



SFMTA

43 Masonic/44 O'Shaughnessy Transit Lanes

Community Office Hours

August 26, 2021

Project Goals

- Keep 43 Masonic and 44 O'Shaughnessy buses moving and reduce crowding by reducing delays
- Focus on locations where delays occur frequently
- Provide more frequent service with same number of vehicles, mitigating capacity restrictions
- Depending on the effectiveness of the transit lanes, propose making the lanes permanent



Before Temporary Transit Lanes

- Buses on the 43 and 44 routes encountered delays due to traffic on Bosworth, O'Shaughnessy, Woodside, Laguna Honda, Masonic, and Presidio **without dedicated lanes and transit reliability improvements**
- Delays can lead to less reliable arrival times across entire route

Current Temporary Project

Implemented in stages from Fall 2020 to Spring 2021

Transit Lanes

1. Southbound on Presidio Ave from Bush St to Sutter St
2. Southbound on Masonic Ave from Fell St to Oak St
3. Eastbound on Woodside Ave from Ulloa St to Portola Dr
4. Westbound on Bosworth St from Lippard Ave to Elk St

Keep Clear Zone

5. Eastbound on Laguna Honda Bl at Forest Hill Station

Convert Peak Period Left Turn Restrictions to Full Time

6. Northbound and Southbound Masonic Ave from Turk Bl to Page St

Current Temporary Project

Transit Lane: Southbound on Presidio Ave from Bush St to Sutter St



Current Temporary Project

Transit Lane Southbound on Masonic Ave from Fell St to Oak St



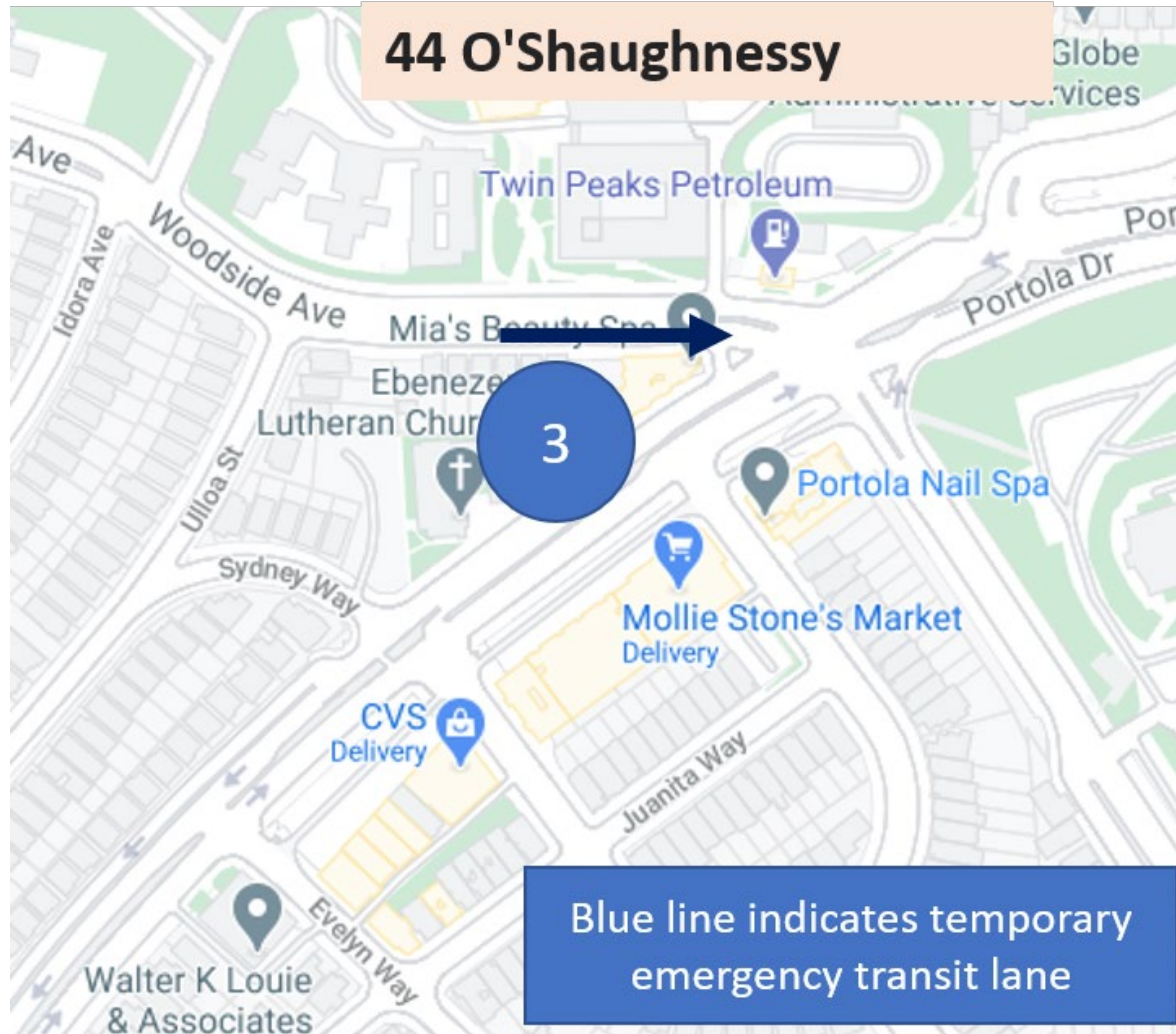
Current Temporary Project

Transit Lane Eastbound on Woodside Ave from Ulloa St to Portola Dr



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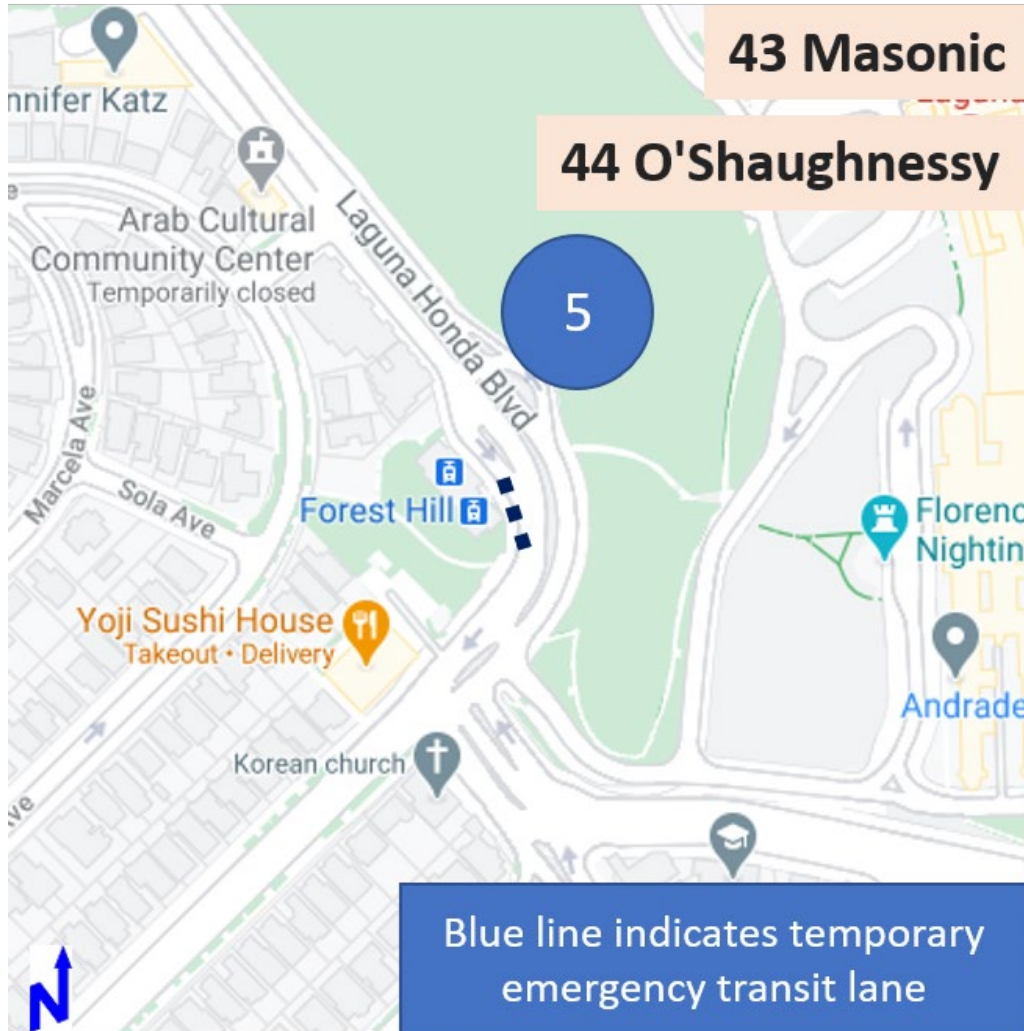
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Transit Lane Westbound on Bosworth St from Lippard Ave to Elk St



