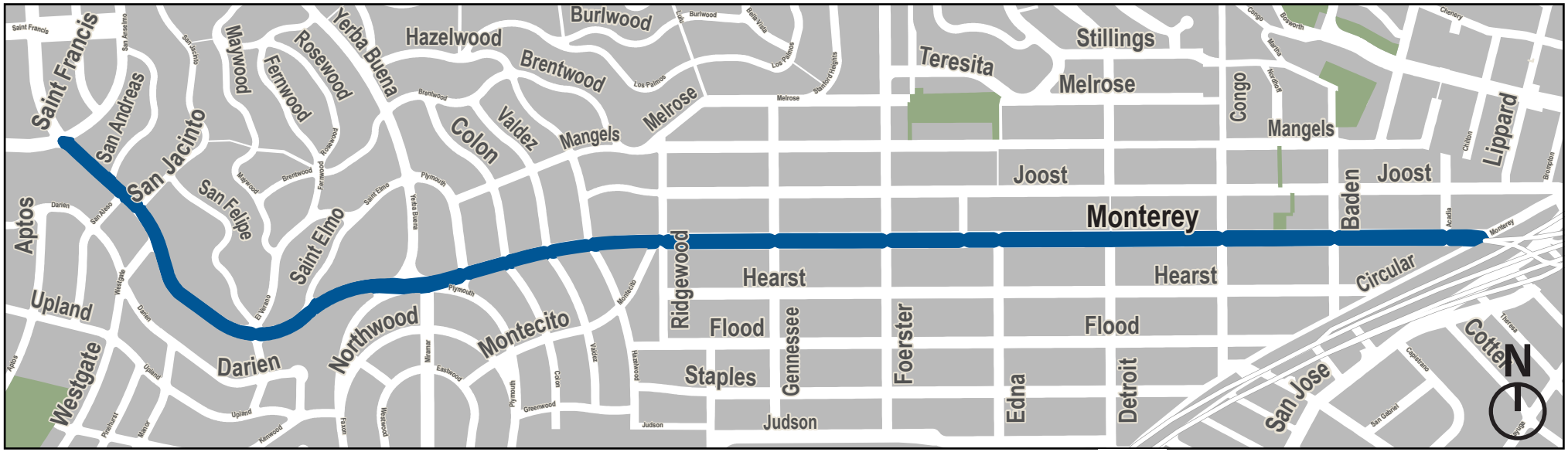
Monterey Boulevard Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project

Design Information - December 2025

This document provides general information on the design planned for Monterey Boulevard that is associated with the Monterey Boulevard Pedestrian Safety Improvement project. For more information on the project, please visit **SFMTA.com/MontereySafety**.

Project Area

The project area is 1.7 miles in length and spans between San Anselmo Avenue and Circular Avenue. Below is a map showing the project area with a blue line.



The project will install the following traffic striping design elements (items 1 - 4) and is proposing to install a traffic control device (item 5) to improve pedestrian safety on Monterey Boulevard:

1. Narrowing of the existing vehicle lanes between Circular Avenue to Ridgewood Avenue
2. Painted safety zones at several intersections
3. Advanced limit lines at several intersection approaches
4. Crosswalk upgrades from standard to continental at several intersections
5. A rectangular rapid flashing beacon (RRFB) at the intersection of Monterey Boulevard and Acadia Street

The following pages showcase where each of these elements will be located, as well as a description of them and how they function.

