



SFMTA

Post-Pandemic Slow Streets

SFMTA Board of Directors

August 3, 2021

Overview



Slow Streets Program Update



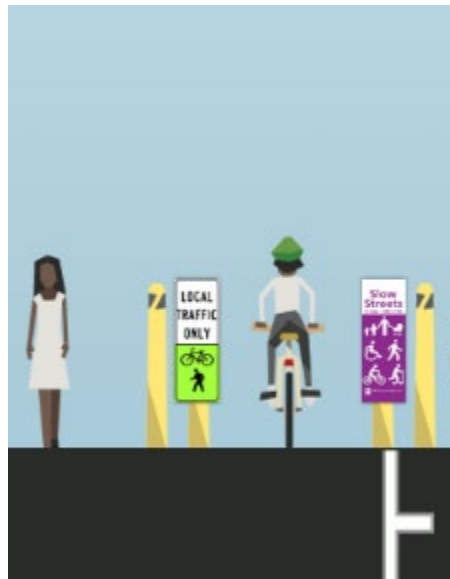
Evaluation & Recommendations for Post-Pandemic Slow Streets



Outline of Design Process for Post-Pandemic Slow Streets

Board Action: Reauthorize four Slow Streets for post-pandemic design

Slow Streets Timeline



April 2020
State of
Emergency &
Muni
Reductions

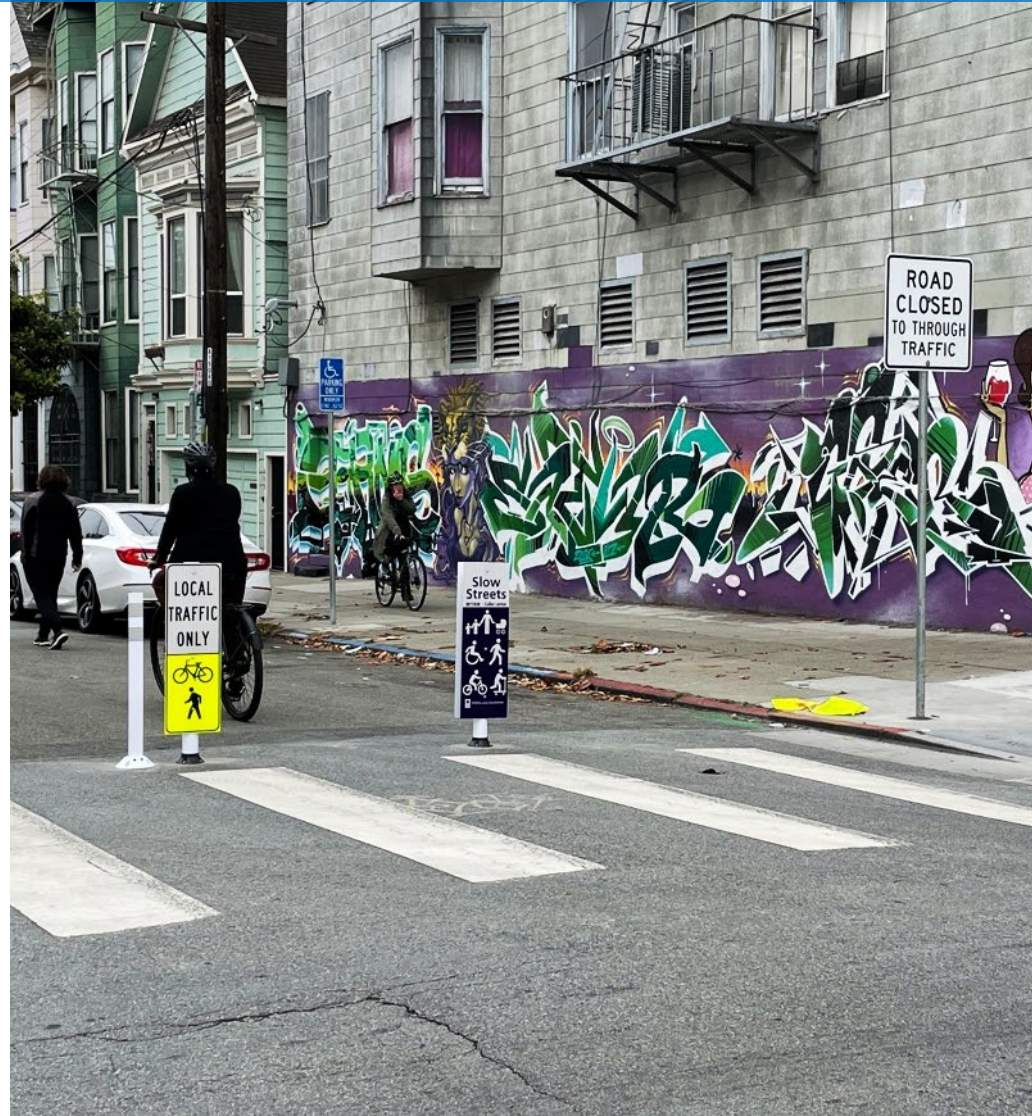
**April – July
2020**
Slow Streets
Phases
1, 2, & 3

