# January 2021

# **Under Construction**

#### **Folsom Street**

Construction of quick-build safety improvements on Folsom Street has begun! Starting with the block of Folsom Street between 4th Street and 5th Street, SFMTA paint crews have started to outline and paint the new roadway configuration. Installation of posts, meters, and signs will follow along shortly. Implementation is being carefully scheduled in coordination with multiple other ongoing construction projects in the same location and with consideration of adverse weather conditions. We thank you for your patience as minor traffic disruptions may occur while physical changes are being made during general work hours.

Once completed, this project will upgrade the existing bike lane on Folsom Street to a parking-protected bikeway in the eastbound direction, while accommodating commercial and passenger loading demands in this busy area. Pedestrian visibility will also be improved through the installation of daylighting and advanced limit lines at intersections.



# **Tenderloin Quick-Builds**



#### Golden Gate Avenue and Leavenworth Street

The Virtual Open Houses for the Golden Gate and Leavenworth Quick-Build Projects closed on January 15, 2021. During the Open House period, the project teams:

- Received 181 survey responses and replied to 305 comments
- Hosted seven office hours sessions online and via telephone
- feedback, and provide technical assistance with the open house webpages

Both project teams are now reviewing the feedback provided to develop their preferred alternatives. Once the review process is complete, each project will hold a public hearing to gather comments on the final proposals. For additional information, please visit SFMTA.com/TenderloinQBOpenHouse.

# **Design Spotlight: Painted Safety Zones**

Painted safety zones are the khaki-colored painted areas that which wrap around sidewalk corners in San Francisco. The purpose of painted safety zones is to increase the visibility of pedestrians at crossings by keeping the corners of intersections clear. They also encourage drivers to turn at safer speeds and at a distance further away from people walking.

Red zones at intersections help increase the visibility of pedestrians waiting at the corner. Painted safety zones further emphasize this clear space and resembles the outline of a bulbout. Their potential future conversion to concrete bulbouts will provide all the benefits of a wider sidewalk and enable a shorter crossing distance for people walking, which limits their exposure to moving traffic.

#### **Design Considerations**

- Compared to bulbouts, painted safety zones are much cheaper to install due to its materials and not having to adjust drainage or roadway grading.
- Painted safety zones are painted in its signature khaki color for its contrast against the roadway and ease of maintenance.
- Painted safety zones can be reinforced by plastic delineators to further prevent obstructions in the clear space. However, this may present a challenge for street sweeping machines and general maintenance of its appearance.

#### **Projects in Progress**

Painted safety zones are a component of many quick-build projects, including on the following streets:

- Hunters Point Boulevard
- Leavenworth Avenue
- Golden Gate Avenue
- Williams Avenue







Engaged over 100 Tenderloin community members via Zoom to review project proposals, collect

Continued socially distanced door-to-door outreach along both corridors to gather feedback

#### **Evaluation Results**

SFMTA's evaluation of painted safety zones across multiple projects found:

- Motorists turned around corners more slowly. On average, turning speeds decreased by up to 55 percent. This is based on turning speeds recorded for 100 vehicles at a site where a painted safety zone was installed.
- Motorists yielded to pedestrians more often. The number of drivers who fully yielded to pedestrians increased by an average of 25 percent after painted safety zones were installed.
- More motorists turned further from the curb, at safer distances from people on sidewalks. The number of vehicles turning within six feet of the curb decreased by an average of 35 percent after painted safety zones were implemented.

# February 2021

# **Coming Soon: Bayview Quick-Builds**



#### Evans Avenue / Hunters Point Boulevard / Innes Avenue

The Bayview Quick-Build will install concrete barriers along stretches of Hunters Point Blvd to create physically protected spaces for walking and bicycling while also slowing down vehicle traffic.

As part of this project, the SFMTA and partners sent out a call for local artists who live or work in the Bayview to design and implement murals on the concrete barriers along Hunters Point Boulevard.

