

Vision Zero Quick-Build Project Updates

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Updates Regarding COVID-19

For the duration of the public health emergency related to COVID-19, SFMTA staff are continuing to advance quick-build projects and minimize disruption as much as possible. Staff may be working with limited capacity, restricted in their field operations, or functioning as Disaster Service Workers.

To get the most up to date information, please check our regularly updated webpage at [SFMTA.com/COVID19](https://sfmta.com/COVID19). You can also view citywide updates at sf.gov/topics/coronavirus-covid-19.

Preparing for Implementation

The Embarcadero

In partnership with the Port of San Francisco, the SFMTA will begin construction of The Embarcadero Quick-Build projects in mid-June. These projects will change the way people travel on the waterfront and mark a pivotal starting point in creating a safer environment for all.

The Embarcadero Quick-Build projects will be built in three key areas:

- The Pier 35 Quick-Build between Bay and North Point streets will establish a new protected bikeway to reduce conflicts between bikes and passenger loading activities at the Pier 35 Cruise Terminal. The flexible design will also accommodate unique loading demands for cruise calls and other large-scale events that are major components of the Pier’s maritime activities.
- From Mission to Folsom streets, the Ferry Terminal Quick-Build will construct a water-side, two-way protected bikeway to improve safety for all users and enhance connections to the ferry terminal from the South of Market (SOMA) neighborhood. This two-way protected bikeway will be a preview of the Embarcadero Enhancement Project’s planned safety improvements for the remainder of the corridor.
- The Rincon Restaurant Zone, from Harrison Street to Folsom Street, will also establish a protected bikeway for northbound bicyclists and expand capacity for commercial and passenger loading. Bicyclists will be able to travel seamlessly and safely into more areas of the City. The protected bikeway will also reduce potential conflicts between all forms of transportation on the Promenade.

For more information, visit sfmta.com/embarcadero.



Under Construction

7th Street

The 7th Street Safety Project (Phase 3) has started construction to complete traffic safety improvements for all road users along the corridor. This is an effort to install project elements approved in late 2019, including protected bikeways and parking & loading changes. This project was presented to the public as part of the District 6 Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Open House in December.

Construction started this month and will be completed on a block-by-block basis, starting from Townsend Street at the southern end to Harrison Street at the northern end. The block from Harrison Street to Folsom Street is tentatively scheduled to start later in the summer and will be closely coordinated with adjacent institutions. Installation of transit boarding islands will also begin at a later date.

For more information about the project, including project visuals, visit sfmta.com/7th.

A Year in Quick-Builds

San Francisco has a strong foundation of support for traffic safety through the city’s Transit First Policy, Vision Zero, and numerous other efforts. SFMTA’s Vision Zero Quick-Build Program furthers that commitment. Kickstarted in 2019, Mayor London Breed challenged the SFMTA to streamline and quicken the pace of project delivery for traffic safety improvements and to construct 20 miles of protected bikeways by 2021.

On June 4, 2019, the MTA Board of Directors officially approved transportation code amendments to support quick-build safety projects. Staff quickly mobilized to put increased emphasis on quick-build projects and fully invest in the program.

During its first year, the Vision Zero Quick-Build program:

- Completed 8 projects along high-injury corridors
- Installed 10 miles of quick-build improvements throughout the city

Currently, there are 18 projects in progress for 2020 and 2021 – ultimately, this will create over 50 miles of quick-build improvements across San Francisco.

As we celebrate our first year, we thank you for your continued support and interest in the program. We look forward to continuing the program’s success in 2020 and beyond.

