

Background

Page Street Neighborway

Since 2015, the SFMTA has engaged the community to develop several rounds of safety improvements for Page Street.

Improvements for bicycling *(complete)*



Page Street is one of the busiest bike routes in the city, with often 1.5x more people on bikes than in cars in the morning commute. In 2016-17, the SFMTA installed **an eastbound 'center-running' bike lane** to address a pattern of 'right hook' collisions between drivers turning right and bike riders continuing straight towards Market Street.

Improvements for walking *(pending construction)*

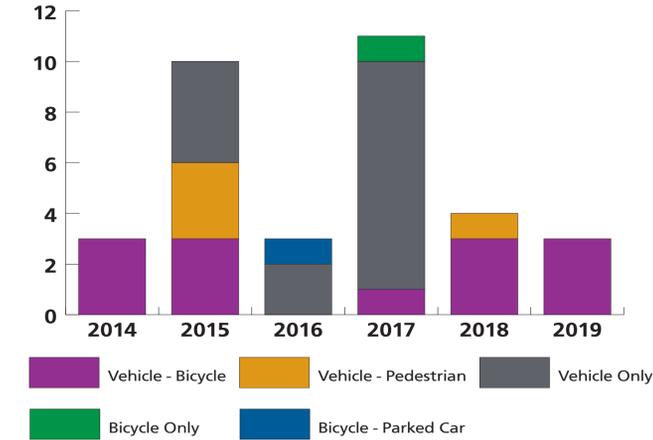


