

Vision Zero Quick-Build Project Updates



January 2021

Under Construction

Folsom Street

Construction of quick-build safety improvements on Folsom Street has begun! Starting with the block of Folsom Street between 4th Street and 5th Street, SFMTA paint crews have started to outline and paint the new roadway configuration. Installation of posts, meters, and signs will follow along shortly. Implementation is being carefully scheduled in coordination with multiple other ongoing construction projects in the same location and with consideration of adverse weather conditions. We thank you for your patience as minor traffic disruptions may occur while physical changes are being made during general work hours.

Once completed, this project will upgrade the existing bike lane on Folsom Street to a parking-protected bikeway in the eastbound direction, while accommodating commercial and passenger loading demands in this busy area. Pedestrian visibility will also be improved through the installation of daylighting and advanced limit lines at intersections.



Tenderloin Quick-Builds



Golden Gate Avenue and Leavenworth Street

The Virtual Open Houses for the Golden Gate and Leavenworth Quick-Build Projects closed on January 15, 2021. During the Open House period, the project teams:

- Received 181 survey responses and replied to 305 comments
- Hosted seven office hours sessions online and via telephone
- Engaged over 100 Tenderloin community members via Zoom to review project proposals, collect feedback, and provide technical assistance with the open house webpages
- Continued socially distanced door-to-door outreach along both corridors to gather feedback

Both project teams are now reviewing the feedback provided to develop their preferred alternatives. Once the review process is complete, each project will hold a public hearing to gather comments on the final proposals. For additional information, please visit [SFMTA.com/TenderloinQBOpenHouse](https://www.sfmta.com/TenderloinQBOpenHouse).

Design Spotlight: Painted Safety Zones

Painted safety zones are the khaki-colored painted areas that which wrap around sidewalk corners in San Francisco. The purpose of painted safety zones is to increase the visibility of pedestrians at crossings by keeping the corners of intersections clear. They also encourage drivers to turn at safer speeds and at a distance further away from people walking.

Red zones at intersections help increase the visibility of pedestrians waiting at the corner. Painted safety zones further emphasize this clear space and resembles the outline of a bulbout. Their potential future conversion to concrete bulbouts will provide all the benefits of a wider sidewalk and enable a shorter crossing distance for people walking, which limits their exposure to moving traffic.

Design Considerations

- Compared to bulbouts, painted safety zones are much cheaper to install due to its materials and not having to adjust drainage or roadway grading.
- Painted safety zones are painted in its signature khaki color for its contrast against the roadway, reflectivity, and ease of maintenance.
- Painted safety zones can be reinforced by plastic delineators to further prevent obstructions in the clear space. However, this may present a challenge for street sweeping machines and general maintenance of its appearance.

Projects in Progress

Painted safety zones are a component of many quick-build projects, including on the following streets:

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| • Hunters Point Boulevard | • Leavenworth Avenue |
| • Golden Gate Avenue | • Williams Avenue |

Evaluation Results

- SFMTA's evaluation of painted safety zones across multiple projects found:
- Motorists turned around corners more slowly. On average, turning speeds decreased by up to 55 percent. This is based on turning speeds recorded for 100 vehicles at a site where a painted safety zone was installed.
- Motorists yielded to pedestrians more often. The number of drivers who fully yielded to pedestrians increased by an average of 25 percent after painted safety zones were installed.
- More motorists turned further from the curb, at safer distances from people on sidewalks. The number of vehicles turning within six feet of the curb decreased by an average of 35 percent after painted safety zones were implemented.

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February 2021

Coming Soon: Bayview Quick-Builds



Evans Avenue / Hunters Point Boulevard / Innes Avenue

The Bayview Quick-Build will install concrete barriers along stretches of Hunters Point Blvd to create physically protected spaces for walking and bicycling while also slowing down vehicle traffic.

As part of this project, the SFMTA and partners sent out a call for local artists who live or work in the Bayview to design and implement murals on the concrete barriers along Hunters Point Boulevard.

We would like to extend our thanks to all who submitted an application for our artists' call. We are pleased to congratulate the following winners, whose murals will celebrate Black history and community in the Bayview:

Afatasi The Artist



Claudio Talavera-Ballon



Rhone! Roberts



Over the next few weeks, our artists will be working to finalize their designs and prepare the murals for our upcoming community event. Each mural will measure approximately 100' long and will be installed on the pedestrian side of the concrete barriers. Barriers on the corridor that are not muraled will have artwork applied in partnership with the San Francisco African American Arts & Cultural District.

This effort would not be possible without the generosity and time donated by B*MAGIC, India Basin Neighborhood Association, San Francisco African American Arts & Cultural District, Shipyard Trust for the Arts, Wendy McNaughton, Livable City, SPIN, and CEMEX.

