



SFMTA

# Octavia 'Open Street' Project



**SFMTA Board of Directors**  
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# What are the issues?

- **Octavia and Hayes streets are on the Vision Zero *High Injury Network*** – the 13% of streets that account for over 70% of injury collisions
- **SFMTA has received many complaints** about speeding on Octavia Street, congestion/honking at the offset T-intersection at Hayes & Octavia
- **Staff determined the area would benefit more from a pedestrian-focused redesign** rather than mere management of speeds (i.e., speed humps)
- **PROXY\* is going away** (\*the temporary privately-operated public open space east of Patricia's Green)
- **More car-free affordable housing** will further create more demand for public open space

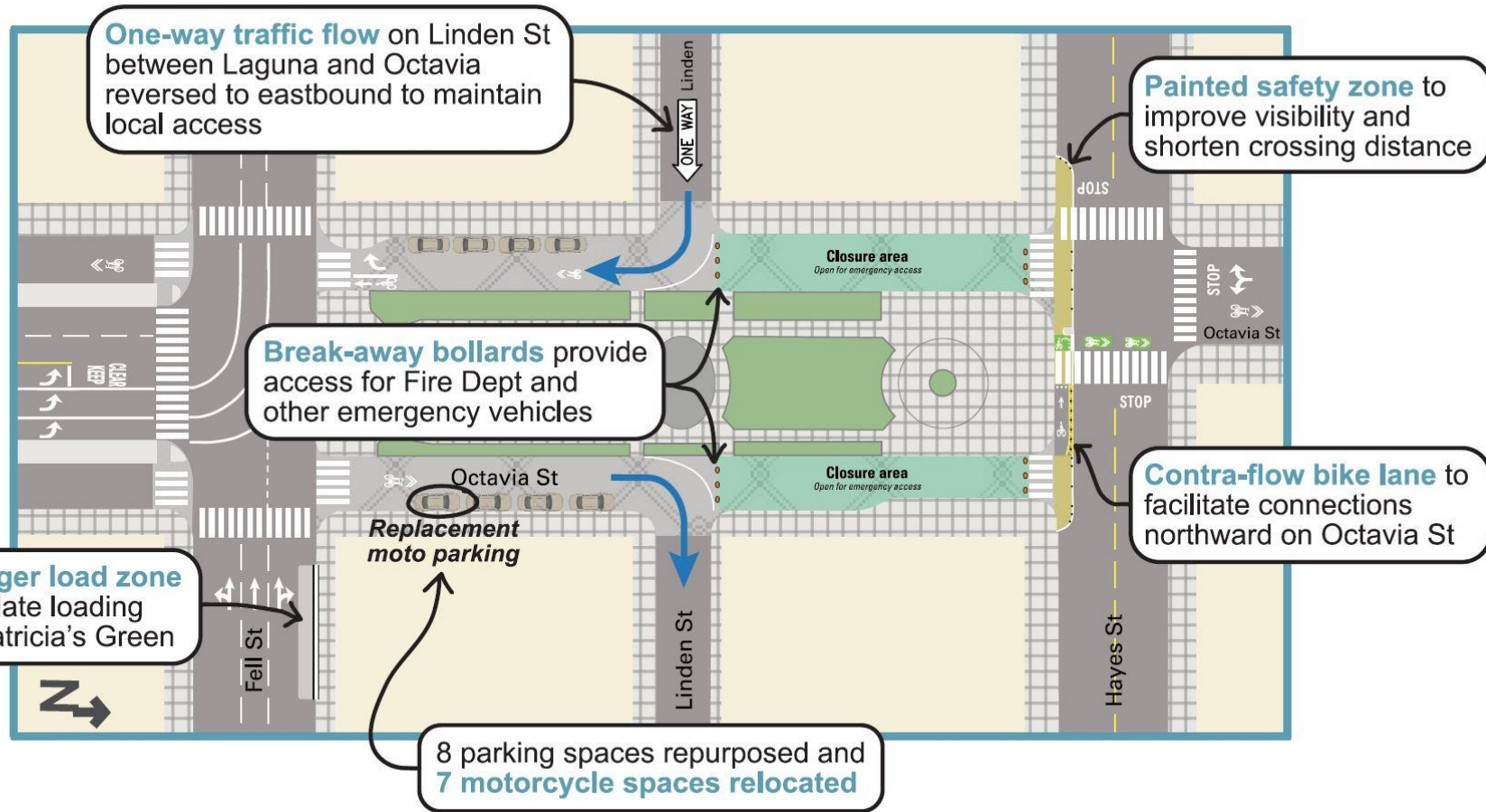


# What will the project do?

- **Restrict vehicle traffic on Octavia Street** between Linden and Hayes along Patricia's Green to improve safety and expand public space
- **Reverse one-way traffic flow on Linden Street** between Laguna and Octavia to eastbound to maintain local access
- **Add painted safety zones at Hayes & Octavia** to improve visibility and shorten crossing distances
- **Install a protected bikeway on Hayes Street** to improve connectivity and safety for people bicycling northbound through Hayes & Octavia
- **Add a passenger loading zone on Fell Street** east of Octavia for pick-ups/drop-offs near the park

