The 6th Street Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project (Project) proposes to improve the street right-of-way, sidewalk configuration, and travel patterns for vehicles on 6th Street from Market Street to Bryant. This corridor has the highest concentration of severe and fatal pedestrian injuries in the City and the central goal of this project is to create a safe and inviting pedestrian environment.

This proposal is the result of a comprehensive community outreach process that began based on the recommendations of the WalkFirst pedestrian safety initiative. The Project corridor is on the high injury network (HIN) and is a key location in the City’s focus on Vision Zero – the City’s goal of reducing all traffic deaths to zero by 2024. The primary goals of the Project are as follows:

1. Reduce pedestrian collisions on 6th Street
2. Improve pedestrian crossings of 6th Street at all intersections
3. Calm motor vehicle traffic
4. Improve safety and comfort for people on bikes
5. Create a safe and inviting public space

The central component of this project is a suite of proposed pedestrian safety and streetscape improvements on 6th Street from Market Street to Bryant Street including pedestrian safety bulb-outs, raised crosswalks, landscaping, and streetscape improvements. On 6th Street between Market Street and Howard Street, sidewalks on both sides of the street will be widened and corner bulb-outs will shorten crossing distances for pedestrians. The 2 lanes of vehicle traffic in each direction on 6th Street between Market Street and Bryant Street will be reduced to 1 lane in each direction. On 6th Street between Folsom Street and Bryant Street, the Project will remove peak-hour towaway lanes that restrict parking from 7-9AM and 3-7PM and restore full-time parking lanes.

To address the stated goals, the Project that will be analyzed in the EIR includes the following elements:

- Road diet from 4 lanes to 2 lanes on 6th Street from Market Street to Bryant Street (leaving one lane of vehicle traffic in each direction at all times)
- Removal of peak-hour towaway lanes on 6th Street in the north and southbound directions between Folsom Street and Bryant Street
- Sidewalk widening and streetscape improvements on 6th Street from Market Street to Howard Street with concrete corner bulb-outs at all intersections
- Concrete corner bulb-outs at the intersections of 6th Street/Folsom Street and 6th Street/Harrison Street
- Raised crosswalks at all alleyway intersections with 6th Street between Market Street and Folsom Street
- New bikeway facility from Market Street to Folsom Street
- Improvements to street lighting, landscaping and sidewalk furniture
- Traffic signal timing changes to accommodate pedestrian crossings and slow vehicle travel speeds
- Changes to parking and loading
- New traffic signals at 6th Street/Stevenson Street and at 6th Street/Natoma Street
Right-lane-must-turn-right restricted lanes for northbound vehicles on 6th Street approaching Bryant Street and Folsom Street

New left-turn pocket and left-turn signal for northbound vehicles on 6th Street turning left onto Harrison Street

New right-turn pockets for northbound vehicles on 6th Street turning right onto Market Street and Mission Street (the Market Street right turn will be for commercial vehicles and taxis only)

New right-turn pockets for southbound vehicles on 6th Street turning right onto Mission Street and Howard Street

New left-turn pocket for southbound vehicles on 6th Street turning left onto Folsom Street and Bryant Street

PROJECT SCHEDULE

2. Detailed Design: 9/2017 – 9/2018
3. Construction: 9/2018 – Fall 2019

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EXISTING STREET SECTIONS

6th Street between Market Street and Howard Street:

6th Street between Howard Street and Bryant Street:
DRAFT PROPOSED STREET SECTIONS

6th Street between Market and Howard Street:

6th Street between Howard Street and Folsom Street:

6th Street between Folsom Street and Bryant Street: