

Vision Zero Quick-Build Project Updates

October 2019

Recently Completed

6th Street

Quick-build improvements took shape last month along 6th Street as part of the 6th Street Pedestrian Safety Project, ahead of the streetscape project that will begin in 2020. Improvements installed include painted safety zones, left turn restrictions, and a travel lane reduction in the southbound direction.



Next Up for Construction

5th Street

The 5th Street Improvement Project was approved at the SFMTA Board of Directors Meeting on September 17, 2019. Construction will start 6 weeks after approval to bring quick-build improvements in advance of the long term project, which involves upgrading intersections and building concrete buffers beginning 2021. Soon, this project will implement protected bike lanes from Market Street to Townsend Street, as well as various pedestrian safety and traffic calming improvements throughout the corridor.



Under Construction

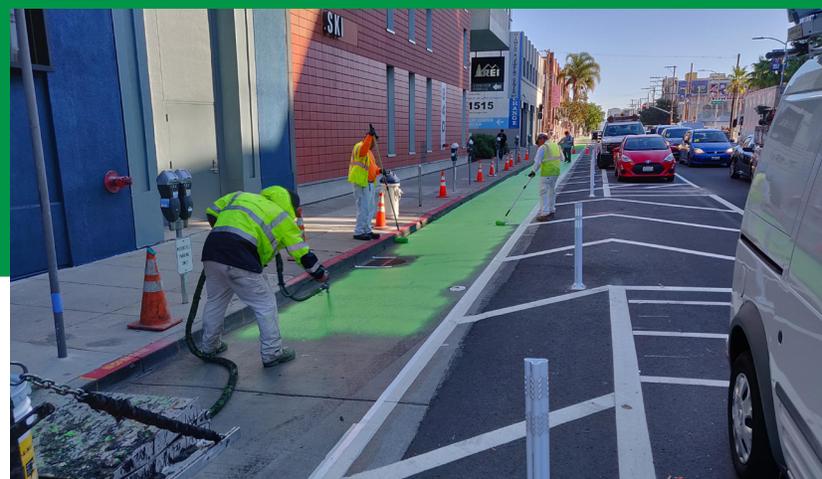
Townsend Street

The Townsend Corridor Improvement Project has been in construction since September 2019 to build a block-long sidewalk island between 4th Street and 5th Street, upgrade bike lanes to protected bikeways, and better organize transit and loading activities. Given the complexity of this street and intensive utilities coordination, construction is expected to last through Winter 2020.



Brannan Street

The Brannan Street Safety Project is currently converting four vehicle travel lanes to one lane in each direction, a center turn lane, signal timing changes, and new bike lanes where there was previously no bike facilities at all. Crews are working block-by-block from The Embarcadero to Division Street with anticipated completion in November 2019.



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Brannan Street

The Brannan Street Safety Project completed traffic safety improvements along its entire corridor stretching from The Embarcadero to Division Street earlier this month following a San Francisco Public Works street repaving project. The project converted a previously four-lane street into a new two-lane street with a center turn lane and bike lanes. The block between 7th Street and 8th Street also features a parking-protected bikeway.



Under Construction

5th Street

The 5th Street Improvement Project began construction of quick-build safety improvements 40 days after it received project approvals at the SFMTA Board of Directors Meeting on September 17, 2019 and is expected to last through the next few months. Once completed, 5th Street will feature new protected bikeways with bike signals from Market Street to Townsend Street, as well as transit boarding islands that will serve five Muni bus routes.



Indiana Street

The Indiana Street project has begun construction to create a safe and comfortable connection for those biking in the Dogpatch neighborhood, as well as people who travel from the Bayview and Mission Bay neighborhoods. When completed this month, the project will establish bike lanes on Indiana Street from 23rd Street to Cesar Chavez, where there are currently no bike facilities.



Next Up for Public Hearing

On December 11, 2019, the SFMTA and the Office of District 6 Supervisor Matt Haney will host an open house to gather public input on the proposed 7th Street and Howard Street quick-build projects. Both are located in the South of Market neighborhood and will introduce bicycle, transit, pedestrian, and vehicle changes to improve safety for all road users. Pending approvals, these projects are scheduled to begin construction in Spring 2020.

