

Raised Bikeway Demonstration Project

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The SFMTA worked with San Francisco Public Works to create the city's first raised bikeway on a two-block stretch of Market Street between 12th and Gough streets in the eastbound/downtown direction. The goal of the project is to test and get feedback on this innovative way to increase safety and comfort for users of the bikeway and travel lanes. Raised bikeways are common in great cycling cities like Copenhagen and Amsterdam but new to San Francisco. Four slightly different designs were installed:

A. Wide Mountable Curb:

- 1 foot wide mountable/beveled curb (shallower)
- Bikeway raised 2-3 inches above roadway and 4-5 inches below sidewalk level
- Bikeway is 6 feet wide

B. Mountable Curb:

- 6 inch wide mountable/beveled curb (steeper)
- Bikeway raised 2-3 inches above roadway and 4-5 inches below sidewalk level
- Bikeway is 6 ½ feet wide

C. Mountable Curb Near Sidewalk Level:

- 6 inch wide mountable/beveled curb (steeper)
- Bikeway raised 3 inches above roadway and 2 inches below from sidewalk level
- Bikeway is 6 1/2 feet wide
- Detectable warning tiles on sidewalk adjacent to bikeway

D. Vertical Curb:

- 6 inch wide 90 degree (vertical) curb
- Bikeway raised 2-3 inches above roadway and 4 inches below sidewalk level
- Bikeway is 6 ½ feet wide







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The evaluation of the Raised Bikeway Demonstration Project will provide both general input on the bikeway, as well as on the considerations for each of the different designs. This information will help the SFMTA generate design guidance on how to implement raised bikeways citywide. SFMTA's evaluation strategy includes the following components:

Evaluation Method	Objective	Timeline
Online Survey	Solicit public input on overall impressions of the raised bikeway as a bicyclist, pedestrian, or motorist.	November 2015 - Spring 2016
Merchant Survey	Gain specific input from merchants affected by raised bikeway.	Winter 2015
Detailed Stakeholder Tours and Interviews	Receive specific feedback on the four different raised bikeway designs from diverse stakeholder groups including: people with disabilities, public service and utility vehicles, bicyclists of varying skill levels, and pedestrians.	Winter 2015 - Spring 2016
On-Site Outreach Event	Get detailed feedback from the public on the raised bikeway.	Spring 2016