We would like to extend our thanks to all who submitted an application for our artists' call. We are pleased to congratulate the following winners, whose murals will celebrate Black history and community in the Bayview:

**Afatasi The Artist** 



**Claudio Talavera-Ballon** 

**Rhonel Roberts** 



#### Williams Avenue Quick-Build Safety Project

The Williams Avenue Quick-Build Safety Project is gearing up to implement traffic safety improvements directly recommended by the Bayview Community-Based Transportation Plan. Over the past five years, there have been 20 reported collisions on Williams Avenue between 3rd Street and Phelps Street that resulted in injury. Failure to yield at crosswalks accounted for the majority of these collisions.

Project goals include:

- Increasing visibility, safety, and comfort for pedestrians
- Preventing reckless driving and slowing down vehicle speeds

upcoming outreach efforts!

For more information about quick-build projects in the Bayview, we invite you to visit SFMTA.com/BayviewQuickBuild.



Over the next few weeks, our artists will be working to finalize their designs and prepare the murals for our upcoming community event. Each mural will measure approximately 100' long and will be installed on the pedestrian side of the concrete barriers. Barriers on the corridor that are not muraled will have artwork applied in partnership with the San Francisco African American Arts & Cultural District.

This effort would not be possible without the generosity and time donated by B\*MAGIC, India Basin Neighborhood Association, San Francisco African American Arts & Cultural District, Shipyard Trust for the Arts, Wendy McNaughton, Livable City, SPIN, and CEMEX.







SFMTA staff are currently developing local outreach opportunities for the community to provide direct input to inform the project design. Keep an eye out for updates regarding

# **March 2021**

# **Coming Soon**



#### **Celebrate the Bayview at Bayside Saturdays!**

Starting April 3, 2021 come out to Evans Avenue/Hunters Point Boulevard/Innes Avenue to view the completed Bayview Quick-Build project, including an all-new protected path for pedestrians and bicyclists that will be lined with murals created by local artists.

Explore the neighborhood and visit our business partners along the corridor for food, drinks, art and more! Each Saturday in April, look out for socially distanced, communityled activities to celebrate the new additions through #BaysideSaturdays. Livable City and B\*MAGIC will present free fitness classes, giveaways, live music, and small business specials in partnership with local businesses and stakeholders.

This effort would not be possible without the generosity and time donated by B\*MAGIC, India Basin Neighborhood Association, San Francisco African American Arts & Cultural District, Shipyard Trust for the Arts, Wendy McNaughton, Livable City, SPIN, and CEMEX.

Learn more about Bayside Saturdays at www.sundaystreetssf.com/BaysideSaturdays

# **Public Hearing**





#### **Tenderloin Quick-Build Projects**

The Golden Gate Avenue and Leavenworth Quick-Build projects will be holding a public hearing on April 16, 2021 at 10:00am. This hearing is to gather your comments on the final proposals for the quick-builds proposed at the end of 2020. The project teams have been working closely with City partners to ensure the final designs incorporate community feedback and priorities while maintaining access for emergency services.

For both efforts, community input has emphasized additional traffic calming improvements on these streets. Both projects will include improvements for all modes of transportation with particular focus on improving the safety and comfort of pedestrian and bicycle travel.

At the Hearing, the public will have the opportunity to learn more about the project, see the proposed design, and provide comment. Upon completion of public comment, the City Traffic Engineer may approve these projects and provide a directive to advance these efforts.

The final design recommendations are on the project webpages. Stay tuned for more details and sign up for updates at SFMTA.com/GoldenGateQB and SFMTA.com/LeavenworthQB.

### Williams Avenue Quick-Build Safety Project

The Williams Avenue Quick-Build Safety Project is preparing to hold a virtual open house and public hearing later in April.

This project will implement traffic safety improvements directly recommended by the Bayview Community Based Transportation Plan. Proposed improvements include:

- Travel lane reduction
- Crosswalk upgrades
- Transit stop changes
- Speed humps

Keep an eye out for additional updates regarding the upcoming virtual open house/ public hearing! For more information about quick-build projects in the Bayview, we invite you to visit SFMTA.com/BayviewQuickBuild.



