

Vision Zero Quick-Build Program Update

MTA Board of Directors Meeting May 18, 2021 Vision Zero SF is the city's commitment to creating safer, more livable streets with the goal of eliminating all traffic fatalities and reducing severe injuries.



Multi-Department, Citywide Policy





SFUSD

Accelerate Safety Improvements

Accelerate proven systemwide tools

Exhaust authority and innovate to lower speeds

Re-design streets on the HIN

High Injury Network (168 Centerline miles)
Complete (31 miles; 19%)
Under Construction (22 miles; 13%)
In Design or Planning (29 miles; 17%)
Community of Concern



80+ miles of corridor improvements on the High-Injury Network (HIN) completed/ in planning/in construction

March 2019

• Mayor Breed & SFMTA Board of Directors (MTAB) challenges staff to deliver safety improvements faster

"the SFMTA will develop a policy that requires SFMTA staff to move forward with quick, near-term safety enhancements on high injury corridors, including paint, safety posts, and temporary sidewalk extensions"

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Vision Zero Quick-Build Program turns 2



Quick-Build Program

Traffic safety improvements that are

- Easy to implement
- Lower cost
- Adjustable/reversible
- Design, construct, and evaluate more nimbly and iteratively





Quick-Build Improvements

Typical quick-build improvements include:



Parking and loading changes



Signal timing changes



Transit stop changes





Projects to Date



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6th Street



Indiana Street





Taylor Street



Beale Street



California Street



Howard Street





Evans Avenue & Hunters Point Boulevard



Two Years of Quick-Builds

Transit Boarding Islands



Painted Safety Zones

New or Upgraded Bikeways





12+ miles



86+

Project Results

Drivers traveling over 40 mph decreased by 94% along Taylor Street

Bicycle use increased by 52% along 7th Street

Time spent on loading activities reduced by 76% on 6th Street

SFMTA.com/SafeStreetsEvaluation





Project Results

Transit Boarding Islands

Safer interactions between large vehicles and people biking

Easier to navigate for transit operators

Travel time savings

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Program Successes

- ¹ Iterative design: streamlined delivery and thorough evaluation
- ² Flexibly respond to community-identified traffic safety needs
- ³ Mobilize quickly for construction coordination opportunities
- 4 Maximize use of local funding for traffic safety improvements



QUICK-BUILDS VS STREETSCAPE PROJECTS



Lessons Learned

- ¹ Time and resources for quality outreach and design remain critical.
- ² Design and construction staff capacity allow delivery of approximately 10 quick-build projects per year.
 - ³ Quick-build is not the end. Major capital investments are needed too.



2021 Look Ahead

- Accelerating programmatic spot improvements
- Pair targeted education campaigns with quick-build projects
- Develop more robust outreach capabilities and strengthen relationships with CBOs



Image of educational poster where improvement is installed

Legislative Update (State)

SFMTA leading efforts and working closely with our CaCTI coalition to advance the following speed management bills in the State Legislature:

AB 550 (Chiu): Speed Safety Cameras – SF sponsoring

- Would allow five cities (SF, Oakland, SJ, LA, Glendale) to implement 5-year speed safety camera pilot programs on local streets
- Includes robust equity and privacy protections
- Includes metrics that the program must meet to continue operating
- Status: Passed Assembly Transportation Comm 13-0, pending Assm Appropriations Comm

AB 43 (Friedman): Speed Limit Setting – SF sponsoring

- Would allow more flexibility for how speed limits are set, including on the High Injury Network, in business districts, and near vulnerable populations
- Status: Passed Assembly Transportation Comm (15-0), passed Assembly Appropriations Comm (15-1), pending vote on Assembly Floor



Legislative Update (Federal)

Advocating for Vision Zero grant and project funding and supportive policy changes within these federal efforts:

- American Jobs Plan Infrastructure Package (introduced)
- Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Appropriations (Fall 2021)
- FAST Act Reauthorization (Fall 2021)
- Congressional Earmarks (ongoing)
- Updates to Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)



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