Approved by the SFMTA Board in 2018, Public Works is designing **a raised intersection at Page & Buchanan and six sidewalk extensions** (four with landscaped rain gardens), built next year. These will improve pedestrian safety at intersections, including for students attending John Muir Elementary School.

Safety issues and chronic congestion remains

Although the 'center-running' bike lane has been well-received, bicycle-involved collisions remain high and previous/forthcoming improvements do not address queuing of freeway-bound vehicles.

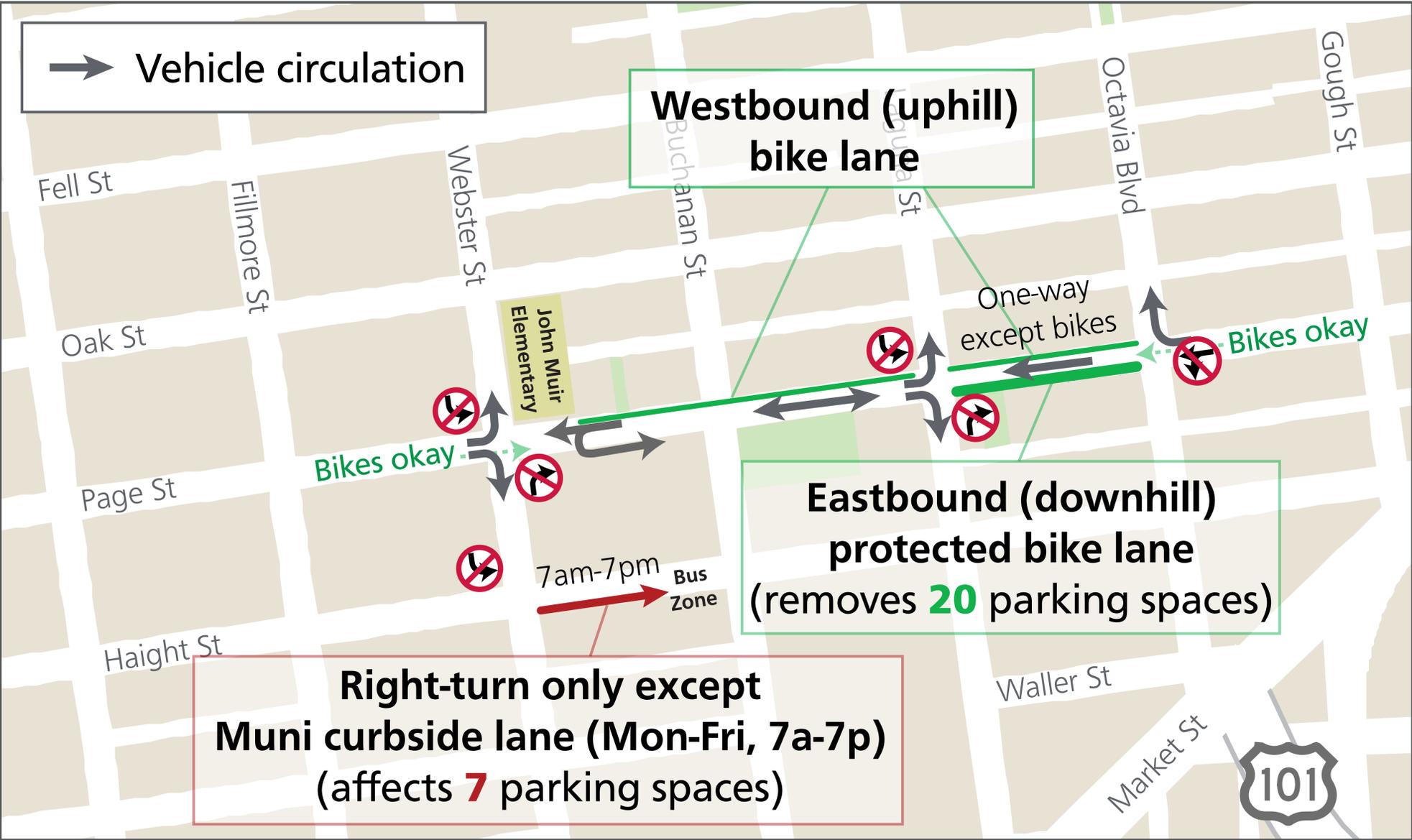
Collision reports to SFPD by mode (2014-19)