# **Ongoing Construction**









- Painted safety zones
- Daylighting
- Speed tables

#### **Folsom Street**

The Folsom Quick-Build is continuing construction on bike lane upgrades between 2nd and 5th streets, along with additional loading zones that will make passenger loading and deliveries easier for drivers. Daylighting and advanced limit lines to improve pedestrian visibility at intersections are also being implemented. For more information, visit SFMTA.com/FolsomQB.

# April 2021

# **Virtual Open House**

#### Williams Avenue Quick-Build Safety Project

From April 22 to May 13, 2021 the SFMTA is hosting a virtual open house as one way to provide information about the project proposals and collect public feedback about proposed traffic safety improvements on Williams Avenue from 3rd Street to Vesta/Phelps Street.

The interactive, online event can be accessed at any time during the threeweek period by visiting SFMTA.com/BayviewQB.

During the virtual open house, you will be able to learn more about the project, such as the schedule, project background, and proposed changes. You are invited to ask questions via e-mail, leave public comments about the project, and provide feedback through a survey. Project staff will respond to questions and comments received and the responses will be posted back to the virtual open house web page.

Additionally, SFMTA project team staff will be hosting in-person and online office hours to discuss project proposals with you in detail to provide opportunities for you to ask questions. Online office hours will be available online via Microsoft Teams and by phone.

For more information, visit **SFMTA.com/BayviewQB** or email **BayviewQB@SFMTA.com**.



# **Under Construction**



# **Recently Completed**



# Golden Gate Avenue Quick-Build Project

Construction for the Golden Gate Avenue Quick-Build started the week of April 19. Construction spanned along Golden Gate Avenue from Market Street to Polk Street and included parking removal and reallocation in order to upgrade the existing bike lane and protect people walking and biking from moving traffic. The project is slated for completion within the next two weeks.

For more information about this project, please visit **SFMTA.com/GoldenGateQB**.

#### Leavenworth Street Quick-Build Project

Construction of roadway changes on Leavenworth Street between McAllister Street and Post Street will begin in May. Construction is estimated to take one week, but the timeline may change due to road conditions and weather.

To learn more about the project, please visit **SFMTA.com/LeavenworthQB**.

### Folsom Street Quick-Build Project

Construction for the Folsom Street Quick-Build Project between 2nd Street and 5th Street is substantially complete, with bikeway upgrades and additional loading zones that will make passenger loading and deliveries easier for drivers. Daylighting and advanced limit lines to improve pedestrian visibility at intersections have also been implemented. Final touches will be completed this summer.

For more information, visit **SFMTA.com/FolsomQB**.







## May 2021

# **Recently Completed**



#### Golden Gate Avenue Quick-Build Project

Construction of the Golden Gate Avenue Quick-Build is substantially complete!

The project spans from Market Street to Polk Street and implementation included parking removal and reallocation in order to upgrade the existing bike lane and protect people walking and biking from moving traffic. This newly protected bikeway helps people riding bikes connect to Polk Street and Market Street, which are important links in the overall city bicycle network.

Community partners, specifically Code Tenderloin and TLCBD's Safe Passage, supported MTA staff during construction by accompanying them on site visits and assisting with outreach and notification.

To learn more about the project, please visit **SFMTA.com/GoldenGateQB**.

#### Leavenworth Street Quick-Build Project

Construction for the Leavenworth Quick-Build Project started this month and will be completed in the coming weeks.

Spanning from McAllister Street to Post Street, the Leavenworth Street Quick-Build design includes a road diet with narrow buffers on both sides of the roadway, pedestrian safety improvements such as crosswalks and painted safety zones, and reallocated curb space for residents' and businesses' parking and loading needs. These improvements were informed by community comments, and the SFMTA will continue working with the community to explore future use of the buffer space.

To learn more about the project, please visit **SFMTA.com/LeavenworthQB**.

