

# Folsom-Howard Streetscape Project

**SFMTA Board of Directors** 

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#### **Project Area**



Streetscape Project Limits

Howard Rapid Response (2019)

Howard Near-Term Project (2018)

Folsom Near-Term Project (2017)



# **Guiding Considerations**







# **Working with the Community**



1,300 questionnaire responses







27,000 open house notification postcards delivered



Meetings with 20 community groups



110 meetings with local businesses



house notification posters





150 business loading surveys completed



100s of hours of staff outreach









### **Near-Term Improvements**

- Working with the community the SFMTA recognized the need to improve safety sooner
- Folsom Near-Term Improvements were approved in Fall 2017 and installed in Winter 2017-18
- Howard Near-Term Improvements were approved in Fall 2018 and installed in Winter 2018-19
- Howard Rapid Response was
  installed in Spring 2019





#### Folsom-Howard Streetscape Project Goals

- Improve safety for all users of Howard and Folsom
- Make biking and walking in SoMa a more comfortable and enjoyable experience
- Make changes to improve transit services along the corridor
- Prepare for future growth in the neighborhood







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# **Bicycle Safety Improvements**

- Concrete medians and islands to protect bicyclists next to parking and at intersections
- Traffic signals with dedicated phases for cyclists and turning vehicles
- Raised bikeways at select alley crossings to prioritize a cyclist's right-of-way





# **Pedestrian Safety Improvements**

- Six new signalized mid-block crossings
- Raised pedestrian crossings across bikeways prioritize pedestrians
- More corner bulbouts that shorten crossing distances
- Upgraded traffic signals with dedicated phases for pedestrians and vehicles at some locations





# **Transit Improvements**

- New transit only lane on Folsom between 10<sup>th</sup> and Mabini
- Proposed service from the 8-Bayshore, 8AX- Express, 8BX-Express, 27-Bryant
- Muni wait times cut from 15 minutes to just 2 minutes in AM and 6 minutes in PM

#### Possible Folsom Transit Service Map



#### **Loading and Parking Improvements**

- About 27% of parking spaces will be removed to enhance safety and visibility
- Met with nearly 100 business and heard concerns about loading and parking
- Nearly doubled loading zones to respond to businesses' need for additional space
- New parking meters on Folsom from 6th to 11th will increase turnover and parking availability for customers





# **Project Timeline**

- Stakeholder Outreach: Summer 2016 through implementation
- Streetscape Open House: December 2016, April 2017
- Folsom Near-Term Open House: July 2017
- Folsom Near-Term Implementation: Spring 2018
- Howard Near-Term Open House: August 2018
- Howard Section Implementation: Winter 2019
- Streetscape Open House: January 2019
- Streetscape Detailed Design: 2019 2020
- Streetscape Construction: 2021-2023