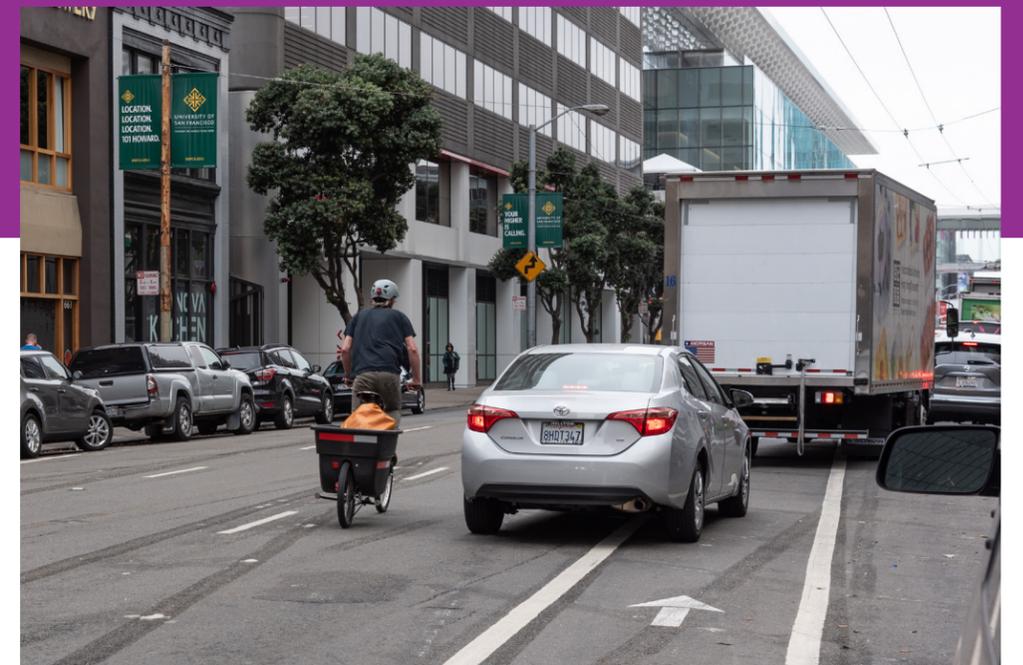


7th Street

The SFMTA is currently working on implementing quick-build traffic safety improvements on 7th Street between Folsom Street and Townsend Street, as the 7th Street Quick-Build Safety Project. This project completes the buildout of protected bikeways along the entire length of the 7th Street and 8th Street couplet, an effort that began in 2016. Proposed improvements also include transit boarding islands, one bus stop relocation for the Muni 19 Polk route, signal timing changes, and curb management changes.

Howard Street

The Howard Street Quick-Build Project proposes to connect existing parking-protected bikeways on Howard Street between 11th Street and 3rd Street to the Embarcadero. Currently, the existing bike lane requires bicyclists to ride between vehicle traffic and parked vehicles and is frequently blocked by delivery trucks and vehicles picking up and dropping off passengers. The project will include a parking-protected bike lane, an increase in yellow loading zones, and pedestrian safety improvements.



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Indiana Street

The Indiana Street Bikeway Project installed new bike lanes on Indiana Street from Cesar Chavez to 25th Street, including a section that features a two-way protected design. North of that, the roadway also includes upgraded sharrow markings and speed humps to deter speeding.

Previously, there were no bike lanes on this part of Indiana Street. These new improvements provide a better, well-connected bike facility, not only for those in the Dogpatch neighborhood, but also for those who travel from the Bayview and Mission Bay neighborhoods.

Ongoing Construction

5th Street

Construction of the 5th Street Improvement Project continues. This month, city crews implemented curbside protected bikeways on the northern segment of the project extents, which in whole span from Market Street to Townsend Street. After quick-build protected bikeways are completed, the project team will coordinate the interagency effort of delivering transit boarding islands to add further bikeway protection and ease transit operations.



Recently Approved

On December 11, 2019, the SFMTA and the Office of District 6 Supervisor Matt Haney hosted an open house to gather public input on the proposed 7th Street and Howard Street quick-build projects. Submitted feedback was reviewed by each project team and the City Traffic Engineer, with project approvals following shortly thereafter.

Howard Street

In early 2020, the Howard Street Quick-Build Project will install a parking-protected bike lane, more yellow loading zones, and pedestrian safety improvements. When it is complete, this project will connect existing parking-protected bikeways on Howard Street between 11th Street and 3rd Street to the Embarcadero.

7th Street

Beginning Spring 2020, the SFMTA will implement a parking-protected bikeway on 7th Street between Folsom Street and Townsend Street as the 7th Street Quick-Build Safety Project. This project will also install transit boarding islands, one bus stop relocation for the Muni 19 Polk route, signal timing changes, and curb management changes.



Townsend Street

Project elements are taking shape as the Townsend Corridor Improvement Project proceeds. With new accessible curb ramps recently built around the Caltrain Station, city crew members are now actively working midblock to connect the block-long sidewalk island, which extends eastward from 4th Street and westward from 5th Street. After that, crews will focus on construction of the street itself to make the surface smooth and more capable of bearing heavy traffic loads, including buses, that the corridor demands.