# **Recent Outreach**



#### **Evans Avenue Quick-Build Project**

The Evans Avenue Quick-Build Project is an effort to improve traffic safety conditions and comfort for all who travel along Evans Avenue between Cesar Chavez and 3rd Street by using adjustable, quick-to-construct, and reversible roadway treatments.

This segment of Evans Avenue is in the Bayview neighborhood and home to commercial retail, light and heavy industrial, and city department activities. There are six new developments along the corridor either planned, under construction or recently opened.

In addition to increased activity within the area, Evans Avenue is part of the Vision Zero High Injury Network. From 2015 to 2020, 81 traffic collisions have been reported along this corridor. Improvements within the project area will increase safety for all users of Evans Avenue whether they drive, walk, bike, or ride Muni and support the City's Vision Zero commitment.

In April and May 2021, the SFMTA distributed surveys and collected input on several proposed design concepts. After the survey period, the project team will review the feedback received to fine tune a preferred design. The design will be finalized later in the summer and shared with the public.

To stay up to date, we welcome you to sign up for email updates on the project website: **SFMTA.com/EvansQuickBuild** 







## June 2021

# **Recent Outreach**



#### South Van Ness Avenue Quick-Build Project

The South Van Ness Avenue Quick-Build Project is an effort to implement traffic safety improvements along an important corridor in the Mission neighborhood by using cost-effective and temporary design treatments that can be installed quickly.

The proposed project extents are on South Van Ness Avenue from 14th Street to Cesar Chavez, which is home to many residents as well as commercial retail. This segment of South Van Ness Avenue is part of the Vision Zero High Injury Network, the 13 percent of city streets that account for 75 percent of serious injuries and fatalities. Over the past five years, there have been over 190 reported traffic collisions, one in six of which involved pedestrians. Improvements within this project area will increase safety for all users of South Van Ness Avenue and support San Francisco's Vision Zero commitment.

Outreach is currently underway for the South Van Ness Quick-Build Project and there is a survey available to collect feedback about the proposed changes. To take the project survey and stay up to date, please visit the project website and sign up for updates at SFMTA.com/SVanNessQuickBuild.









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# **Design Spotlight**

#### **Daylighting & Painted Safety Zones**

As part of the city's ongoing efforts to improve the safety, comfort and accessibility of San Francisco's streets, the SFMTA has been implementing red visibility curbs, also known as "daylighting," throughout the city. Red zones adjacent to crosswalks allow pedestrians and motorists to more easily see each other and avoid potential collisions.



Daylighting can also be further paired with a painted safety zone (PSZ) to increase visibility and keep intersection corners clear. Khaki paint is applied on the roadway with a white solid outline and reinforced by plastic delineators to demarcate the area that should be kept clear and visible. As a low-cost, easy-to-implement treatment, PSZs enhance pedestrian safety by:

- Improving the line of sight between pedestrians and motorists
- Providing motorists with visual cues that encourage careful maneuvering near pedestrians

The footprint of a painted safety zone resembles a bulbout, helping to emphasize that the space should not be treated as part of the roadway. Painted safety zones do not extend the sidewalk, as pedestrians still wait to start their crossing at the existing curb line. However, their future conversion to concrete bulbouts will provide all the benefits of a wider sidewalk.

Daylighting is included as a key tool in many of our quick-builds, including Folsom Street, Mission Street, and Geneva Avenue. These changes are meant to make pedestrians more visible and to warn drivers to be aware of people crossing the street.

# July 2021

# **Public Hearing**



#### Williams Avenue Quick-Build Project

The Williams Avenue Quick-Build Safety Project will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, July 30, 2021 at 10:00 AM. While the Virtual Open House was open between April 22 and May 13, the project team

- Received 447 survey responses (online and in print form)
- Hosted five tabling sessions at Florence Fang Community Farm & Foods Co on Williams Ave.
- Saw 535 visitors to the Williams Avenue Quick-Build Virtual Open House webpage

At the hearing, members of the public will be able to provide comment on the Williams Avenue Quick-Build proposal. You can view shared material and listen online at SFMTA.com/ENGHearing.

For more information, please visit SFMTA.com/BayviewQB or email us at BayviewQB@SFMTA.com.



