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J Church Muni Forward Improvements

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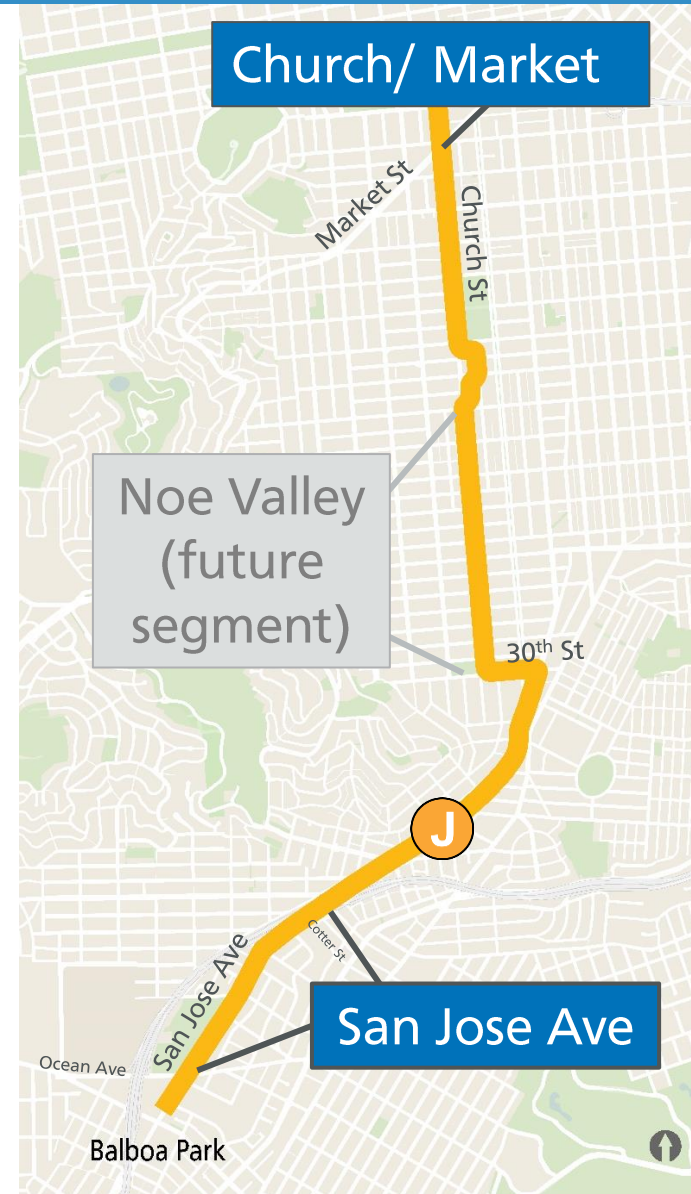
J Church Muni Forward Project Overview

Project segments

- Church/Market streets intersection
- San Jose Ave (I-280 to Ocean Ave)
- Noe Valley (future segment)

Project goals

- Improve reliability on the J Church
- Improve safety, access and comfort at J Church stops on San Jose Ave and Church St
- Address traffic safety concerns along San Jose Ave
- Support small business and neighborhood vitality at Church/Market intersection



Church/Market Transit Plaza

Church/Market transit stop overview

- Thousands of boardings on J Church, F Market, 22 Fillmore, 37 Corbett
- Transfer point to Church Street Muni Metro Station
- Key neighborhood commercial hub
- Identified as key “transit center” in San Francisco General Plan

Quick-build upgrades

- Quick-build improvements made from 2020-2023 enhance safety/accessibility
- More quick-build upgrades in development



Church/Market Transit Plaza

Permanent plaza improvements

- SFMTA Board approved permanent transit plaza in December 2021 to improve the boarding experience and support neighborhood vibrancy
 - Seeking approval today for sidewalk-level bikeway through plaza that could be part of the final design
- Detail design on permanent plaza underway with Public Works & local merchants
- Construction to begin in 2025