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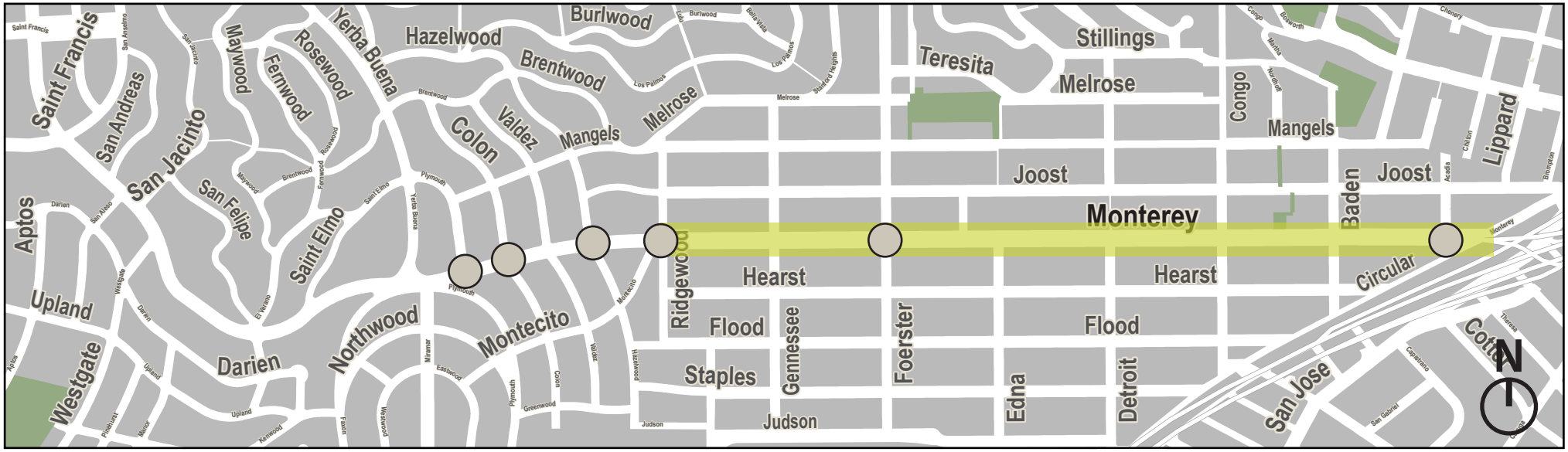
Design Element 1 - Narrowing Existing Vehicle Travel Lanes

Vehicle travel lanes will not be added or removed, only narrowed, meaning the lanes will be less wide in length. When vehicle lanes are wider, drivers tend to feel more comfortable traveling at higher speeds. By reducing the lane widths, drivers perceive the roadway as more constrained, prompting them to slow down and pay closer attention. Lower speeds not only decrease the likelihood of collisions but also reduce the severity of them when they occur. The area which will have the vehicle travel lanes narrowed on Monterey Boulevard is between Circular Avenue and Ridgewood Avenue, and it is denoted in the map below in a yellow highlight ( ). This is a traffic striping element of the design and it is planned for installation in early 2026.



Design Element 2 - Painted Safety Zones (PSZs)

Painted safety zones, or PSZs, are painted areas that wrap around sidewalk corners to make pedestrian crossings safer. They use khaki-colored paint and flexible safe-hit posts and act as curb extensions. They visually narrow the roadway, improve pedestrian visibility at the crosswalk, and slow driver turning speeds. PSZ locations are shown in the map with this symbol ( ). They will be installed at the intersections of Plymouth Avenue, Colon Street, Hazelwood Avenue, Ridgewood Avenue, Foerster Street, and Acadia Street. This is a traffic striping element of the design and it is planned for installation in early 2026.

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Design Element 3 - Advanced Limit Lines

As seen in the image to the right, advanced limit lines, or stop bars, are solid white lines placed several feet before crosswalks and indicate where a vehicle is supposed to stop at the intersection in compliace with a stop sign or signal. They provide extra space between stopping vehicles and pedestrians in the crosswalk, while also increasing visibility between pedestrians and drivers. Locations of this element are shown in ths map with this symbol (▯). They will be installed at the intersections of Plymouth Avenue, Miramar Avenue, Ridgewood Avenue, Congo Street, and Baden Street. This is a traffic striping element of the design and it is planned for installation in early 2026.

Design Element 4 - Continental Crosswalks

As seen in the image above, continental crosswalks use high-visibility white bars to clearly define pedestrian crossing areas. Locations with standard crosswalks will be upgraded to coninental and those with continental will be refreshed with new paint. Continental crosswalk locations (new or refresh) are shown in the map with this symbol (●). They will be installed at the intersections of San Anselmo Avenue, El Verano Way/Northgate Driver, Saint Elmo Way, Colon Avenue, Valdez Avenue, Hazelwood Avenue, Ridgewood Avenue, Gennessee Street, and Edna Street. This is a traffic striping element of the design and it is planned for installation in early 2026.

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Design Element 5 - Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon

Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs), a traffic control device, are pedestrian-activated warning devices that use rapidly flashing LED lights to alert drivers to people crossing. Installed only at uncontrolled marked crosswalks (not at signals or stop-controlled intersections), RRFBs significantly increase driver yielding rates by drawing attention to pedestrian activity. When an RRFB is activated, California law requires drivers to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk, stopping if necessary to allow them to cross safely. Locations of this element are shown in ths map with this symbol (▭). A RRFB is proposed to be installed at the intersection of Monterey Boulevard and Acadia Street. This is a traffic control device element of the design. This design element requires approval, so an engineering public hearing will be held. After the hearing, the City Traffic Engineer will review comments heard at the public hearing and make a determination on whether or not to approve the installation of this traffic control device.

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