Love the way you move





















Active Communities Plan



Update Draft Goals & Plan Deliverables

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Phase 1: Winter-Spring Understanding Community Concerns

Where are people going, what works/doesn't work

SFMTA Board Information Item – 4/4/23

Phase 2: Spring-Summer Community Discussions

What do you need to bike, scoot, or roll?

Resident Preference Survey, Collision Analysis

SFMTA Board Information Item – 8/1/23

Phase 3: Fall Draft citywide network recommendations

MTAB input & public engagement on network/map

"North star" goal, Equity Analysis, Connectivity Analysis

Step 2 Towards Adoption: Draft goals and network

Phase 4: Winter Draft Plan & Rapid implementation plan

Refine Plan, including network, policies and programs

Step 3 Towards Adoption: Refinements & Final Plan

WHAT IS THE PLAN FOR?



The Active Communities Plan will create the first plan for rolling and bicycling since 2009

An expanded active transportation network and investment plan

Parking & Facilities Recommendations

New supportive programs and policies





The Active Communities Plan has done and will continue extensive outreach through 2023

Be inclusive of all devices that can use the bike network

Center needs of Equity Priority Communities, residents with a disability & other vulnerable users



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WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?



Rolling and biking means different things to different people and communities

Everyone participates in this plan, even if they aren't planning to roll or bike

People are increasingly using the network

The more we grow the network, the more it gets used

A lot more people would use it if it were safer

The current system privileges a subset of users willing to take risks, the future needs to be fair

Most people are frustrated that there isn't a well-functioning system When people know where bikes and scooters will go, everyone feels more comfortable on the road

GOALS, OBJECTIVE, POLICIES AND ACTIONS



Goals are outcomes with a point of view

Objectives are underlying lenses to meet

Policies provide more detailed intention

Actions are specific efforts to be accountable

Objectives

Advance Equity

Safety for all Road Users

Support Climate Action

Access & Accessibility for All

Deliver Real Results

Develop New Approaches

DRAFT GOALS



- 1. Establish a foundational policy for "Active Transportation" to recognize that moving through the city on slow-speed human- or electric-powered personal mobility devices, including powerchairs, scooters, bicycles, and skateboards, is an essential accessible, available, and low-carbon form of transportation that partners with transit to meet the needs of people in San Francisco and reduce global climate crisis impacts.
- 2. Make active transportation safe because it increases fairness and lowers harm, especially for those who experience greater risk on the street, including people with disabilities, Black and other people of color, seniors, youth, those with LGBTQ+ identities, and those who identify as women.
- 3. Design active transportation to be inclusive, not conflict with transit, and serve local needs first; focus especially in neighborhoods that have experienced displacement or are at risk of gentrification, in places with small businesses experiencing economic stress, and places where many needs occupy a constrained space.



Network northstar goal!

- 4. Deliver a complete, well-connected, safe, active transportation network for slow-speed human- or electric-powered devices in five years that reaches within a quarter-mile of everyone and prioritizes access to schools, open space, job centers, and transit hubs.
- 5. Provide resources and facilities that invite people to use the network, prioritizing youth and low-income residents and workers, such as safe device parking, education programs, enforcement, travel choices incentives, and pilots to support emerging systems that meet plan goals.
- 6. Promote plazas, parks, and neighborhood planning that enables community, freedom, excitement, and discovery through using active transportation as part of everyday life and elevate the economic vitality and quality of life for people in San Francisco.



DELIVERABLE 1: Ready-to-build project approvals

1 Approve 5-10 Quick-builds Phase I

Approve 5-10 Slow Streets Phase I

Places with highest feasibility and community support

Approve all remaining network map protected bike lanes and slow streets by resolution Phase II and III

CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION FIVE YEARS FROM APPROVAL (CONTINGENT ON FUNDING)

SFMTA Board delegate authority to staff to determine project details prior to implementation

Equity Priority Communities may be exempt with proposed plan amendment date



DELIVERABLE 2: Plan

2 Adopt Active Communities Plan Network map, goals, policy, and recommendations for programs and facilities Includes a placemaking toolkit



DELIVERABLE 3: Implementation Plan

3 Adopt Active Communities
Implementation Plan
Constraints and Capacity Planning
Project Phase II and III Planning

PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS IN PLACE BY END OF 2024

If recommendations are not enabled on time, then Phase II and III timelines cannot be met

Addressing:
Hiring challenges
Capital funding
Construction Capacity
New staff responsible for and only
delivering this plan
Process Improvements at SFMTA
Interagency Agreements with Public
Works, Fire Department, others



DELIVERABLE 4: Companion Programs

4 Recommend Stabilization and Benefit Programs by Resolution for Small Business, Disability, Interfaith, and other key communities

PROGRAMS IN PLACE BY END OF 2026

Requires interagency commitments

If not met by timeline, then Phase III timelines cannot be met

Examples include:

Bike stations in vacant storefronts, e-cargo bike delivery, Travel Choices incentives, parking management, grants