The **Page Street Bikeway Improvements Pilot** is an outgrowth of over five years of public engagement, including documented support for exploring turn restrictions and other measures to reduce vehicle volumes on Page Street. In an effort to distinguish the proposed pilot of circulation changes and bikeway improvements from the larger project, SFMTA staff began distinct outreach for this pilot project in summer 2019.

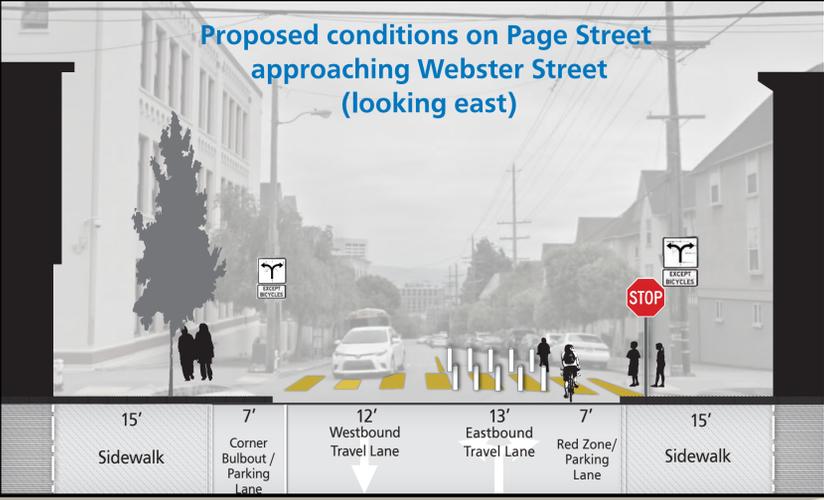
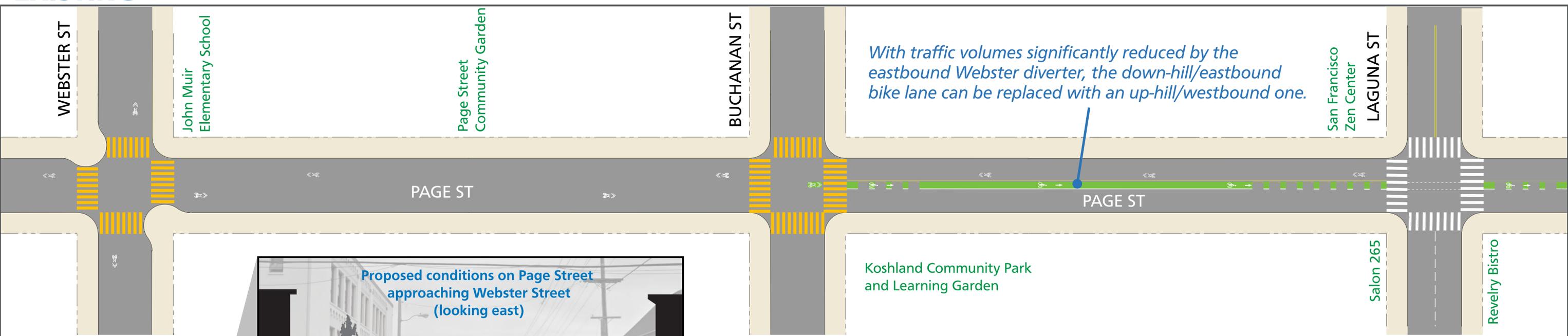
Proposal Overview

