

Vision Zero Quick-Build Project Updates

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Recently Completed

Third Street Bridge

A two-way protected bikeway has been installed on the Third Street Bridge crossing Mission Creek, closing the critical gap between the existing protected two-way bikeway on Terry Francois Boulevard and the San Francisco Bay Trail. The bridge connection can also be reached by the newly constructed contraflow protected bikeway on nearby Berry Street. Together, these recent improvements enhance access to the waterfront and strengthen the city’s bikeway network.



Recent Outreach

Folsom Street

The Folsom Street Quick-Build project is an effort to improve traffic safety and comfort for all people traveling along Folsom Street between 2nd Street and 5th Street by implementing cost-effective and temporary design treatments that can be installed quickly.

This month, the project team held a virtual engineering public hearing for a two-week period to solicit feedback regarding the design proposals. Like the SFMTA’s in-person open houses, visitors to the interactive, online event were able to learn more about the project such as the schedule, analysis, and other aspects through virtual informational boards. The public also had the opportunity to review the proposed design, ask questions via email, and leave a public comment about the project. Project staff responded to questions and comments received and posted responses posted back to the Virtual Public Hearing webpage for all to see.

To view the virtual public hearing page, visit: sfmta.com/FolsomQBHearing

Responding to COVID-19

Since March 2020, the COVID-19 emergency has significantly impacted San Francisco’s transit system and required the SFMTA to reduce transit service. With Muni service reduced, many San Francisco residents walk, bike, or take other travel modes to make essential trips. However, members of the public cannot safely and practically maintain the six feet of social distance required by the city’s Public Health Order on many sidewalks, park paths, and bikeways. The SFMTA is pursuing strategies to enable safe and essential travel that are in alignment with the agency’s Transportation Recovery Plan (TRP).

Jones Street

The Tenderloin neighborhood has been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, particularly low-income residents, seniors, and transit-dependent people. To create more space for physical distancing, the SFMTA has implemented a four-block temporary project on Jones Street from O’Farrell Street to Golden Gate Avenue, removing one travel lane and one parking lane on the east side of the street.

These changes provide expanded and protected walking space for pedestrians and those making essential trips. In addition, the Play Streets effort will fully close entire blocks on Saturdays to give kids and their parents/guardians safe space to play. The SFMTA is also coordinating with local restaurants to develop a Shared Spaces plan to support small businesses.



Fell Street

In response to the increase usage of the Panhandle Path during the COVID-19 pandemic, the SFMTA installed a temporary parking-protected bikeway on Fell Street between Baker Street and Shrader Street to create additional space on the roadway for socially distanced essential travel and exercise.

By creating more space on the roadway that is comfortable for bicyclists to use, more bicyclists may choose to ride on the roadway instead of the Panhandle Path, providing relief to the volume of users on the Panhandle Path. The addition of the parking-protected bikeway is needed for essential walk and bike travel while transit service levels are temporarily reduced. The 7X Noriega Express normally runs on Fell Street, but due to COVID-19, there is currently no Muni service here.



Quick-Build Project Summary Table



Corridor	Scope	Next Milestone	Expected Completion
Complete			
3rd Street (Berry to Terry Francois)	Protected bikeway		Completed 7/2020
6th Street (Market to Folsom)	Lane reduction, painted safety zones, left turn restrictions in advance of larger project to install sidewalk widening and signals		Completed 9/2019
7th Street (Townsend to 16th)	Protected bikeway		Completed 7/2019
Brannan Street (Embarcadero to Division)	Bike lanes in advance of larger project to install sidewalk widening, raised bikeways, protected intersection		Completed 11/2019
California Street (Arguello to 18th)	Daylighting, advanced limit lines, crosswalk upgrades		Completed 7/2020
Howard Street (3rd to 6th)	Protected bikeways, curb management		Completed 4/2019
Indiana Street (24th to Cesar Chavez)	Protected bikeways, traffic calming, painted safety zones		Completed 11/2019
Market Street (Octavia to Steuart)	Car-free street, transit-only lane, bike improvements, curb management in advance of larger project to install raised bikeways, sidewalk widening		Completed 1/2020
Mission Street (Trumbull to Geneva) Geneva Avenue (Mission to Prague)	Daylighting, painted safety zones, curb management, transit stop changes		Completed 7/2020
Taylor Street (Market to Sutter)	Lane reduction, painted safety zones, protected left turn, left turn restriction in advance of larger project to install sidewalk widening		Completed 6/2019
Terry Francois Boulevard (Mariposa to Mission Bay)	Protected bikeways, curb management		Completed 8/2019
Under Construction			
3rd Street (Mission to Townsend)	Transit-only lane, painted safety zones, ped head start, transit stop changes in advance of larger project	Complete construction	Summer 2020
5th Street (Market to Townsend)	Protected bikeways, bike signals, transit boarding islands in advance of larger project to install raised bikeways	Complete design of transit boarding islands and median islands	Fall 2020
7th Street (Folsom to Townsend)	Protected bikeway, boarding islands, lane reduction, bike signals, curb management, transit stop changes	Complete construction of boarding islands and median islands	Fall 2020
The Embarcadero (Bay to North Point) The Embarcadero (Mission to Harrison)	Protected bikeways	Complete construction	Summer 2020
Townsend Street (3rd to 8th)	Protected bikeways, pedestrian walkways, transit boarding islands, transit stop changes	Complete construction	Summer 2020
Design in Process			
Alemanya Boulevard (Stoneybrook to Putnam)	Protected bikeways	Preparing for construction	2021
Beale Street (Market to Natoma)	Protected bikeways, transit-only lane, curb management in advance of larger project to install sidewalk widening	Begin construction	Fall 2020
Evans Avenue/Hunters Point Blvd/Innes Avenue (Jennings to Donahue)	Protected bikeways, lane reduction, painted safety zones, crosswalk upgrades, traffic calming	Ongoing outreach and design	Winter 2020
Folsom Street (2nd to 5th)	Protected bikeways, transit boarding islands, daylighting, advanced limit lines, curb management	Ongoing outreach and design	Winter 2020
Howard Street (Embarcadero to 3rd)	Protected bikeway, transit boarding islands, lane reduction, curb management	Complete design of transit boarding islands; Begin construction	Winter 2020
Valencia Street (19th to Cesar Chavez)	Protected bikeways, curb management, school boarding island	Preparing for project approvals	Winter 2020
Project Scope in Development			
Bayshore Boulevard (Oakdale to Industrial)	Design scope in development	Ongoing outreach and scope development	2021
Evans Avenue (Cesar Chavez to 3rd)	Design scope in development	Ongoing outreach and scope development	2021
Golden Gate Avenue (Market to Polk)	Design scope in development	Ongoing outreach and scope development	2021
Leavenworth Street (McAllister to O'Farrell)	Design scope in development	Ongoing outreach and scope development	2021
Williams Avenue (3rd to Vesta/Phelps)	Design scope in development	Ongoing outreach and scope development	2021