

Geary Boulevard Improvement Project

Improving Geary for seniors and people with disabilities



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The SFMTA has been working to implement the Geary Bus Rapid Transit project to improve transit and safety since the completion of the project's environmental phase in 2018. The first phase of work, called the [Geary Rapid Project](#), was completed on schedule in fall 2021 and resulted in significant transit and safety improvements, including up to 18% faster bus travel times, a 37% improvement in transit reliability, and an 81% reduction in excessive speeding by private vehicles.

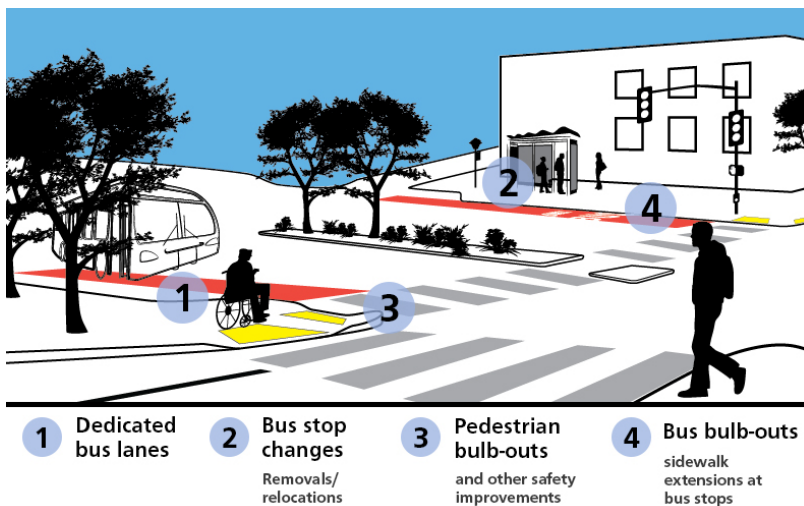
The [Geary Boulevard Improvement Project](#) is the second phase of work, aiming to extend those benefits to the western part of the corridor between Stanyan Street and 34th Avenue in the Richmond by improving Muni's 38 Geary bus service and addressing traffic safety. SFMTA conducted two rounds of outreach in 2021 and 2022 to seek feedback from a variety of stakeholders, including those representing seniors and people with disabilities, to develop the detailed project design, which will be considered for approval in early 2023.



Crossing Geary Boulevard at 17th Avenue

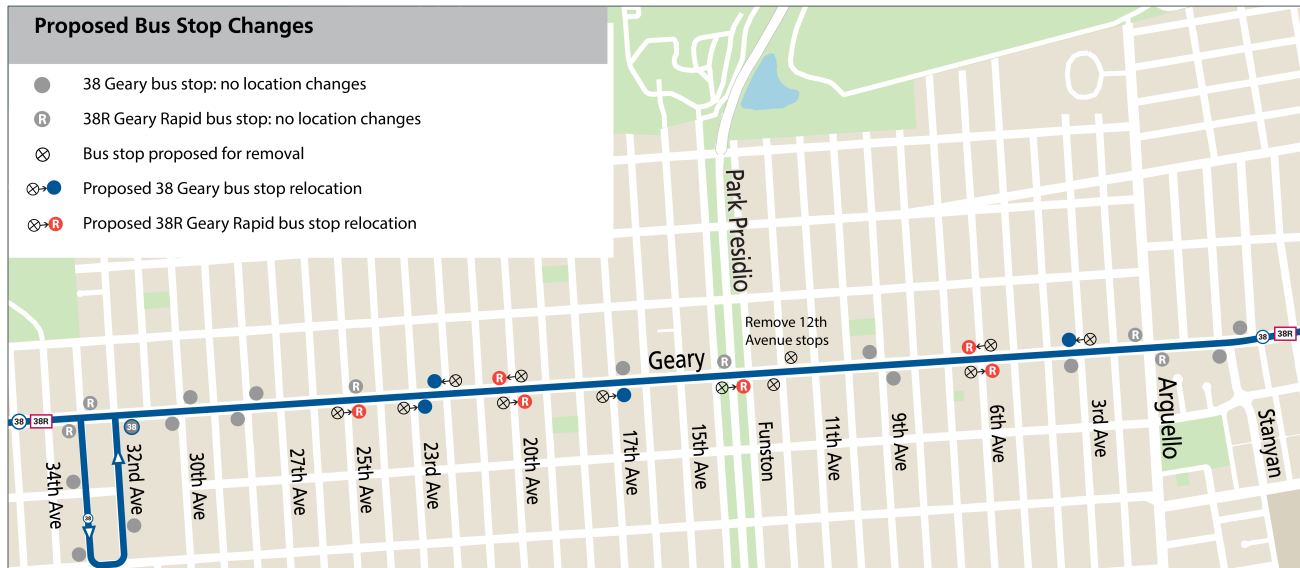
Geary Boulevard Improvement Project Accessibility Features (34th Ave to Stanyan St):

- 23 new **pedestrian bulbs**, which help shorten crossing distances, slow turning vehicles and make pedestrians more visible to cars.
- 9 new or extended **bus bulbs**, which are sidewalk extensions at bus stops that make it easier for buses to pull up right next to the curb and ease boarding and lift/ramp deployment.
- New **ADA-compliant curb ramps** at non-compliant locations not included in bulbs.
- 25 intersections with **median improvements** to provide safer and more accessible pedestrian refuge areas to wait if needed.
- Accessible pedestrian signals** (the audible yellow boxes) at busy signalized intersections.
- All crosswalks will be timed to provide more time for people of all abilities to cross safely.
- Seating** provided at bus stops wherever feasible.
- Additional **pedestrian safety treatments** such as advanced limit lines (stop bars to hold cars further from crosswalks) and "daylighting" (to allow better visibility of crosswalks).



Bus Stop Changes

The Geary Boulevard Improvement Project proposes several bus stop changes as shown in the map below. If approved, most of these changes would be implemented in mid-2023. One change, which is moving the outbound bus stop at 6th Avenue to the west side of the intersection, would occur at a later date.



Map shows 38 and 38R Geary bus stops and proposed changes.

Blue Zone and Passenger Loading Zone Changes

Proposed new and updated blue zones and passenger loading zones include:

- New blue zones on 17th Avenue and on 19th Avenue.
- A new passenger loading zone at St. John's Academy on 26th Avenue.
- Existing blue zones (15) and passenger loading zones (18) are retained along the corridor in the new parallel parking configuration.
- The passenger loading zone at Kaiser's French Campus is expanded and relocated closer to the accessible entrance, plus an additional zone added on 5th Avenue.
- The blue zones at 7th Ave, 18th Ave, 24th Ave and 30th Ave will be relocated or shifted slightly to make room for improvements. Notices directing customers to the new location nearby would be posted.

Contact

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