Williams Avenue Quick-Build Safety Project

The Williams Avenue Quick-Build Safety Project is gearing up to implement traffic safety improvements directly recommended by the Bayview Community-Based Transportation Plan. Over the past five years, there have been 20 reported collisions on Williams Avenue between 3rd Street and Phelps Street that resulted in injury. Failure to yield at crosswalks accounted for the majority of these collisions.

Project goals include:

- Increasing visibility, safety, and comfort for pedestrians
- Preventing reckless driving and slowing down vehicle speeds

SFMTA staff are currently developing local outreach opportunities for the community to provide direct input to inform the project design. Keep an eye out for updates regarding upcoming outreach efforts!

For more information about quick-build projects in the Bayview, we invite you to visit [SFMTA.com/BayviewQuickBuild](https://www.sfmta.com/BayviewQuickBuild).



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March 2021

Coming Soon



Celebrate the Bayview at Bayside Saturdays!

Starting April 3, 2021 come out to Evans Avenue/Hunters Point Boulevard/Innes Avenue to view the completed Bayview Quick-Build project, including an all-new protected path for pedestrians and bicyclists that will be lined with murals created by local artists.

Explore the neighborhood and visit our business partners along the corridor for food, drinks, art and more! Each Saturday in April, look out for socially distanced, community-led activities to celebrate the new additions through #BaysideSaturdays. Livable City and B*MAGIC will present free fitness classes, giveaways, live music, and small business specials in partnership with local businesses and stakeholders.

This effort would not be possible without the generosity and time donated by B*MAGIC, India Basin Neighborhood Association, San Francisco African American Arts & Cultural District, Shipyard Trust for the Arts, Wendy McNaughton, Livable City, SPIN, and CEMEX.

Learn more about Bayside Saturdays at www.sundaystreetssf.com/BaysideSaturdays

Public Hearing



Tenderloin Quick-Build Projects

The Golden Gate Avenue and Leavenworth Quick-Build projects will be holding a public hearing on April 16, 2021 at 10:00am. This hearing is to gather your comments on the final proposals for the quick-builds proposed at the end of 2020. The project teams have been working closely with City partners to ensure the final designs incorporate community feedback and priorities while maintaining access for emergency services.

For both efforts, community input has emphasized additional traffic calming improvements on these streets. Both projects will include improvements for all modes of transportation with particular focus on improving the safety and comfort of pedestrian and bicycle travel.

At the Hearing, the public will have the opportunity to learn more about the project, see the proposed design, and provide comment. Upon completion of public comment, the City Traffic Engineer may approve these projects and provide a directive to advance these efforts.

The final design recommendations are on the project webpages. Stay tuned for more details and sign up for updates at SFMTA.com/GoldenGateQB and SFMTA.com/LeavenworthQB.

Williams Avenue Quick-Build Safety Project

The Williams Avenue Quick-Build Safety Project is preparing to hold a virtual open house and public hearing later in April.

This project will implement traffic safety improvements directly recommended by the Bayview Community Based Transportation Plan. Proposed improvements include:

- Travel lane reduction
- Crosswalk upgrades
- Transit stop changes
- Speed humps
- Painted safety zones
- Daylighting
- Speed tables

Keep an eye out for additional updates regarding the upcoming virtual open house/public hearing! For more information about quick-build projects in the Bayview, we invite you to visit SFMTA.com/BayviewQuickBuild.



Ongoing Construction



Folsom Street

The Folsom Quick-Build is continuing construction on bike lane upgrades between 2nd and 5th streets, along with additional loading zones that will make passenger loading and deliveries easier for drivers. Daylighting and advanced limit lines to improve pedestrian visibility at intersections are also being implemented. For more information, visit SFMTA.com/FolsomQB.