April 2021
Slow Streets
Phase 4

**August
2021**
Recommend
Initial Post-
Pandemic
Slow Streets

Slow Streets Program Update

- Maintained network of **31 Slow Streets**
- Collected **pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicle counts** on all implemented Slow Streets & parallel streets
- Surveyed San Franciscans living within ¼ mile of a Slow Street and **analyzed 15,000 responses**
- Currently installing new, **more durable materials** to replace barricades on Slow Streets citywide



Criteria for Extended Slow Streets



Low-volume residential street



Community support for continuation



Neighborhood organization as steward



Consistency with other planning efforts



Data showing minimal disruption to network

STEP 1



Implement Temporary Slow Street

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, install temporary Slow Streets using traffic diverters and signage to create space that is more conducive to better physically distanced essential travel by non-motorized travel, safer travel by walking and biking, exercise, and connection to the outside

STEP 2



Evaluate Temporary Slow Street

Deploy user surveys and collect traffic data to assess the performance of Slow Streets, identify operational issues, and determine the community's perceptions and attitudes toward the facility and its future

STEP 3



Identify Post-Pandemic Slow Street

Based on the evaluation of Slow Streets and analysis of various criteria for post-pandemic feasibility, recommend corridors to create a network of Slow Streets that last beyond the COVID-19 pandemic

Slow Streets Post-Pandemic Network Development Process

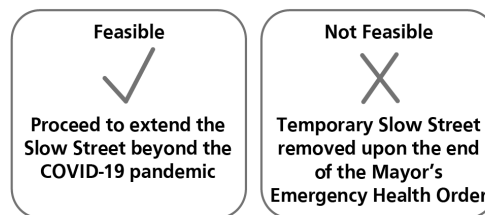


STEP 5



Install Post-Pandemic Slow Street

Complete the public hearing process and implement post-pandemic Slow Street design treatments