## **Under Construction**

#### 7th Street Quick-Build Project

As part of the 7th Street Quick-Build Project, San Francisco Public Works has begun construction for transit boarding islands on 7th Street at Bryant Street and 7th Street at Brannan Street. Construction is anticipated to be completed before the end of August.

When completed, these boarding islands will provide physical protection to bicyclists while facilitating passenger loading activities. People boarding Muni buses will have a safe space to get on and off vehicles. Bus drivers will not need to pull in and out of moving traffic since they will be able to use the dedicated space at the boarding islands.

For more information, please visit SFMTA.com/7th.

# **Coming Soon**



#### **Tenderloin Emergency Streets to Quick-Build Projects**

Since May 2020, the SFMTA has been supporting the Tenderloin Plan for COVID-19, a key part of the City's broader efforts to address the public health crisis in San Francisco and among people who are experiencing homelessness. The Tenderloin Plan identified creating more walking space as a priority.

In 2020 and 2021, the Tenderloin COVID-19 Emergency Streets were implemented to expand walking space to enable physical distancing and respond to emerging needs, such as temporary street closures to support small businesses & neighborhood services.

Over the next several months, the SFMTA will assess the feasibility of transitioning these temporary COVID-19 response projects into quick-build projects. These projects will need to go through a City approval process, including outreach, legislation, public hearing, and presentation to the MTA Board.

The project team is currently in the early planning/design phase for four emergency streets to quick-build efforts:

- 1. Jones Street Physical Distancing Lane
- 2. Golden Gate Avenue 100 Block Closure
- 3. Turk Street Safe Passage
- 4. Ellis Street 300 Block Closure

You can now access the project webpage for the Jones/100 Block of Golden Gate Quick-Build. The project team is also interested in partnering with sister agencies and community and resident-based organizations to include additional elements to these projects that embody the art, culture, and vision of the Tenderloin community.

For more information, please visit SFMTA.com/TLStreets or email the project team at TLStreets@SFMTA.com to discuss further.









## **August 2021**

## **Planning in Process**



#### **Evans Avenue Quick-Build Project**

The Evans Avenue Quick-Build Project, which stretches from Third Street to Cesar Chavez, is in support of the city's commitment to Vision Zero . In an effort to improve traffic safety and comfort for all who travel along Evans Avenue, the project team is developing quick-build proposals to balance the needs of those walking, biking, driving, and taking transit.

Earlier this year, the project team distributed surveys to collect feedback regarding traffic safety treatments and how they may be applied in different design alternatives. Given the concentration of city services and future developments located along the corridor and near the project area, staff have also connected with the city family for input. This Fall, proposed designs built upon community feedback will be shared out. Implementation could begin as early as Winter 2021.

For more on this project and to stay up to date, please visit SFMTA.com/EvansQuickBuild.

# **Under Construction**

#### 7th Street Quick-Build Safety Project

Construction of transit boarding islands on 7th Street at Bryant Street and Brannan Street wrapped up this month thanks to the work of San Francisco Public Works staff. Now that they are physically constructed, SFMTA paint crew members are in the process of installing new roadway striping to complete the protected bikeway on 7th Street between Harrison Street and Townsend Street. The new transit boarding islands are an upgrade to these two former flag stops and will provide a safer, accessible space for passengers to get on and off Muni 19 Polk buses. Transit boarding islands also improve transit speed and provide protection to people biking alongside it.

For more information, please visit SFMTA.com/7th.





#### **Battery/Sansome Quick-Build Project**

The Battery/Sansome Quick-Build Project is an effort to improve the safety of all who travel on Sansome Street and Battery Street between Market Street and Broadway in the Financial District. This project will also build off the previous Sansome Battery Connections Project and work towards establishing a safe and protected connection for those traveling north-south by bicycle.

The project team is currently assessing the feasibility of projected bikeways on one or both corridors. Outreach is ongoing and design proposals will be developed with direct community input.

For more information about this project and to sign up for updates, visit SFMTA.com/BatterySansomeQB.