Vision Zero Quick-Build Project Updates



April 2021

Virtual Open House

Williams Avenue Quick-Build Safety Project

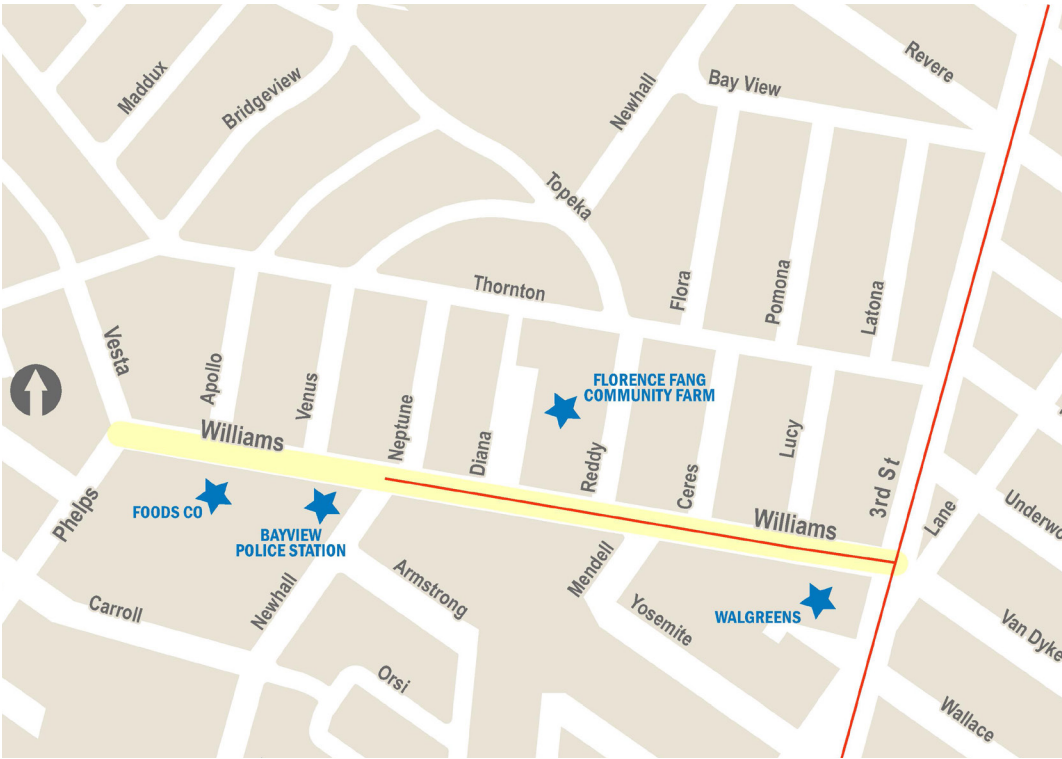
From April 22 to May 13, 2021 the SFMTA is hosting a virtual open house as one way to provide information about the project proposals and collect public feedback about proposed traffic safety improvements on Williams Avenue from 3rd Street to Vesta/Phelps Street.

The interactive, online event can be accessed at any time during the three-week period by visiting [SFMTA.com/BayviewQB](https://www.sfmta.com/BayviewQB).

During the virtual open house, you will be able to learn more about the project, such as the schedule, project background, and proposed changes. You are invited to ask questions via e-mail, leave public comments about the project, and provide feedback through a survey. Project staff will respond to questions and comments received and the responses will be posted back to the virtual open house web page.

Additionally, SFMTA project team staff will be hosting in-person and online office hours to discuss project proposals with you in detail to provide opportunities for you to ask questions. Online office hours will be available online via Microsoft Teams and by phone.

For more information, visit [SFMTA.com/BayviewQB](https://www.sfmta.com/BayviewQB) or email BayviewQB@SFMTA.com.



Under Construction



Folsom Street Quick-Build Project

Construction for the Golden Gate Avenue Quick-Build started the week of April 19. Construction spanned along Golden Gate Avenue from Market Street to Polk Street and included parking removal and reallocation in order to upgrade the existing bike lane and protect people walking and biking from moving traffic. The project is slated for completion within the next two weeks.

Construction of roadway changes on Leavenworth Street between McAllister Street and Post Street will begin in May. Construction is estimated to take one week, but the timeline may change due to road conditions and weather.

To learn more about the projects, please visit [SFMTA.com/GoldenGateQB](https://www.sfmta.com/GoldenGateQB) and [SFMTA.com/LeavenworthQB](https://www.sfmta.com/LeavenworthQB).

Recently Completed



Folsom Street Quick-Build Project

Construction for the Folsom Street Quick-Build Project between 2nd Street and 5th Street is substantially complete, with bikeway upgrades and additional loading zones that will make passenger loading and deliveries easier for drivers. Daylighting and advanced limit lines to improve pedestrian visibility at intersections have also been implemented. Final touches will be completed this summer.

For more information, visit [SFMTA.com/FolsomQB](https://www.sfmta.com/FolsomQB).

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May 2021

Recently Completed



Golden Gate Avenue Quick-Build Project

Construction of the Golden Gate Avenue Quick-Build is substantially complete!

The project spans from Market Street to Polk Street and implementation included parking removal and reallocation in order to upgrade the existing bike lane and protect people walking and biking from moving traffic. This newly protected bikeway helps people riding bikes connect to Polk Street and Market Street, which are important links in the overall city bicycle network.

Community partners, specifically Code Tenderloin and TLCBD's Safe Passage, supported MTA staff during construction by accompanying them on site visits and assisting with outreach and notification.

To learn more about the project, please visit [SFMTA.com/GoldenGateQB](https://sfmta.com/GoldenGateQB).



Leavenworth Street Quick-Build Project

Construction for the Leavenworth Quick-Build Project started this month and will be completed in the coming weeks.

