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Valencia Bikeway Improvements

(Market to 15th Streets)

SFMTA Board of Directors Meeting

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Project Context

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MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES NEW MEASURES TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLIST SAFETY

Changes include expedited implementation of the Valencia Street bike lane and quicker action from Rapid Response Teams following traffic collisions

The first project that Mayor Breed is directing to be expedited is a fully parking-protected bike lane on Valencia Street stretching from Market Street to 15th Street. These first four blocks of Valencia have the highest ridership counts on the corridor and also the highest injury rates. There has been a year-long community outreach process to receive feedback on this project and Mayor Breed has directed it to be implemented in the next four months to serve as a pilot to inform changes through the rest of the corridor.

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Project Evaluation

Safety Metrics Considered:

- Loading analysis
- Bike signal compliance and yielding
- Mid-block/dooring conflicts
- Pedestrian-Bike yielding at islands
- Bicycle counts

Project Evaluation Findings



99% decrease in mid-block vehicle/bike interactions, and a **100%** reduction in close calls or near-dooring incidents.
(Late 2019 Evaluation)



29% decrease in close calls at Duboce and Valencia streets after upgrading a mixing zone to a bike signal, and a **67%** decrease in vehicle bike/interactions.
(Late 2019 Evaluation)



49% increase in volumes during the evening commute peak.
(Late 2019 Evaluation)



98% of people biking in protected bike lane/buffer area
(Summer + Late 2019 Evaluation)



93% of commercial vehicles are loading in designated loading zones
(Summer 2019 Evaluation)



No close calls observed at the school loading island. While the number of interactions between cyclists and pedestrians increased at the loading island, bicyclists are yielding to pedestrians.
(Summer + Late 2019 Evaluation)

Iterative Project Changes

Through outreach and evaluation, iterative changes were made to improve people's experiences using the corridor. This included:

- Color curb changes to meet needs of merchants and residents
- Parking T's adjacent to loading islands to clarify the parking lane versus the travel lane
- Pavement markings to reiterate children crossing at loading islands

Recommendation

Consideration of approving the Valencia Pilot Project into a permanent project.



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