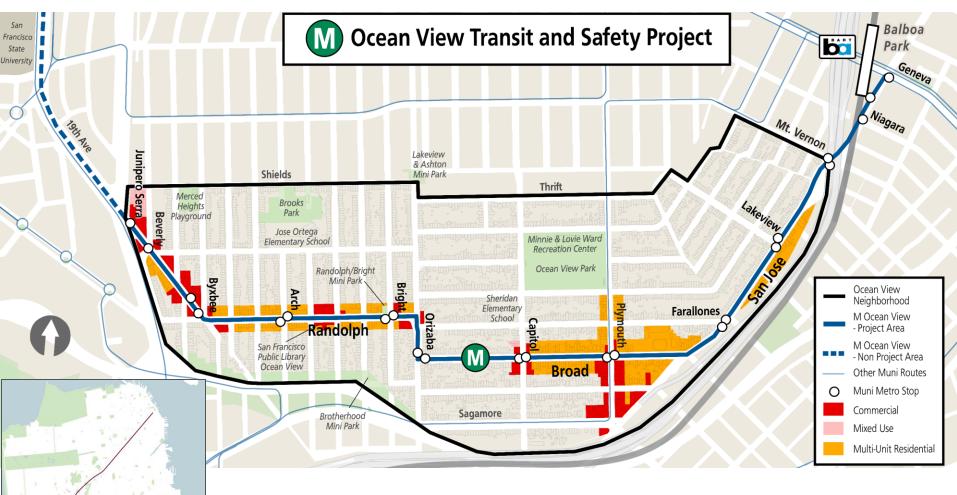
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About the project

- Part of Muni Forward
  - Over 80 miles of transit reliability upgrades built

- Fully-funded capital project on the M line in Ocean View to improve:
  - Reliability and travel time
  - Muni accessibility
  - Traffic safety

- Over 30,000 daily M riders
  - Over 16,000 ride from Ocean View

- Supports Muni Service Equity Strategy

Project boundaries

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Legend:
- Ocean View Neighborhood
- M Ocean View - Project Area
- M Ocean View - Non Project Area
- Other Muni Routes
- Muni Metro Stop
- Commercial
- Mixed Use
- Multi-Unit Residential

Focuses on improvements along the M line from **Junipero Serra Blvd** to **Balboa Park BART Station**
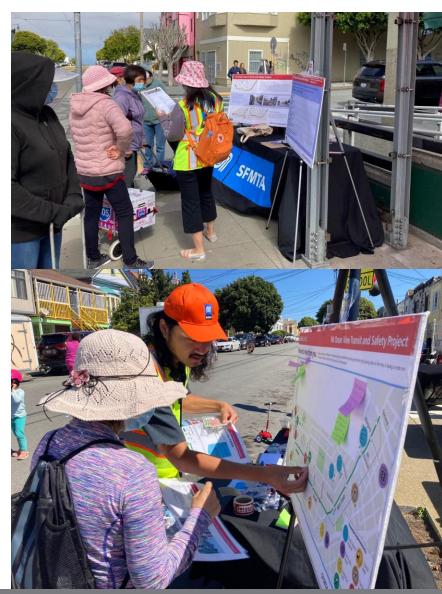
Project background – challenges

- Narrow streets, frequent stop signs and other obstacles impact transit reliability
  - Train averages 9 mph, with some segments even slower
  - 15-20% of trains are delayed by 5 minutes or more

- Many M Ocean View stops within the corridor lack boarding areas, forcing riders to enter and exit the train from the street

- Randolph St and 19th Ave are part of San Francisco's High-Injury Network
  - 62 injury collisions in past 5 years
  - 26 involved someone walking
  - 10 involved rider getting on/off Muni

Community engagement

- Community feedback and data analysis is helping shape improvements

- What we've heard:
  - Train stops don't feel safe and lack basic amenities
  - Riders want faster and more reliable Muni service
  - People walking need safety improvements
  - Cars often speed on San Jose Ave
  - Losing parking is a concern
  - Stunt driving is a common occurrence
  - Many stops do not have accessible boarding areas
  - Removing stops at Orizaba/Broad would make it harder to get to the future library on Brotherhood Way
  - New traffic signals on Randolph at Ramsell & Victoria could encourage speeding and cause congestion on side streets

What we're proposing

Transit stop spacing changes on 19th Ave and San Jose Avenue to help speed up the train

Transit lanes on San Jose Avenue to protect trains from future traffic congestion and to reduce speeding

Wider sidewalk or boarding islands at train stops that help slow down traffic and provide room for potential shelters, seating, landscaping and other amenities to provide safer, more comfortable waiting area

Wider sidewalks at corners to slow down turning vehicles and increase visibility of people crossing the street

High-visibility crosswalks

Maintain parking where possible while ensuring a safe, accessible boarding experience by designing sidewalk extensions at stops

Special intersection treatments to help reduce stunt driving

What we're proposing

Wheelchair-accessible transit platforms at San Jose/Niagara

Upgrading pedestrian and boarding conditions at Orizaba/Broad and Bright/Randolph instead of consolidating the stops

Traffic signals designed to maximize pedestrian safety and keep traffic moving at a safe, steady speed

Adding stop signs at uncontrolled intersections to promote slower driving speeds and safer pedestrian crossings

Removing low-ridership stops at San Jose/Mt. Vernon

Right-sizing wide intersections at 19th Ave/Randolph and San Jose/Broad
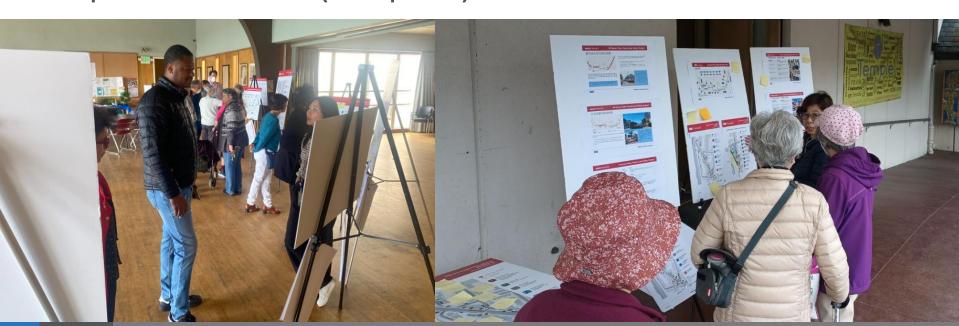
Potential additional project features

High-quality streetscape elements at bulbs

Attractive seating

New shelters next to ped-scale lighting

Attractive landscaping

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Proposal overview

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- **Spring – Summer 2022:** initial public outreach and engagement (complete)

- **Summer – Fall 2022:** address what we heard and share initial proposals (complete)

- **Spring 2023:** share refined proposals and gather more public feedback (complete)

Timeline / next steps

- **Summer 2023:** share final proposals and hold public hearing August 25 – September 8 to gather additional feedback (ongoing)

- **Fall 2023:** SFMTA Board consideration

- **Winter 2024:** quick-build initial improvements

- **Winter 2024-Summer 2026:** detailed project design

- **Fall 2026:** begin full construction

Thank You

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