Based on years of engagement, staff recommended prohibiting eastbound traffic at Webster – supported by many, but alone would still allow freeway access on Page Street via Buchanan / Laguna. Constituents (incl. Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association) asked the SFMTA to look into other ways to reduce vehicle volumes. Considering all feedback, the SFMTA is now proposing a revised and true pilot that’s more comprehensive, adds improvements to Haight Street, and includes a robust evaluation.

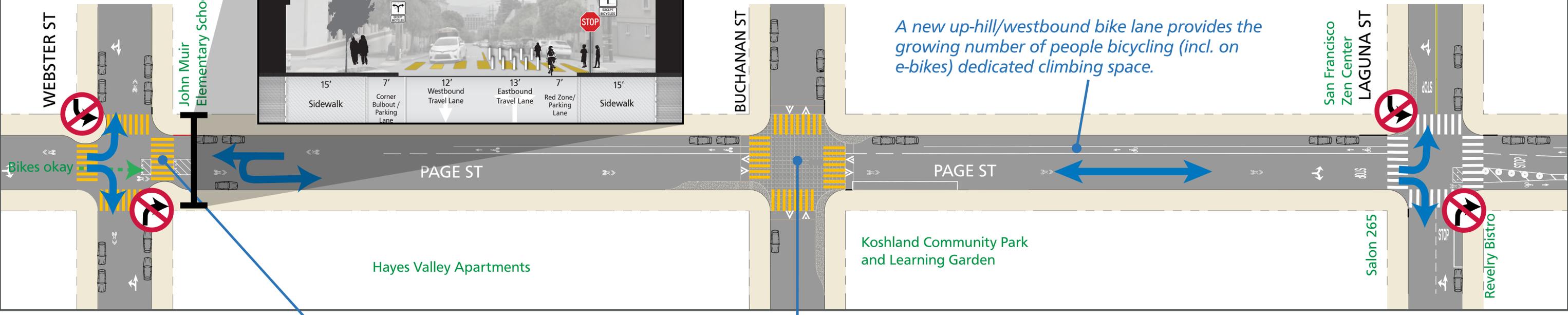


Proposal Details: Page St, Webster-Laguna

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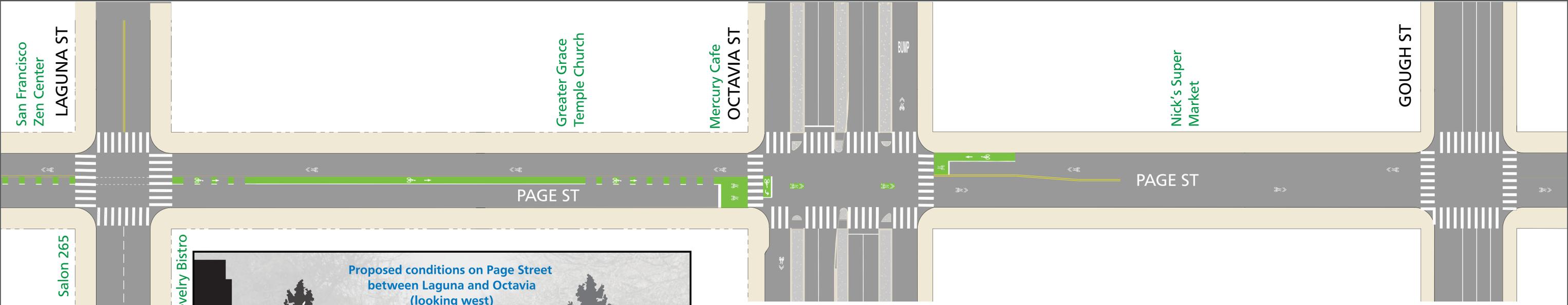


All eastbound vehicle traffic would be prohibited from entering Page Street at Webster Street.

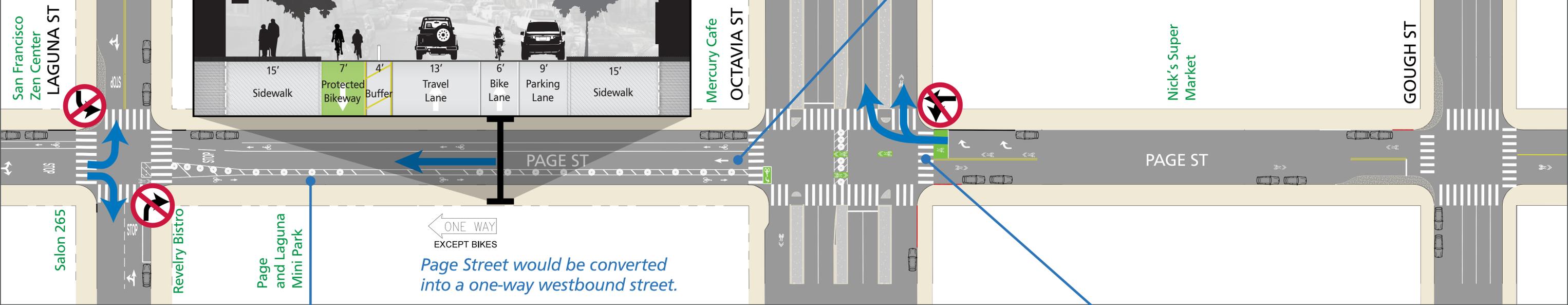
Raised intersection and corner bulb-outs (throughout) were approved in 2018; construction to start in summer 2020.