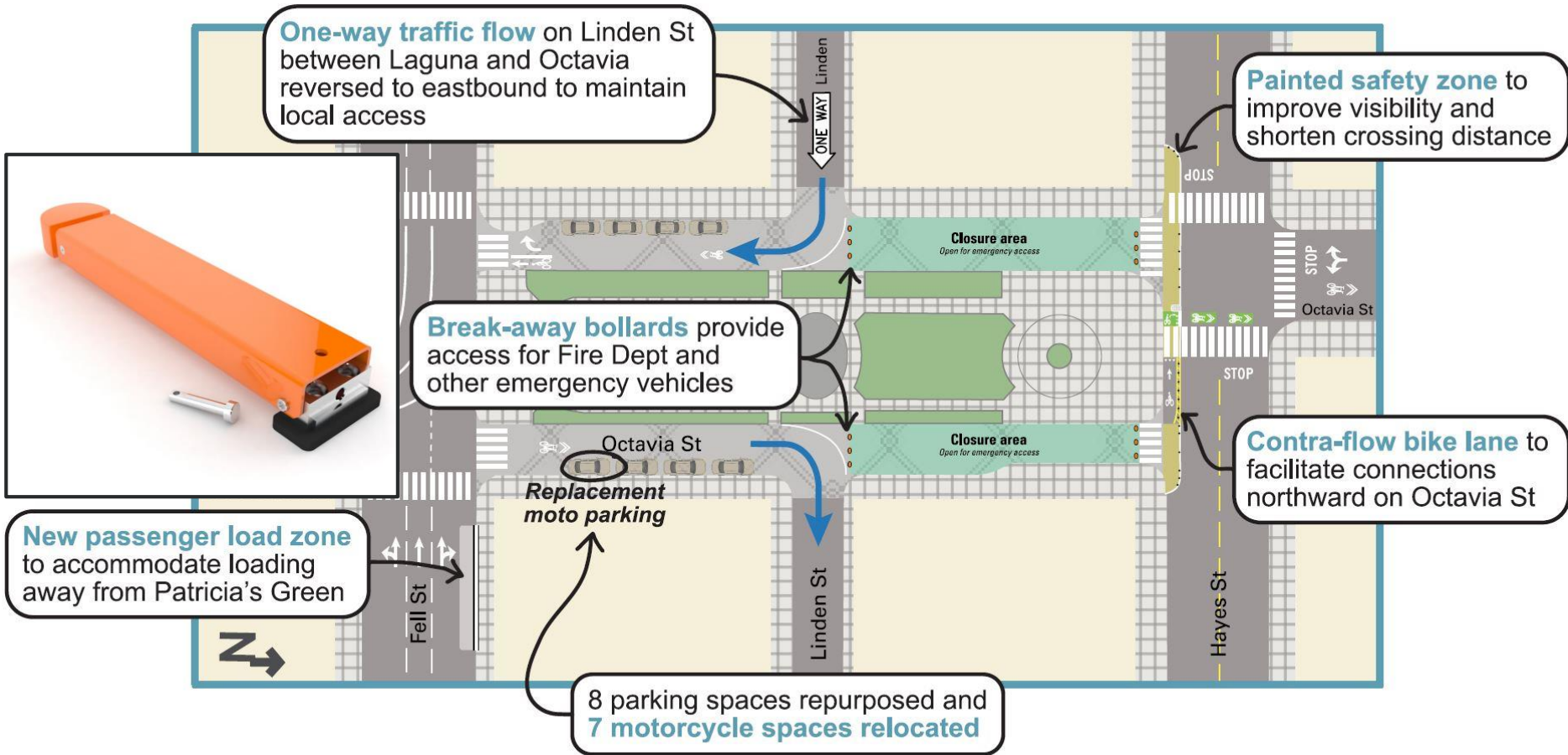


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# Timeline for Temporary Closures

Passers-by wrote comments with ideas for what they'd like to see on Octavia.



Collapsible bollards were tested in 2018.