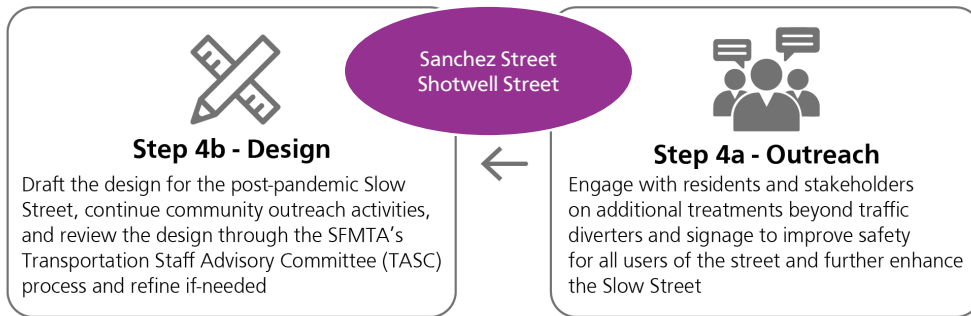


STEP 4



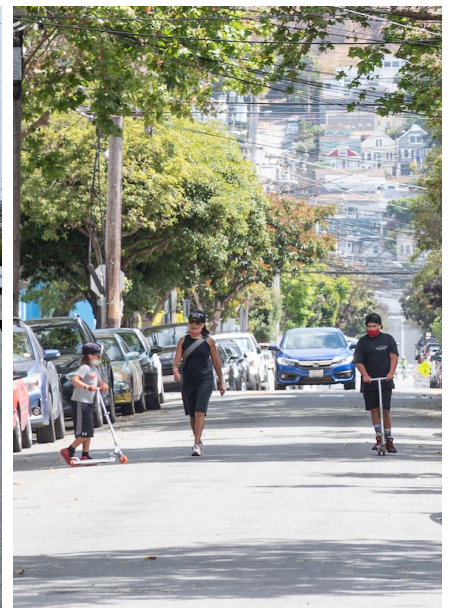
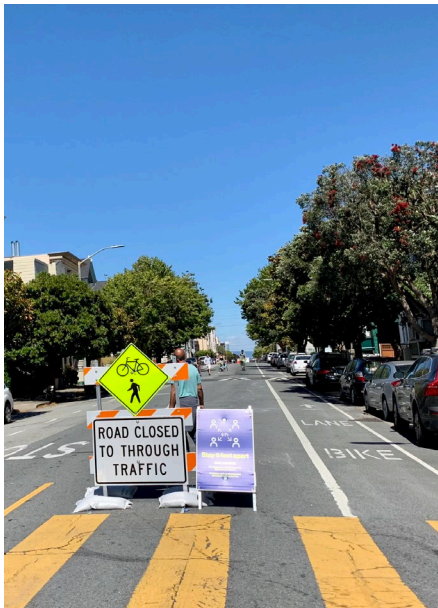
Start Community Planning and Design

Conduct a community outreach and engagement process on potential additional treatment options and design post-pandemic Slow Street



Initial Corridors Selected

	Low-Volume Residential Street Classification	Support for Permanence (Residents on Street, Total)	Community Organization Support	Consistency with Plans	Minimal Traffic Impacts
Golden Gate Ave	✓	83%, 72%	✓	✓	✓
Lake Street	✓	67%, 84%	✓	✓	✓
Sanchez St	✓	64%, 82%	✓	✓	✓
Shotwell St	✓	94%, 95%	✓	✓	✓



Original Slow Streets Tool



Type III
Barricades &
Signs

Post-Pandemic Slow Streets Toolkit



Delineators & Signs



Pavement Markings



Signs



Pedestrian Safety Improvements



Turn Restrictions



Traffic Calming Treatments

Slow Streets Corridor Design Process

Month 1

Month 2

Month 3

Month 4 +

LISTEN

DESIGN

REVIEW

IMPLEMENT &
EVALUATE

Outreach to identify community needs, issues, opportunities, and tools

Staff develop design & revisions based on community feedback

Finalize Slow Street design through SFMTA Engineering Public Hearing

Install tools on Slow Street and adjust as needed

Design Results on Two Corridors

- Staff led **simultaneous community outreach processes** on two corridors with the same toolkit, the same staff, at the same time (March – July 2021)
- **Sanchez Slow Street** is well-utilized and filled with people walking and biking, especially on weekends
 - Key Issue: quality of life impacts related to increased use
 - Design includes crosswalks & wayfinding signs, but no changes to traffic operations
- **Shotwell Slow Street** doesn't feel safe to people walking in the roadway
 - Key Issue: too much vehicle traffic on very narrow street → poor perception of user safety in the roadway
 - Design includes vehicle turn restrictions to reduce through vehicle traffic on Shotwell
- **Future Slow Streets** could look very different from one another, depending on what we hear from their surrounding communities in outreach processes

Sanchez Street Design



Shotwell Street Design



Review Process for Post-Pandemic Slow Streets

	Community Outreach Process	Extended Authorization	Design Review & Approval
Golden Gate Avenue	September – November 2021	August 2021	December 2021
Lake Street	September – November 2021	August 2021	December 2021
Sanchez Street	April – July 2021	August 2021	August 2021
Shotwell Street	April – July 2021	August 2021	August 2021

Today's Board Action



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