## September 2021

# **Upcoming Outreach**



#### **Evans Avenue Quick-Build Project**

The Evans Avenue Quick-Build Project, which extends from Third Street to Cesar Chavez, is in support of the city's commitment to Vision Zero. The overarching objectives of the project are to improve traffic safety and comfort for all who travel along Evans Avenue.

The project team is hosting an open house in October to discuss and showcase proposed traffic safety improvements for those walking, biking, and taking transit. The open house will be available both in person and online. These events serve as a direct channel for the community to submit questions and feedback to the project team. We look forward to hearing your thoughts during these upcoming sessions.

**Open House** October 9, 2021 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM Virtual Open House (via Zoom Video Conferencing) October 13, 2021 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

For more on these upcoming events and project details, please visit SFMTA.com/EvansQuickBuild.

#### South Van Ness Quick-Build Project

The SFMTA will be holding a combined Virtual Open House and Public Hearing on the South Van Ness Avenue Quick-Build Project between October 13th through October 27th to present project proposals, which include a lane reduction and signal timing changes to encourage traveling at safer speeds while accommodating traffic volumes. The project also proposes to make changes at the curb to allow businesses and community organizations to better utilize curb space.

The interactive, online event can be accessed at any time during the two-week period. Office hours and in-person tabling for community members to speak directly with the project team will also be held.

Dates and times will be posted online at SFMTA.com/SVanNessQuickBuild.



## **Coming Soon**

#### **Central Embarcadero Safety Project**

The Central Embarcadero Safety Project was recently approved by the Port of San Francisco. This project aims to improve the experience of traveling along The Embarcadero with respect to safety, connectivity, access, economic recovery, and mobility.

As San Francisco's waterfront continues to evolve, busy sidewalks and streets with multiple uses may create conflicts, discomfort, and challenges. A key feature in the design of this project is a protected bikeway between Broadway and Mission Street, triple the length of the previously built bikeway at the Pier 35, Ferry Terminal, and Rincon Restaurant Zone areas. The new protected bikeway will provide a safe and comfortable space on the roadway for people to ride, while reducing the potential for conflict between different users of the sidewalk path and users of the road. This project also focuses on better distribution of parking and loading areas near the San Francisco Ferry Building.

Implementation is expected to begin in late 2021.

For more information about this project and to sign up for updates, visit SFMTA.com/Embarcadero.



#### Williams Avenue Quick-Build Safety Project

Construction of the Williams Avenue Quick-Build Safety Project has begun. This guick-build adds important safety improvements to Williams Avenue including crosswalk installations, stop signs, a bus stop upgrade, travel lane reduction, and more. Implementation of roadway paint and sign changes will be substantially complete in the upcoming week, with traffic calming features anticipated to be constructed this Fall, pending staff availability and weather. We thank you for your continued patience throughout the construction process.







# **Under Construction**

For more information, please visit SFMTA.com/BayviewQB.

## October 2021

## **Recent Outreach**





#### **Evans Avenue Quick-Build Project**

The Evans Avenue Quick-Build Project, which extends from Third Street to Cesar Chavez, is in support of the city's commitment to Vision Zero. The overarching objectives of the project are to improve traffic safety and comfort for all who travel along this corridor.

The project team hosted an open house (a live recording can be accessed on the project webpage) on October 13 to inform and update the community on the project's progress. The video conference included discussion of topics including project scope, reason for implementation, and timeline. Prior to the open house, the project team did outreach and gauged community opinions on three potential street designs options. The option that generally includes a westbound parking-protected bike lane, eastbound buffered bike lane, and one travel lane in each direction was most favored by a majority of survey respondents.

The open house was paired with an in-person tabling event along the corridor on October 9, as well as an opportunity to meet and chat with the project team at the Potrero Hill Festival on October 16.

The project team plans to present the recommended design to the SFMTA Board of Directors for approval this winter and construction may begin as soon as early 2022.

For more project details, please visit SFMTA.com/EvansQuickBuild.

