Mage Street BikewaySFMTA

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Background

- Since 2015, with the *Page Street Neighborway*, the SFMTA has engaged the community to develop several rounds of safety upgrades for Page Street.
- An **eastbound 'center-running' bike lane** was added to address a pattern of collisions b/w drivers turning right and bike riders continuing straight.
- A raised intersection at Page & Buchanan and six sidewalk extensions will start construction next year to improve pedestrian safety at intersections.
- SFMTA staff have documented support for exploring turn restrictions and other measures to reduce vehicle volumes on Page Street.





What are the issues?

- Although the 'center-running' bike lane has been well-received, bicycle-involved collisions and conflicts with vehicles persist.
- Previous improvements have not addressed vehicle queuing as people increasingly use Page and Haight streets to access the Central Freeway.
- While eastbound queuing worsens, congestion is also growing in the westbound direction between Gough and Octavia streets.
- Since traffic circulation changes involve trade-offs and it can be difficult to predict all effects, a pilot project is recommended to comprehensively evaluate the changes.





Pilot Proposal





What will the pilot do?

- 1. Prohibit eastbound traffic from entering Page Street at Webster Street
- 2. Prohibit westbound thru traffic + left-turns on Page Street at Octavia Boulevard
- 3. Convert Page Street into a one-way street westbound with contra-flow protected bikeway between Octavia and Laguna
- 4. Add a westbound bike lane on Page Street between Octavia and Webster









What will the pilot do?

- Add a 'right-turn only, except Muni' lane to keep buses moving on Haight Street between Webster and Buchanan
 - Effective Mon-Fri, 7-10am + 3-6pm
 - Parking permitted mid-day on weekdays, overnight, and all-day on weekends
- 6. Prohibit left-turns from Webster onto Haight to discourage traffic diversion onto Haight Street
 - Traffic signals at Haight/Webster and Haight/Buchanan are approved with a separate Muni Forward project, to be built next spring







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Public Engagement

- **Open house** @ John Muir Elementary
 - 150+ attendees, 100's of comments
- Door-to-door outreach
- Neighborhood group briefings
- **Backpack mailer** for John Muir students
- Office hours @ Sunday Streets
- Focused meetings with Haight merchants and residents







Evaluation Plan

- 1. Safety
 - Collisions and 'close calls'
 - Crosswalk/intersection blocking
 - Users' perception of safety and comfort
- 2. Mobility
 - Vehicle and bicycle volumes
 - Traffic circulation changes throughout neighborhood
 - Transit travel time on Haight Street
- 3. Design effectiveness
 - Compliance with traffic divertors and turn restrictions
 - Violations of the Muni-only lane on Haight Street
- 4. A public perception survey covering these and other topics; on-going public engagement and solicitation of feedback



Schedule

- IMPLEMENT Early 2020
- EVALUATE Spring 2020 + Fall 2020
 - Opportunities for public engagement throughout
 - Also prepared for on-going adjustments
- RESULTS Early 2021
 - Return to the SFMTA Board with a report of findings and recommendations

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