Proposal Details: Page St, Laguna-Gough

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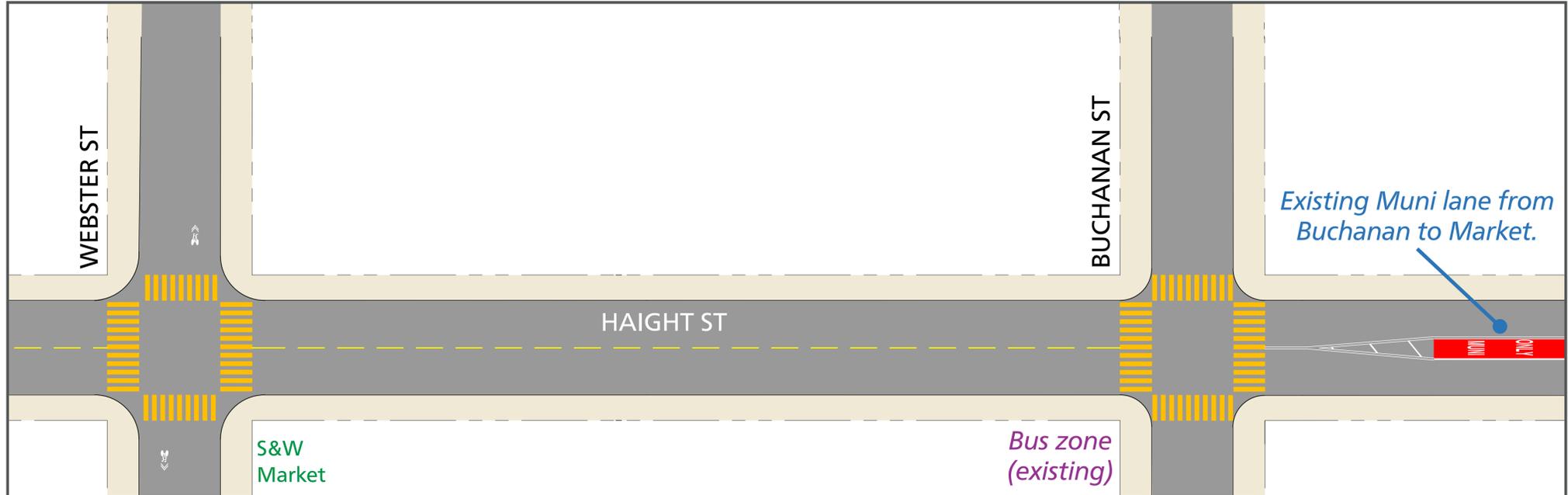
People driving would be able to access the Octavia-Laguna block from southbound Octavia Boulevard.

A new eastbound protected bikeway would be added for one block from Laguna to Octavia, replacing 20 parking spaces.

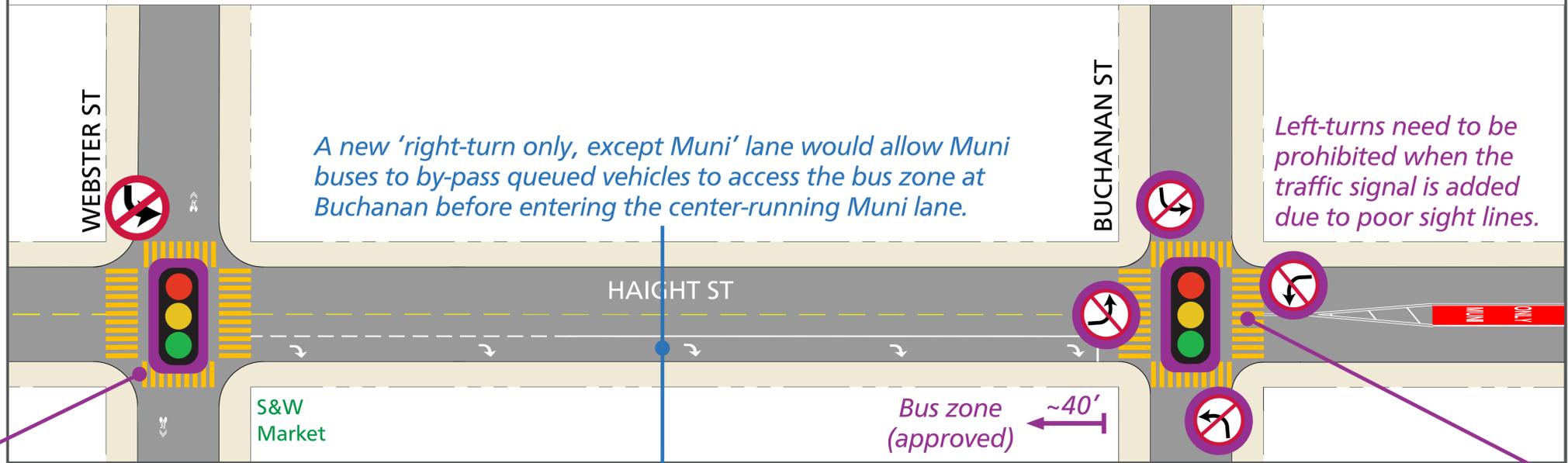
All westbound vehicle traffic on Page Street approaching Octavia Boulevard would be required to turn right.