#### South Van Ness Quick-Build Project

The South Van Ness Avenue Quick-Build Project recently held a combined virtual open house and public hearing between October 13 through October 27. The interactive, online event regarding proposals between 14th Street and Cesar Chavez was accessible at any time during the two-week period. Additionally, the project team tabled along the project corridor on October 14 and during Sunday Streets Phoenix Day on October 17 to further provide an in-person opportunity to discuss proposals with community members.

Through an initial outreach survey, the project team found that the top three safety concerns respondents had regarding South Van Ness Avenue were vehicle speeding, drivers running red lights and feeling unsafe at pedestrian crossings. To address these concerns, the project team has developed a proposal to convert the street from a four-lane roadway to a three-lane roadway with a center left-turn lane and left turn pockets at intersections. This proposal was supported by a majority of survey respondents.

Following the virtual open house and public hearing, the project team will review feedback collected and will post a summary of results on the SFMTA website.

More information can be found at SFMTA.com/SVanNessQuickBuild.

# **Recent Construction**



#### **Jones Street Quick-Build Project**

Previously a part of the Tenderloin COVID-19 Emergency Streets project, the Jones Street Quick-Build aims to relieve the safety challenges that have been highlighted by the pandemic. Every street in the Tenderloin is on the city's Vision Zero High Injury Network. In the last five years, there were 62 collisions on Jones Street from O'Farrell Street to Golden Gate Avenue, resulting in four severe injuries and one fatality.

In 2020, SFMTA installed temporary physical distancing lanes on Jones Street to encourage and allow people to practice social distancing while still utilizing the street for travel and services. These barriers were recently removed in October 2021 to improve safety and quality of life between O'Farrell Street and Golden Gate Avenue while city crews repainted Jones Street with two travel lanes and painted buffers on each side.

While these changes were completed in the interim, the project team is continuing to work with the Tenderloin community on additional improvements to this corridor as well as the 100 block of Golden Gate Avenue. The project team is currently in the early planning and design phases for converting the Emergency Streets Project efforts into a quick-build project. For the remainder of 2021, SFMTA will be working with the community to better understand their safety concerns and provide potential solutions followed by project approvals and implementation in early 2022.

For more information, please visit SFMTA.com/JonesQuickBuild.







### November 2021

## **Planning in Process**



#### Lake Merced Quick-Build Project

The Lake Merced Quick-Build Project aims to alleviate challenges related to traffic safety and comfort along Lake Merced Boulevard from Skyline Boulevard to John Muir Drive. Between Font Boulevard and Sunset Boulevard, Lake Merced Boulevard is part of San Francisco's Vision Zero High Injury Network (HIN).

- From 2016 to 2021, there were 89 collisions along the project corridor, which resulted in 87 injuries and two fatalities.
- Almost 75 percent (66 out of 89) of all collisions happened at an intersection.
- 30 percent of reported incidents (27 collisions) cite unsafe speeds as a primary factor of the collision.

This project will build on the Lake Merced Bikeway Feasibility Study and Lake Merced Pedestrian Safety Study while the Lake Merced Pedestrian Community Based Transportation Plan (CBTP) planning process is currently underway in a concurrent effort to bring comprehensive and coordinated improvements to the Lake Merced area.

More information about this project can be found at SFMTA.com/LakeMercedQB

#### **Bayshore Boulevard Quick-Build Project**

The Bayshore Boulevard Quick-Build Project seeks to increase the safety and accessibility of bike and pedestrian connections to and from the Bayshore Boulevard, Cesar Chavez, and Potrero Avenue intersection (known as the Hairball), building upon a series of improvements to this area in recent years.

Bayshore Boulevard just south of Jerrold Avenue and Helena Street is part of San Francisco's Vision Zero High Injury Network, which means 75 percent of the city's traffic injuries and fatalities occur on just 13 percent of San Francisco streets. In a recent five year collision history, there have been 71 collisions involving a vehicle and another vehicle, bicyclist or pedestrian on Bayshore Boulevard between Oakdale Avenue and Silver Avenue.

