

# **Evans Avenue Quick-Build Project**

Improving Transportation Safety on Evans Avenue from Cesar Chavez to 3<sup>rd</sup> streets

### **Project Overview**

Evans Avenue, between Cesar Chavez and 3rd streets, consists of two travel lanes in both the eastbound and westbound directions. The average traffic on a weekday ranges from about 12,000 vehicles per day (near 3<sup>rd</sup> Street) to 23,000 (near Cesar Chavez Street).

The 19 Polk Muni bus serves this corridor and connects to additional Muni lines such as: T Third, 15 Bayview Hunters Point Express, 44 O'Shaughnessy, and 91 3rd/19th Avenue Owl. Evans Avenue is also a bike route on this stretch, connecting to bike lanes south of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and on Cesar Chavez Street.



This segment of Evans Avenue is in the Bayview neighborhood and home to commercial retail, light and heavy industrial, and city department activities. There are six new developments along the corridor either planned, under construction or recently opened. These projects include:



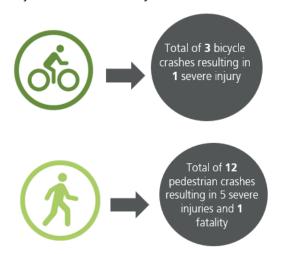
- **A.** PUC City Distribution Division (scheduled completion date 2027)
- **B.** SFPD Traffic Company and Forensic Services Division (scheduled completion date October 2021)
- C. DHSS Navigation Center (open)
- **D.** PUC Biosolids Digester Facilities Project (completion date 2026)
- E. PUC Southeast Treatment Plant Headworks Facility Project (completion date 2024)
- **F.** PUC Southeast Community Center (completion date 2022)

#### Safety on Evans Avenue

In addition to increased activity within the area, Evans Avenue is part of <u>San Francisco's Vision Zero High Injury Network</u>, which means 75% of the city's traffic injuries and fatalities occur on just 13% of San Francisco streets.

From 2015 to 2020, 81 traffic collisions have been reported on Evans Avenue between Cesar Chavez and 3<sup>rd</sup> streets.

Three of these involved a person on a bicycle, resulting in one severe injury. 12 involved a pedestrian, resulting in five severe injuries and one fatality.





Quick-build projects are adjustable and reversible traffic safety improvements that can be installed relatively quickly. Unlike major capital projects that may take years to plan, design, bid and construct, quick-build projects are buildable within months and are intended to be evaluated and reviewed within 24 months of construction.

Typical quick-build improvements include:

- Road diet (i.e. remove one or two travel lanes)
- Paint, traffic delineators, and street signs
- Parking and loading adjustments
- Traffic signal timing
- · Transit boarding islands

#### **Project Benefits**

Improvements within the project area will increase safety for all users of Evans Avenue whether they drive, walk, bike, or ride Muni and support the City's Vision Zero goal to eliminate traffic deaths.

#### **Next Steps**

The SFMTA has developed three design concepts to improve transportation safety along Evans from Cesar Chavez to 3<sup>rd</sup> streets. Now, SFMTA staff is gathering community feedback through a survey to understand which improvements will move forward as part of the Evans Avenue Quick-Build.



## **Stay Informed**

To learn more about the project and sign up to receive updates, visit

SFMTA.com/EvansQuickBuild. If you have questions or want to provide feedback about the project, contact Adrienne Heim at Adrienne.Heim@sfmta.com, 415.646.2564.

#### **Survey and Project Timeline**

You can take the survey by visiting

SFMTA.com/EvansSurvey or place your cell phone camera over the QR code. The survey will be open until May 21, 2021.



Current outreach efforts are anticipated to continue through May 2021. Staff will analyze the feedback received and then move forward to the public hearing process and SFMTA Board of Directors. Construction is expected to begin in fall 2021.