Proposal Details: Haight St, Webster–Buchanan

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Approved Muni Forward traffic signal; to be built next year.

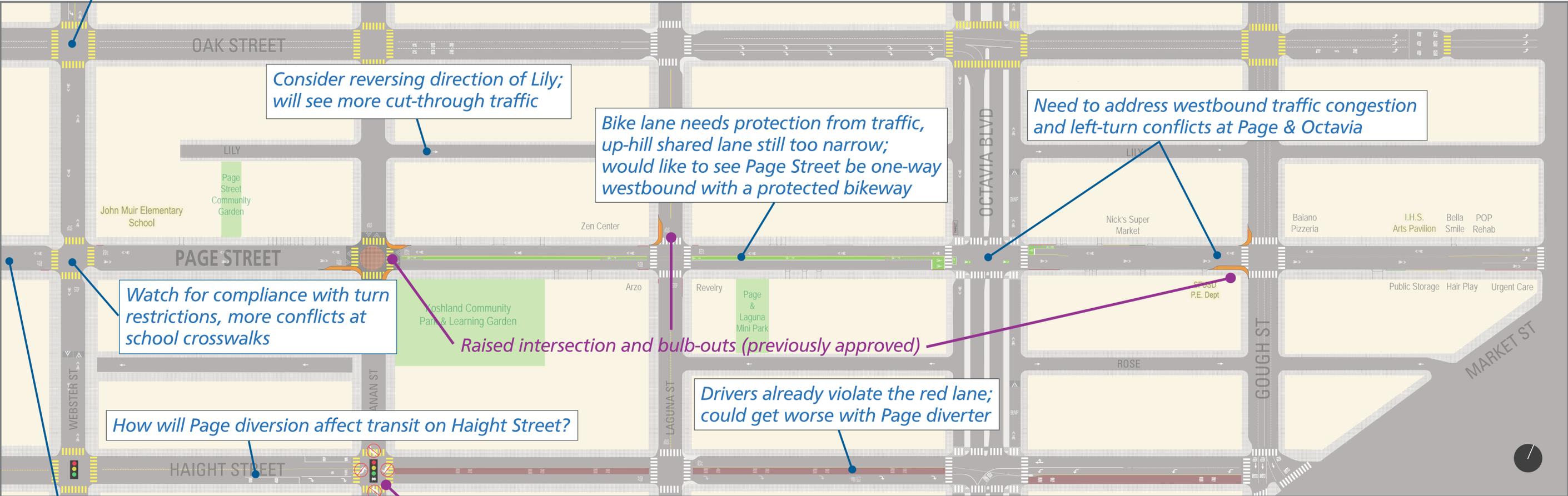
7 parking spaces would be restricted Mon - Fri, 7am to 7pm, but available to park in the evening, overnight, and all-day on weekends.

New traffic signals and turn restrictions already approved as part of the Haight Street Muni Forward improvements; construction to start in spring 2020.

What We've Heard

Despite earlier improvements, chronic congestion persists on Page Street as drivers queue to access the Central Freeway. The proposed pilot to test traffic circulation changes and bikeway improvements is itself an acknowledgment that there will be trade-offs with reducing vehicle traffic on Page Street, and that the outcome is not certain. Below is a select collection of issues and concerns that have communicated to (or within) the SFMTA in development of the pilot.

This intersection (and Oak St in general) is already bad; don't make conditions worse



Consider reversing direction of Lily; will see more cut-through traffic

Bike lane needs protection from traffic, up-hill shared lane still too narrow; would like to see Page Street be one-way westbound with a protected bikeway

Need to address westbound traffic congestion and left-turn conflicts at Page & Octavia

Watch for compliance with turn restrictions, more conflicts at school crosswalks

Raised intersection and bulb-outs (previously approved)

How will Page diversion affect transit on Haight Street?

Drivers already violate the red lane; could get worse with Page diverter

Where else will traffic go? Will Page congestion just move to the Webster to Fillmore block?

Haight Street Muni Forward improvements (new traffic signals and turn restrictions)

If the same number of vehicles are entering the freeway at Market St, what else really matters in terms of traffic impacts?