This project is currently conducting community outreach, which will be followed by legislation, detailed design, and construction in 2022.

For more project details and to sign up for project updates, please visit SFMTA. com/BayshoreQuickBuild.

# Vision Zero Action Strategy



Based on the positive experience of recent quick-build projects, the new Action Strategy commits the City to applying the quick-build toolkit to the High Injury Network. This includes proven safety improvements such as continental crosswalks, daylighting, painted safety zones, protected bike lanes, and traffic signal retiming.

Download and read the new Action Strategy at VisionZeroSF.org.





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Since adopting Vision Zero in 2014, the City has published an Action Strategy that lays out the strategic actions for city departments and agencies to reach the city's Vision Zero goal. This fourth version of the Action Strategy reflects a need for a paradigm shift – outlining the substantial changes needed in policy, politics, and resources to eliminate all traffic deaths and reduce severe injuries in San Francisco.

# December 2021

# **Highlights from 2021**

As the COVID-19 pandemic continued into its second year, 2021 was full of challenges for San Francisco. But through it all, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) continued to make our streets safer for all through the Vision Zero Quick-Build Program. The SFMTA believes that quick-builds are an essential element in making progress toward achieving Vision Zero.



#### Leavenworth Quick-Build Project

In tandem with efforts along Golden Gate Avenue, the Leavenworth Street Quick-Build Project also aims to improve traffic safety and comfort for those traveling in the Tenderloin. Following completion of the quick-build in 2021, Leavenworth Street now has one less travel lane (three lanes to two) with painted buffers to deter speeding.

Additionally, curb space has been adjusted to improve parking and loading for businesses and residents, and a suite of pedestrian safety improvements—including advanced limit lines, new crosswalks, and painted safety zones—have been added at intersections.

More information about this project can be found at SFMTA.com/LeavenworthQB



#### **Bayview Quick-Build Projects**

In 2021, quick-build treatments were completed along the Evans Avenue, Hunters Point Boulevard Boulevard, and Innes Avenue corridor in the Bayview neighborhood. This Bayview Quick-Build Project resulted from a direct recommendation from the Bayview Community-Based Transportation Plan, which was a comprehensive effort to identify ways to improve pedestrian visibility and comfort at crossings and reducing vehicle speeds on community-identified priority streets in the area.

This project's main feature is a walkway and bikeway protected by concrete k-rail barriers beautified by murals painted by community artists. Additional changes include upgraded crosswalks, painted pedestrian median islands, and painted safety zones to increase visibility, safety and comfort for pedestrians, while reducing vehicle travel lanes to calm traffic and created dedicated space for parking, walking, and biking.

To learn more about this project, please visit SFMTA.com/BayviewQB



#### Folsom Street Quick-Build Project

Quick-build improvements installed on Folsom Street in SoMa in 2021 will serve as near-term treatments to address traffic safety in the area in advance of major construction for the Folsom-Howard Streetscape Project—a long-term design and implementation effort to bring substantial safety and livability improvements to SoMa.

Improvements installed as part of the Folsom Street Quick-Build Project include an eastbound parking-protected bikeway to create safer conditions for people riding bikes, adding daylighting and other safety features at intersections, removing a travel lane to calm traffic and vehicle volumes, and improving loading conditions for local businesses.

For more project details, please visit SFMTA.com/FolsomQuickBuild

# **Under Construction**

#### **Central Embarcadero Quick-Build Project**

The Central Embarcadero Quick-Build Project began construction this month with the installation of new bike signals, protected bike lanes, adjustments to bus stops and layovers for bus services, new short-term parking, and relocated blue zones. These changes were made to lay the groundwork for the two-way bikeway installation that will begin in January 2022.

Due to the roadway changes, lane closures will be necessary to ensure the safety of workers. This may lead to traffic delays but crews will aim to work outside of busy hours whenever possible. We thank you in advance for your patience. This quick-build project is a part of the larger Embarcadero Enhancement Program and aims to ease traffic and crashes on Embarcadero's Promenade.

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