**2015 & 2016**

**1-day closures**

*East side of Patricia's Green only (northbound)*

**June 2017**

**8-day closure**

*East side of Patricia's Green and daytime hours only*

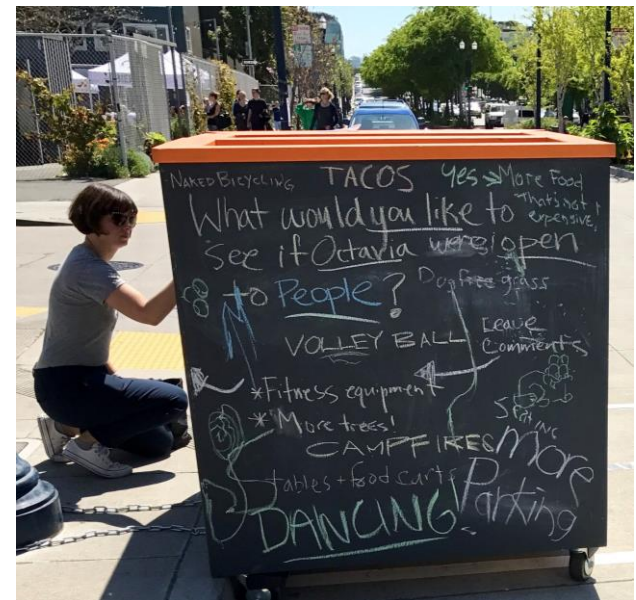
**June 2018**

**17-day closure**

*Both sides of Patricia's Green and included overnight hours*

# Public Engagement

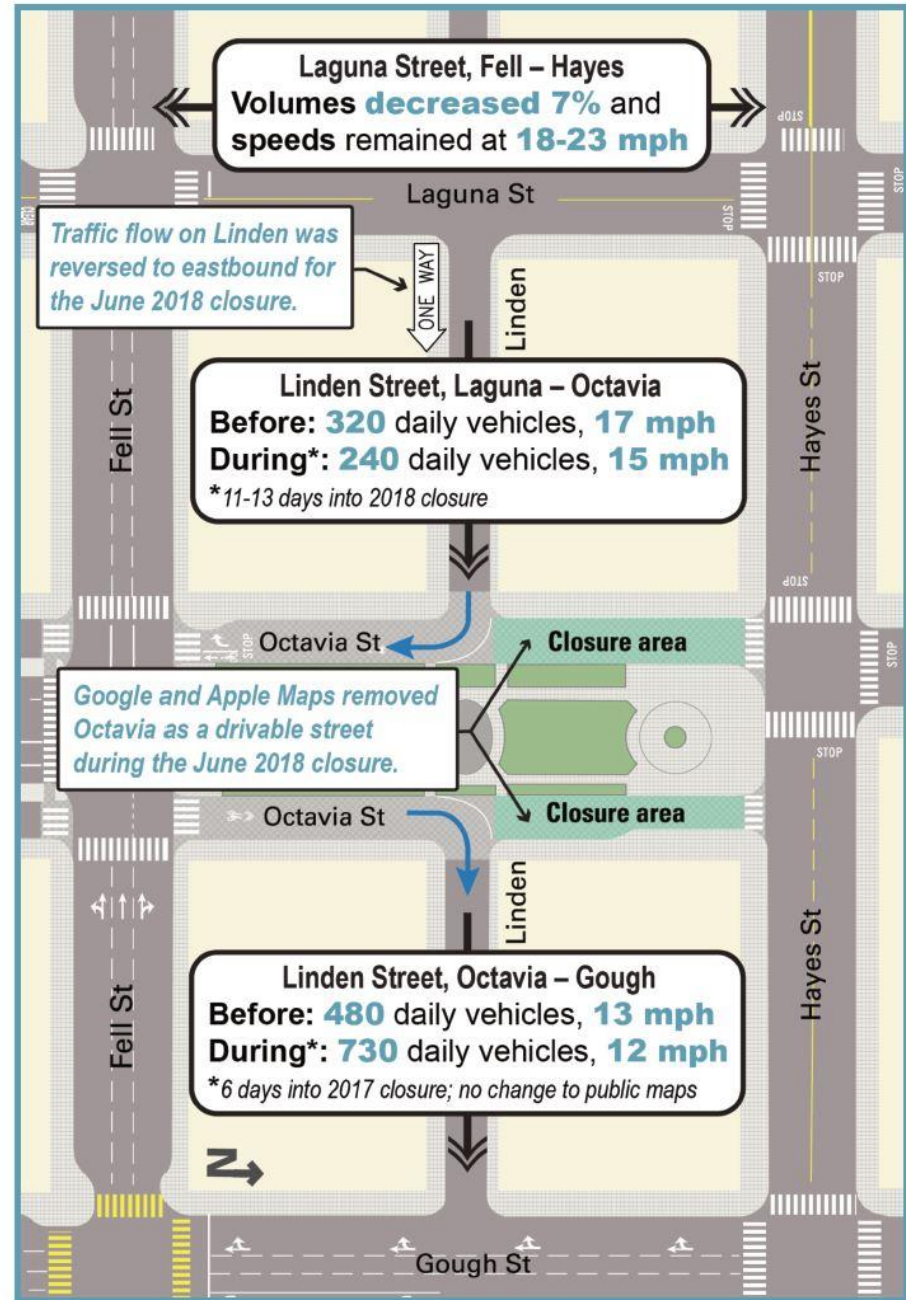
- 5 open houses
  - 4 outside at Patricia's Green
- 4 outdoor 'office hour' events
- 1 walking tour
- Creative 'idea gathering' exercises
- Focused outreach to Linden Street residents and business owners
- Door-to-door outreach





# Circulation

- Octavia Street alongside Patricia's Green carries light traffic today, easily absorbed by other streets.
- Traffic decreased on the Laguna-Octavia block in 2018 and increased slightly on the Octavia-Gough block 6 days into the 2017 closure.
- Removing Octavia as a drivable route by mapping providers in 2018 helped to reduce traffic on Linden.
- Hayes & Octavia functioned much better as a simplified T-intersection.





# Why now?

- **Vision Zero:** We are committed to acting quickly to improve safety on the High Injury Network.
- **Traffic circulation:** We are confident the new patterns work and are compatible with Linden Street.
- **Emergency access:** We have found success using collapsible bollards to secure the space.
- **Maintenance:** We plan to use the same mini street sweepers that clean our protected bikeways.
- **Enjoy it now!** With housing to replace PROXY a few years away, there is time to enjoy more public space.



# Schedule

- **IMPLEMENT – Fall 2019**
- **EVALUATE – Winter 2019/20**
- **Later...**
  - PROXY » housing
  - Possible enhancements for Linden 'living alley'

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