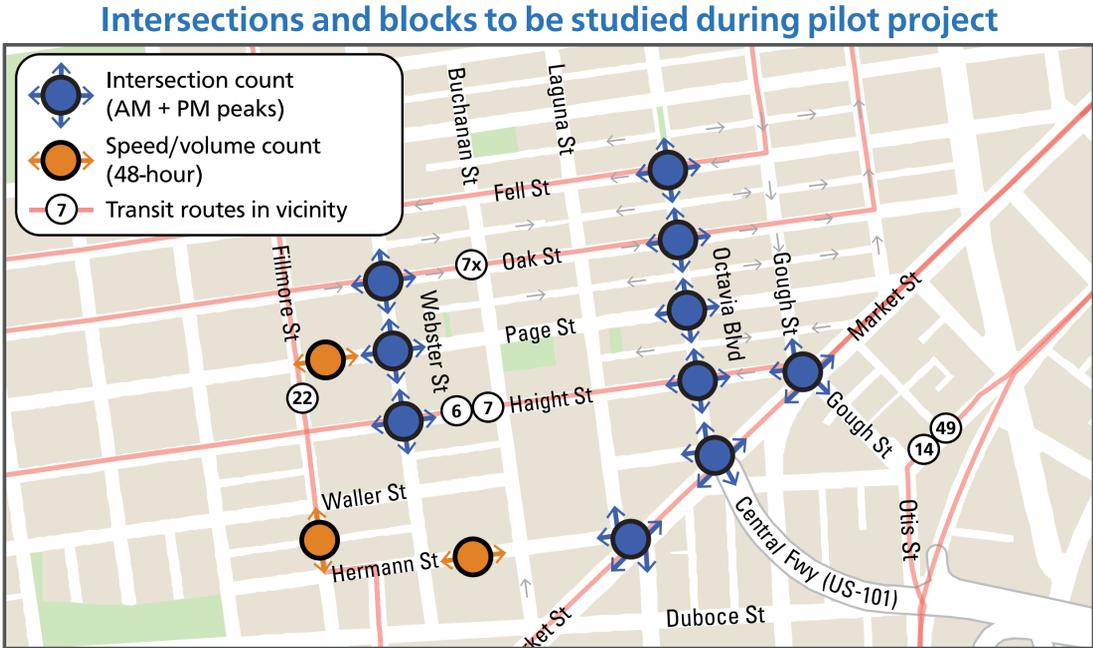
DON'T SEE YOUR ISSUES OR CONCERNS IDENTIFIED? ADD THEM TO THE MAP OR FILL OUT A COMMENT CARD!

Pilot Evaluation and Timeline

The Page Street Bikeway Improvements Pilot is proposed as an **18-month pilot project** implemented using only temporary materials (signage, paint, and plastic posts) with three evaluation periods – one ‘pre’ construction and two ‘post’ construction (before and after previously-approved changes to Page and Haight streets) – to inform next steps.

What do we want to learn and how will it be measured?

- **Safety for people bicycling on Page Street**, measured by observations of conflicts, traffic counts, collisions, and a public perception survey
- **Transit performance on Haight Street**, including changes in travel time and violations of the red Muni-only lane
- **Neighborhood traffic circulation**, documented with before/after traffic counts on adjacent streets and freeway access routes



Pilot Project Timeline



Public Hearing

Proposed Street Changes

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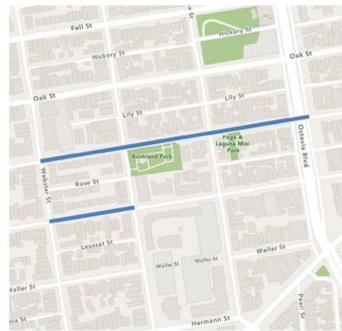
Page Street Bikeway Improvements Pilot

Page Street, from Webster Street to Octavia Boulevard
Haight Street, from Webster Street to Buchanan Street
Protected bike lane, parking restrictions, turn restrictions