Spanning from McAllister Street to Post Street, the Leavenworth Street Quick-Build design includes a road diet with narrow buffers on both sides of the roadway, pedestrian safety improvements such as crosswalks and painted safety zones, and reallocated curb space for residents' and businesses' parking and loading needs. These improvements were informed by community comments, and the SFMTA will continue working with the community to explore future use of the buffer space.

To learn more about the project, please visit [SFMTA.com/LeavenworthQB](https://sfmta.com/LeavenworthQB).

Recent Outreach



Evans Avenue Quick-Build Project

The Evans Avenue Quick-Build Project is an effort to improve traffic safety conditions and comfort for all who travel along Evans Avenue between Cesar Chavez and 3rd Street by using adjustable, quick-to-construct, and reversible roadway treatments.

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.

In addition to increased activity within the area, Evans Avenue is part of the Vision Zero High Injury Network. From 2015 to 2020, 81 traffic collisions have been reported along this corridor. 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 commitment.

In April and May 2021, the SFMTA distributed surveys and collected input on several proposed design concepts. After the survey period, the project team will review the feedback received to fine tune a preferred design. The design will be finalized later in the summer and shared with the public.

To stay up to date, we welcome you to sign up for email updates on the project website: [SFMTA.com/EvansQuickBuild](https://sfmta.com/EvansQuickBuild)

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June 2021

Recent Outreach

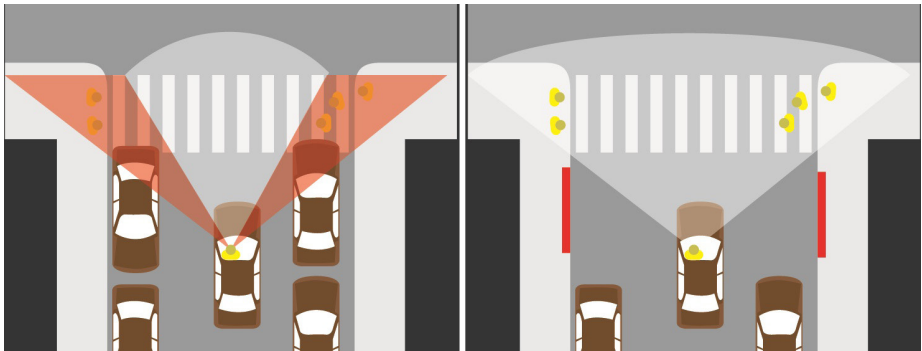


South Van Ness Avenue Quick-Build Project

The South Van Ness Avenue Quick-Build Project is an effort to implement traffic safety improvements along an important corridor in the Mission neighborhood by using cost-effective and temporary design treatments that can be installed quickly.

The proposed project extents are on South Van Ness Avenue from 14th Street to Cesar Chavez, which is home to many residents as well as commercial retail. This segment of South Van Ness Avenue is part of the Vision Zero High Injury Network, the 13 percent of city streets that account for 75 percent of serious injuries and fatalities. Over the past five years, there have been over 190 reported traffic collisions, one in six of which involved pedestrians. Improvements within this project area will increase safety for all users of South Van Ness Avenue and support San Francisco’s Vision Zero commitment.

Outreach is currently underway for the South Van Ness Quick-Build Project and there is a survey available to collect feedback about the proposed changes. To take the project survey and stay up to date, please visit the project website and sign up for updates at [SFMTA.com/SVanNessQuickBuild](https://www.sfmta.com/SVanNessQuickBuild).



Design Spotlight

Daylighting & Painted Safety Zones

As part of the city’s ongoing efforts to improve the safety, comfort and accessibility of San Francisco’s streets, the SFMTA has been implementing red visibility curbs, also known as “daylighting,” throughout the city. Red zones adjacent to crosswalks allow pedestrians and motorists to more easily see each other and avoid potential collisions.

Daylighting can also be further paired with a painted safety zone (PSZ) to increase visibility and keep intersection corners clear. Khaki paint is applied on the roadway with a white solid outline and reinforced by plastic delineators to demarcate the area that should be kept clear and visible. As a low-cost, easy-to-implement treatment, PSZs enhance pedestrian safety by:

- Improving the line of sight between pedestrians and motorists
- Providing motorists with visual cues that encourage careful maneuvering near pedestrians

The footprint of a painted safety zone resembles a bulbout, helping to emphasize that the space should not be treated as part of the roadway. Painted safety zones do not extend the sidewalk, as pedestrians still wait to start their crossing at the existing curb line. However, their future conversion to concrete bulbouts will provide all the benefits of a wider sidewalk.

Daylighting is included as a key tool in many of our quick-builds, including Folsom Street, Mission Street, and Geneva Avenue. These changes are meant to make pedestrians more visible and to warn drivers to be aware of people crossing the street.

