

# CALIFORNIA STREET SAFETY PROJECT



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The California Street Safety Project implemented a road diet on California Street between Arguello and Park Presidio boulevards in summer 2020 to improve safety. The street is on the city's high-injury network and also had frequent collisions involving Muni buses due to its narrow travel lanes.

The street was converted from four travel lanes to three, with a center lane for left turns. Other improvements included intersection daylighting, continental crosswalks and more time for people walking to cross the street at traffic signals.



## PROJECT FINDINGS - AT A GLANCE



Injury Collisions

There was a **64% decrease in injury collisions** in the year following project implementation



Muni Collisions

**Collisions involving Muni buses on California declined by 95%** in the 18 months after project implementation



Close Calls at Intersections

"Close calls" when vehicles fail to yield to people walking were reduced



Vehicle Speeds

Vehicle travel speeds remained similar to pre-project conditions



Vehicle Volumes

Total daily vehicle volumes remained similar to pre-project conditions, while peak period volumes decreased somewhat



Transit Performance

Transit travel times increased slightly in the project area, by 6% in the morning peak and 12% in the evening peak

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## Project Location

California Street from Arguello Boulevard to Park Presidio Boulevard

## Date of Implementation

June 2020

## Project Elements

- Removal of one vehicle travel lane in each direction
- Addition of center left turn lane
- Safety improvements for people walking, including advanced limit line and high visibility crosswalks
- Signal timing adjustments to increase crossing time for people walking and reduce impacts to traffic
- Wider lanes to reduce bus sideswipe collisions

## Key Evaluation Metrics

- Injury collisions
- Transit-involved collisions
- Driver yielding behavior to people walking
- Vehicle volumes, speed and travel time
- Transit travel time



*Before: Four narrow travel lanes.*



*After: Three travel lanes and upgraded crosswalk striping.*

## NEXT STEPS



The project team is working to identify potential modifications to the project to continue to address transit travel time impacts, improve pedestrian visibility and further enhance the safety benefits of the project.

While this project is a quick-build project primarily focused on improving safety within the project corridor, Muni's 1 California is a high priority line for future Muni Forward investments, which will allow continued focus on improving transit travel times, reliability and safety.

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