SFMTA Engineering Public Hearing

Tuesday, August 27, 2019, at 6:30 - 8:00PM
John Muir Elementary School, Auditorium
380 Webster Street, San Francisco, CA 94117

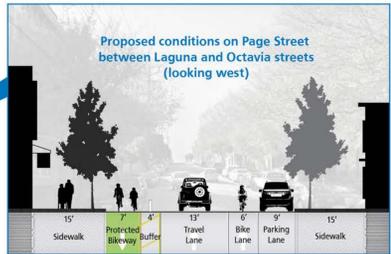
The SFMTA Page Street Bikeway Improvements project proposes to install an 18-month pilot of changes to reduce traffic volumes and improve bicycle safety on Page Street between Webster Street and Octavia Boulevard. Changes to improve transit operations on Haight Street between Webster Street and Buchanan Street are also included.



This project will improve safety and comfort for people biking and walking on Page Street through the following changes:

- Reducing car traffic near John Muir Elementary School by prohibiting vehicles from entering eastbound Page Street at Webster Street
- Creating an uphill bike lane and a protected downhill bike lane on Page Street between Laguna and Octavia streets by removing 20 parking spaces and converting that block to one-way westbound only for vehicles.
- Further reducing car traffic and conflicts by restricting left-turns and westbound through-traffic on Page Street at Octavia Street
- Supporting transit on Haight Street by enhancing bus stop access and discouraging traffic from diverting to Haight Street during the day by converting the block of Haight Street between Webster and Buchanan streets to a 'right-turn only except Muni lane' between the hours of 7am and 7pm, affecting 7 parking spaces.

Pending project approvals in October 2019, implementation could begin in early 2020.



For general information and updates, we invite you to visit the project website at www.sfmta.com/pagebikeway or email the project team at pagebikeway@sfmta.com.

If you would like to comment on this proposed change, you may attend the SFMTA Public Hearing described above or file your comments in writing before the hearing:

- Email: pagebikeway@sfmta.com with subject line "Public Hearing: Page Street"
- Mail: Public Hearing, Sustainable Streets Division
One South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103-5417

To obtain a copy of this notice and proposed street changes, visit SFMTA.com/pagebikeway

415.646.4270: For free interpretation services, please submit your request 48 hours in advance of meeting. / 如果需要免費口語翻譯，請於會議之前48小時提出要求。 / Para servicios de interpretación gratuitos, por favor haga su petición 48 horas antes de la reunión. / Para sa libreng serbisyo sa interpretasyon, kailangan mag-request 48 oras bago ang miting.

All comments will be reviewed by project staff and will be entered into the public record. Comments will be considered when a determination is made whether to implement the change. After the hearing, proposals must be approved by the SFMTA Board of Directors.

All items are California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Approval Actions for which the Planning Department has issued a CEQA exemption determination, which are available to view by contacting the Planning Department. Following approval by the SFMTA Board, the CEQA determination is subject to appeal within the timeframe specified in S.F. Administrative Code Section 31.16, typically within 30 calendar days of the Approval Action. For information on filing a CEQA appeal, contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102, or call (415) 554-5184. Under CEQA, in a later court challenge, a litigant may be limited to raising only those issues previously raised at a hearing on the project or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors or other City board, commission or department at, or prior to, such hearing, or as part of the appeal hearing process on the CEQA decision.

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Submit your comments here!

If you would like to comment on the proposed changes, please use one of the methods below:

Today Please fill out the Public Hearing Comment form this evening

Email sustainable.streets@sfmta.com with subject line "Public Hearing: Page Bikeway"

General Information

- No decision will be made at this public hearing.
- Please use this opportunity to provide your input and ask questions.
- Your testimony today, along with all written correspondence, will be evaluated by project staff to determine next steps.
- After reviewing public feedback, staff will present the recommended changes to be included in the pilot project to the SFMTA Board of Directors in October.
- To receive on-going updates about the pilot project and confirmed SFMTA Board of Directors hearing date, please provide your contact information on the Public Hearing Comment form.