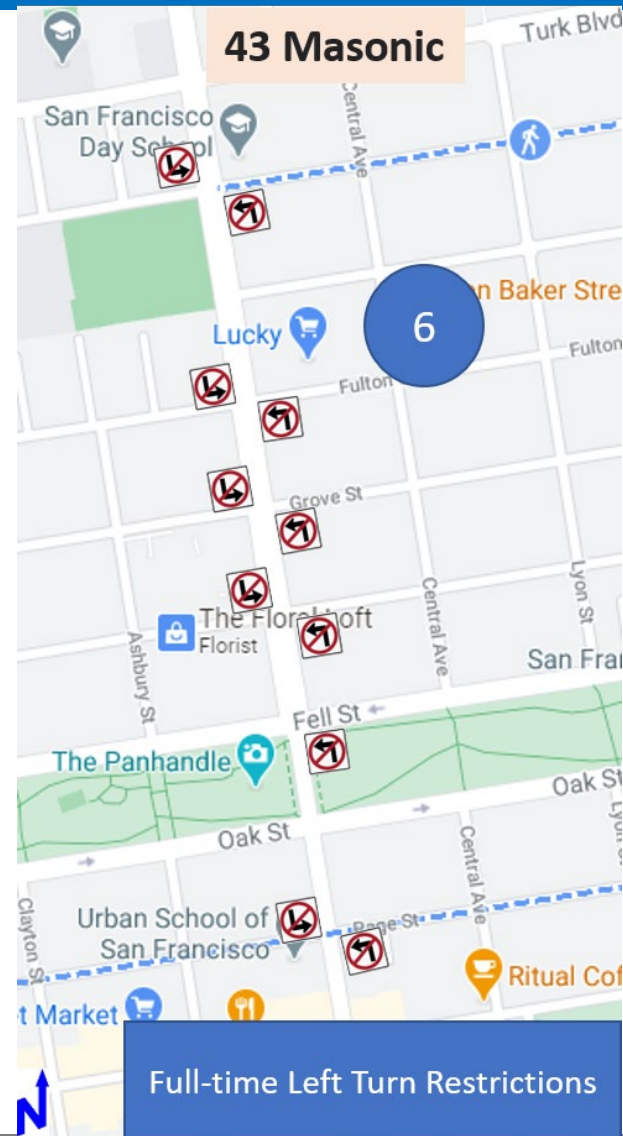
Current Temporary Project

Keep Clear Zone Eastbound on Laguna Honda Blvd at Forest Hill Station



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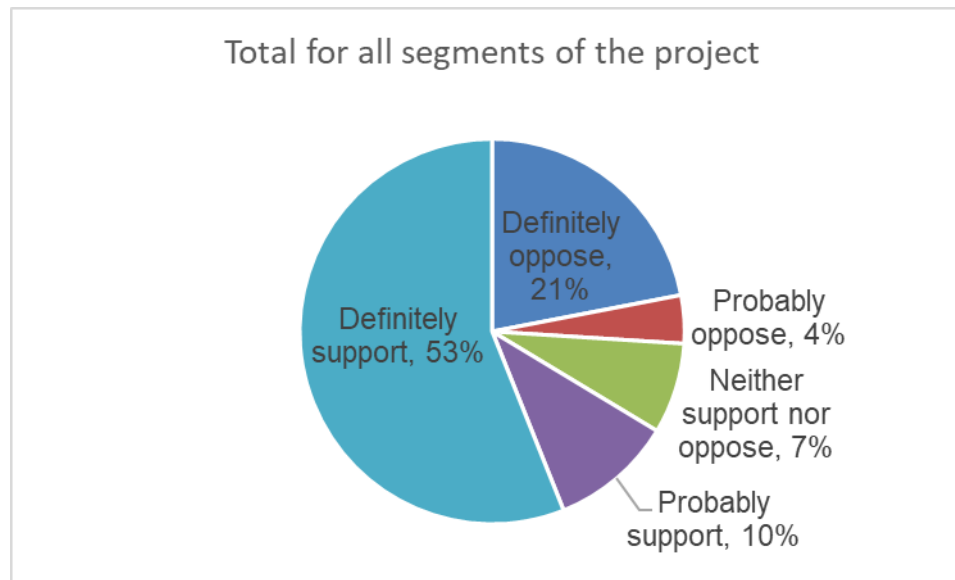
**Convert Peak Hour Left Turn Restriction to Full Time:
Northbound and Southbound
Masonic Ave from Turk Bl to
Page St**



Community Survey

A majority of survey respondents support making the transit improvements permanent

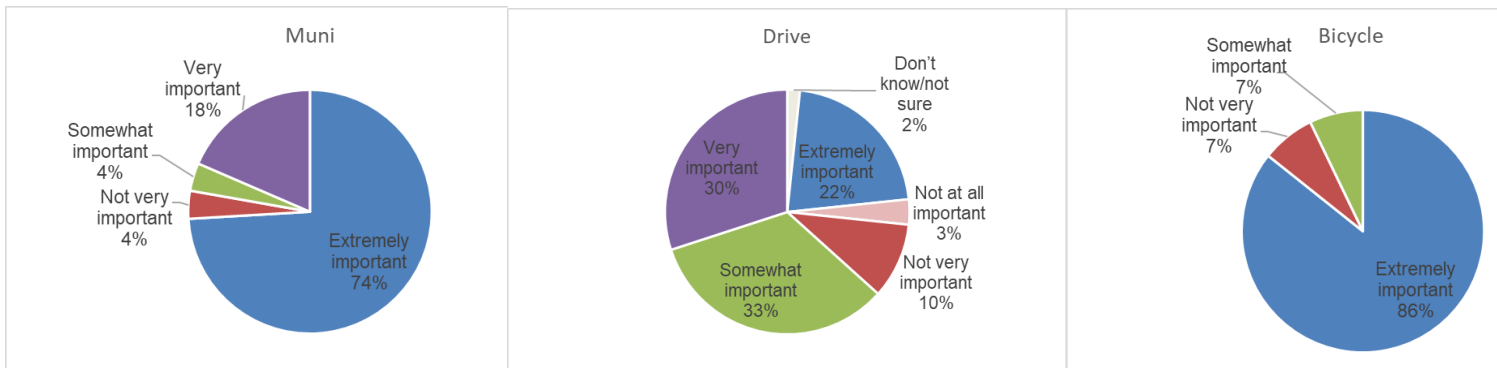
Would you support making temporary emergency transit lanes permanent?
(n=234)



Community Survey

The majority of respondents said it's important to make sure Muni does not get delayed in traffic, though results varied by travel mode

How important is it to you that Muni doesn't get delayed in traffic? (results by travel mode)



Bus Operator Feedback

The vast majority of bus operators reported that the temporary transit improvements have made their jobs easier

Transit Performance

The temporary transit lanes helped 43 and 44 buses maintain consistent travel times despite continued increase in citywide traffic volumes

Traffic Evaluation

The temporary transit lanes had little effect on traffic speeds, indicating little effect on traffic congestion

Next Steps and Timeline

- **August-October:** As-needed meetings with community organizations
- **November:** Present evaluation results and community feedback to SFMTA Board of Directors, so that they can decide whether to make the lanes permanent



Thank You

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Reference Slides

Program Benefits

- **Equity:** The project reduces the risk of exposure for people who have the fewest travel choices and ensures there is enough capacity on board, especially for lower-income people of color
- **Public Health:** Reducing crowding on transit is imperative to preventing the spread of COVID-19
- **Economic Recovery:** A strong economic recovery is dependent on an efficient transit system

