



Major upgrades are coming to Van Ness Avenue to rehabilitate and revitalize classic San Francisco's aging infrastructure.

Construction is now underway on this massive civic improvement project that will bring San Francisco its first Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system, a much-needed and globally-proven solution to improve transit service and address traffic congestion on Van Ness Avenue, a major north-south arterial.

To minimize construction impacts while maximizing benefits, we're taking the opportunity to replace more than 22,000-feet of 1800s-era water main, install a new sewer system, overhaul the emergency water system that supplies over 1,200 fire hydrants, update street lighting with brighter, more efficient street lights that include new sidewalk lighting, and beautify Van Ness Avenue with new landscaping and rain gardens.

Along with a new BRT system projected to open in 2020, we are repaving Van Ness Avenue and replacing the overhead contact system that powers our buses. We're also making it safer for people walking with countdown crossing signals, shortening crossing distances with curb bulbs and median refuges and making people walking more visible with zebra-striped crosswalks.

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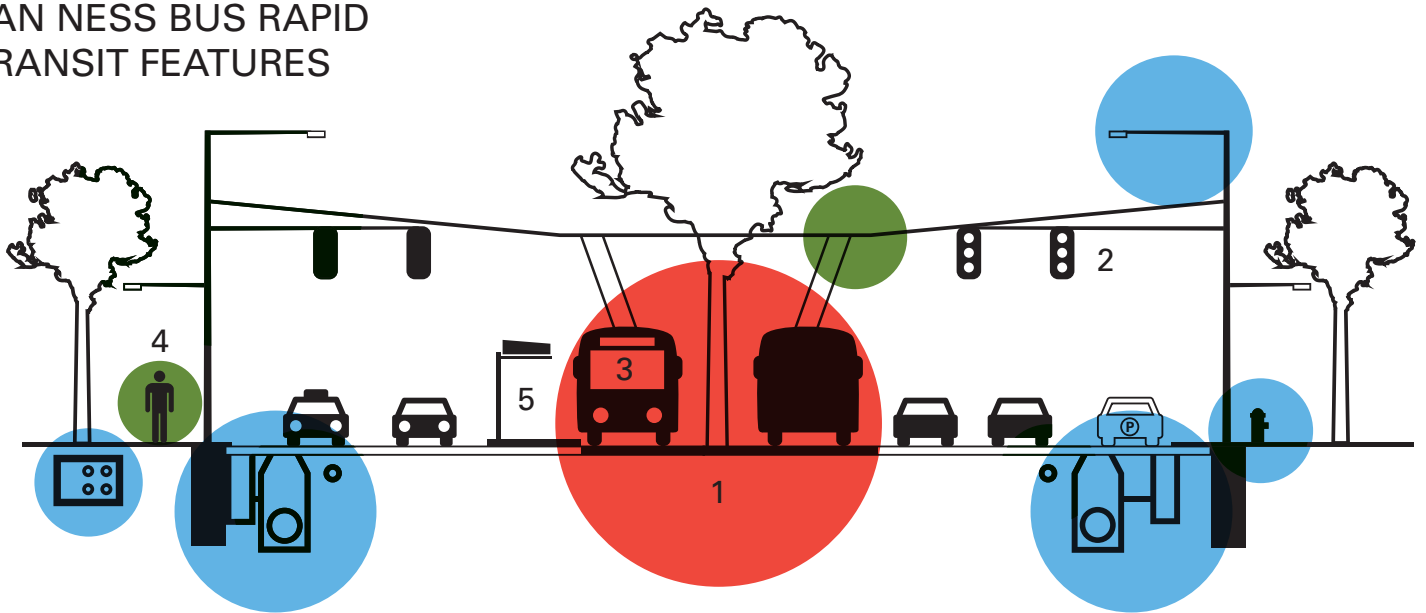
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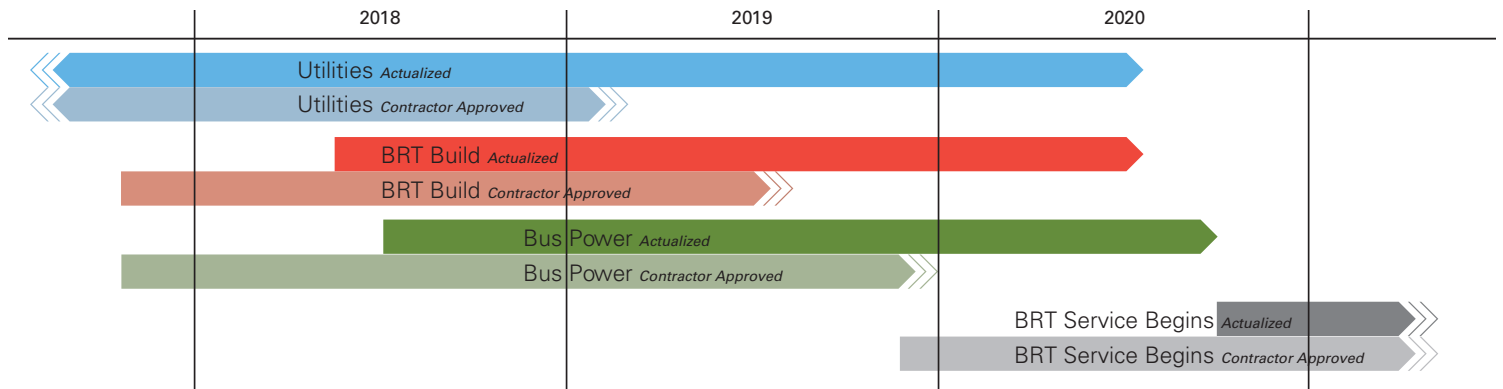
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# VAN NESS BUS RAPID TRANSIT FEATURES



- 1. Dedicated bus lane for Muni and Golden Gate Transit.
- 2. Traffic signals that give the green light to buses and are optimized for north-south traffic.
- 3. Low-floor buses for easy and quick boarding.
- 4. Safety features for people walking like countdown signals, median refuges, sidewalk extensions, zebra-striped crosswalks and left-turn restrictions.
- 5. High-quality boarding islands located at key transfer points.



## CONSTRUCTION PHASES

### Utility Work and Roadway Restoration

Upgrades include installing an electrical duct bank and replacing underground sewer and water systems, as well as a segment of the emergency firefighting water system, to ensure reliable operation. New street and sidewalk lighting will also be installed during this phase. Once the utility work is completed, the sidewalk and roadway will be restored to begin the next phase of construction. This first phase will last about 24 months.

### BRT Build

Building red center-running Bus Rapid Transit lanes, station platforms and medians. This phase will begin as the first phase is wrapping up and will last about six months.

### Bus Power

The final six-month construction phase includes building sidewalk extensions, installing new overhead bus-power wires, painting crosswalks and training Operators.

*Note: Actualized schedule is projecting a delay.*

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