

Geary Rapid Project

What to Expect During Construction: Fillmore/Japantown

Overview

The Geary Rapid Project aims to improve pedestrian safety and transit reliability along Geary and parts of O'Farrell from Stanyan to Market streets. Work west of Van Ness Avenue is being managed by San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and San Francisco Public Works. This work is expected to be completed in mid-2021 and includes:

- **Utility work** replacing aging sewer and water mains, and installing underground conduits for fiber optic cables from Masonic to Van Ness avenues.
- Pedestrian bulbs sidewalk extensions that make crossing distances shorter at intersection corners installed at Steiner, Webster, Buchanan, Laguna and Gough
- Bus bulbs installed at Fillmore (IB/OB), Laguna (IB/OB) and Gough (OB)
- Traffic signal upgrades, including new pedestrian countdown signals
- Steiner pedestrian bridge removed
- New crosswalks and larger medians at Steiner, Webster and Buchanan
- Traffic lane reconfiguration to two lanes + one bus-only lane in each direction
- Roadway repaving from Masonic to Van Ness avenues



What to Expect

Work hours are typically Mondays – Fridays between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Parking will be temporarily restricted in construction areas and traffic lanes will be modified during active work. Bus stops may be temporarily relocated.

Utility work started at Masonic Avenue and is moving east along Geary towards Van Ness Avenue. Sewer, water and fiber optic conduit installation is expected to take about 2-3 months per block. After new water mains have been installed, water service to some properties may be briefly shut off while SFPUC connects to the new water main. SFPUC will coordinate with businesses and send out water shut-off notices in advance.



Pedestrian bulbs help make people walking more visible to cars and shorten crossing distances.

Sidewalk extension work ("bulbs"), new crosswalks and traffic signal work will begin in 2020 and is expected to take about one month per intersection. Access to businesses will be maintained throughout, and there will be pedestrian detours.

Steiner bridge removal is anticipated in early 2020. The intersection at Geary Boulevard and Steiner Street will be closed to vehicle traffic over a single weekend. Vehicles and Geary 38/38R buses will be rerouted and some bus stops will be temporarily relocated. Parking will be temporarily restricted to accommodate the reroutes. Pedestrian detours will be provided.

Roadway repaving will follow after all other work is completed and is expected to take a few days per block.



Geary Rapid Project: Complete Schedule

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Business Support During Construction

The SFMTA, in partnership with the Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD), is committed to helping businesses thrive. If your business is impacted by Geary Rapid Project construction, please contact us to learn about signage, marketing resources and other ways we can help.



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