6th Street Pedestrian Safety Project

SFMTA Board of Directors
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Commitment to Vision Zero

Strategic Goal 1.1
Achieve Vision Zero by eliminating all traffic deaths

- 13% of the city’s street miles
- 75% of all severe and fatal injuries
- 77% of all pedestrian severe and fatal injuries
- 71% of all cyclist severe and fatal injuries
- 75% of all vehicle severe and fatal injuries
Ending traffic injuries and fatalities starts on 6th Street

A person is hit by a car EVERY 16 DAYS on 6th Street

Half of all collisions between Market and Howard Streets involved a pedestrian
Commitment to equity

Vulnerable Communities
- Seniors and youth
- People with disabilities
- People with low income
  - People of color
  - Immigrants
- People who don’t speak English
- Homeless or marginally housed residents

Vulnerable Road Users
- People walking
- People bicycling
- People motorcycling

6th Street neighborhood within 2 blocks
- 40% live in poverty
- 1/3 are seniors and/or differently abled
- 1/2 are persons of color
Work to date
PROJECT GOALS

1. Improve safety for all street users, including pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists
2. Create a safe and inviting public space for all people who live, work, or visit 6th Street.

More work is needed on 6th Street
**A INSTALL ALLEY TRAFFIC SIGNALS**
- Stevenson Street and Natoma Street (existing signals at Minna and Jessie)
- Provide safe place to cross at alleyways, where people are crossing 6th Street today
- Timed with other lights to create safe and calm flow of traffic

**B NEW PEDESTRIAN LIGHTING**
- New sidewalk lighting on 6th Street from Market Street to Folsom Street and on Stevenson Alley west of 6th Street
- Improve pedestrian experience at night

**C INSTALL NEW CROSSWALKS**
- At Stevenson, Jessie, Minna, and Natoma (with new signals)
- Increase the number of safe crossing opportunities across 6th

**D WIDEN SIDEWALKS**
- Install 15 foot wide sidewalks on both sides of 6th Street from Market St to Howard St (shown in yellow)
- Decrease sidewalk congestion and clutter
- Increase pedestrian capacity and public open space

**E STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS**
- Roadway paving
- New sidewalk paving
- Updated landscaping (new palm trees)
- String lights

**F CORNER BULBOUTS**
- Shorten crossing distances for people crossing 6th by 20 feet (shown at street corners in yellow)
- Reduce speeds of turning vehicles
- Increase sidewalk space
Prioritizing pedestrian safety
Mitigating traffic
Listening to community needs
Project alternatives and trade-offs
6th Street: a safe and inviting public space
Thank you