

Octavia 'Open Street' Project Evaluation Summary

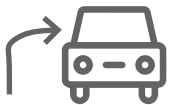
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In late 2019, the SFMTA implemented a street closure to provide an open space on Octavia Street, adjacent to Patricia Green. The changes involved a street closure and limited vehicle access on Octavia Street between Linden and Hayes streets to create a safer travel conditions around Patricia Green. The project was in response to long-standing requests from residents to calm traffic and create more public space around Hayes Valley's central gathering area.



The open space area allows for pedestrian and bike travel only. Additional changes included improvements for people walking at Hayes and Octavia. A contraflow bike lane was added on Hayes Street to support the connect onto Octavia Street's existing bike route.

Evaluation Findings



Right turning vehicles yielded to pedestrians during **all observations** when turning onto Linden Street.



There was an average **38 percent increase** in bicycle counts. The largest increase was during the evening hours, where there was an increase of 108 percent following project implementation.



Vehicle speeds on Linden Street have generally remained the same post-project installation. The number of vehicles on Linden Street between Octavia to Gough doubled following the road closure on Octavia Street.



55 percent of observed bikes were biking in the contraflow bike lane, while 43 percent were biking in the roadway with vehicles.

Date of Completion

- Late 2019

Project Extents

- Octavia Street (adjacent to Patricia Green)

Data Collection Time Frames

- Pre- project data collection: November 2019
- Post- project data collection: February 2020

Project Elements

- Street closure
- Bicycle paths
- Intersection safety improvements

Key Evaluation Metrics

- Bicycle counts
- Vehicle counts and speeds
- Bicycle positioning
- Vehicle yielding behavior
- Parking/Loading behavior