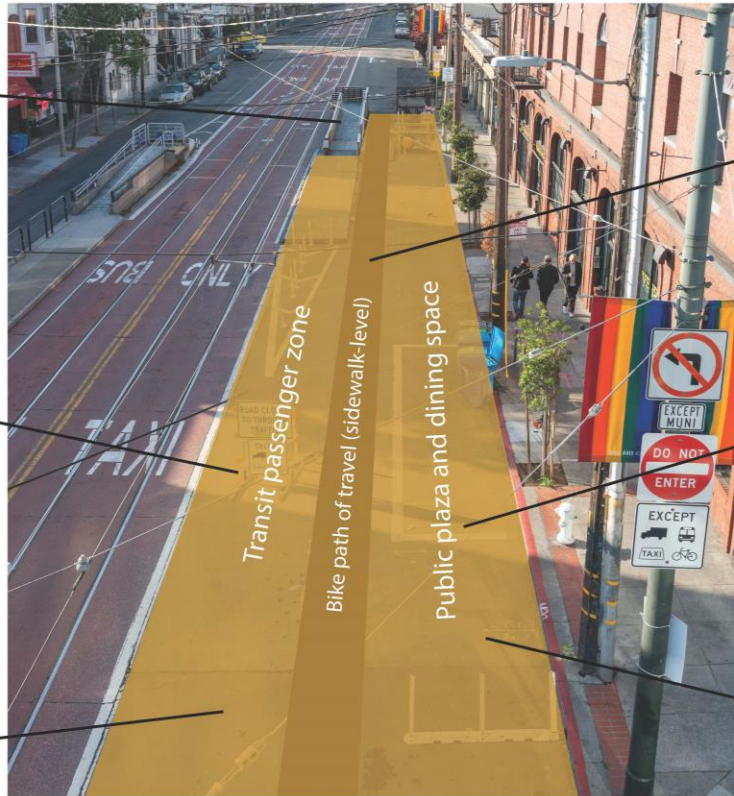


Church/Market Transit Plaza

Features of permanent transit plaza (currently in detailed design phase)



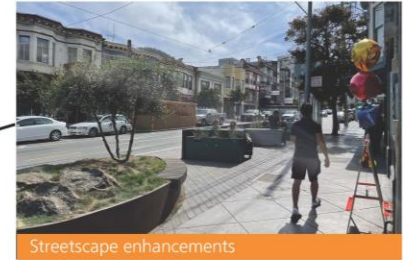
Permanent accessible platform with attractive design



Bike path of travel at sidewalk level through plaza



Comfortable and welcoming transit amenities



Streetscape enhancements



Transit boarding zone with streetscape upgrades



Seating and greenery for transit riders and dining

San Jose Ave (I-280 to Ocean Ave): Challenges

- **Safety:** High-injury corridor with traffic and walking safety concerns
- **Transit Reliability:** Service can be unpredictable
- **Accessibility:** 1.7-mile gap between wheelchair-accessible stops



San Jose Avenue: Outreach

Outreach Overview

- Pre-project: community advocacy around improving safety for people walking in the neighborhood
- Late 2022 through Summer 2023: Initial round of outreach to key community members and community-based organizations
- Early 2023: Presentations to neighborhood improvement association, community-based organizations, neighborhood leaders and merchants along the corridor
- August 2023: Final proposal presented to community



Project team staff presenting about the project at a community group meeting



A project staff member speaks with an interpreter by phone during neighborhood outreach

San Jose Avenue: Proposed Improvements

- **Transit lanes** to reduce speeding and improve transit reliability
- **Extended boarding islands** to provide safe loading for all train doors
- **Wheelchair-accessible transit stops** to enhance accessibility
- **Flashing beacons, sidewalk corner bulbouts, daylighting and continental crosswalk striping** to improve safety for people walking

Transit lanes



Extended boarding islands



Wheelchair accessible transit stops



Flashing beacons



Sidewalk corner bulbouts



Intersection daylighting



Continental crosswalk striping



Crossing San Jose Avenue at Balboa Park



1) Havelock: Continental crosswalk; no stop sign for San Jose Ave traffic. Rapid flashing beacon added in early 2023. Daylighting proposed.

2) Santa Ynez: Crosswalk; all-way stop sign. Crosswalk to be upgraded with continental striping.

3) Sgt. John V. Young (minor park street): No marked crosswalk.

4) Ocean: Continental crosswalk; signalized.

Today's Legislation

Church/Market

- **Class IV Bikeway** through transit plaza

San Jose Ave Corridor

- **Bus, taxi, and left turn only lanes** from Ocean Ave to Cotter St
- **Left lane must turn left** (northbound) at Ocean Ave
- **Extended boarding islands and new accessible stops** at Santa Ynez Ave and Santa Rosa Ave
- **Intersection daylighting** at San Juan Ave and Paulding Ave
- **Rapid flashing beacons** at San Juan Ave and Paulding Ave
- **Pedestrian bulbs** at Paulding St and Baden St

Next Steps

October 17, 2023 (now)

- SFMTA Board of Directors review of proposals for Church/Market and San Jose Ave
- Update to Board on Muni service (separate calendar item)

Late 2023/Early 2024

- Quick-build implementation on San Jose Ave
- Planning and outreach for Noe Valley segment

2023-2025

- Detailed design of transit plaza improvements and San Jose Ave segment

2025-2027

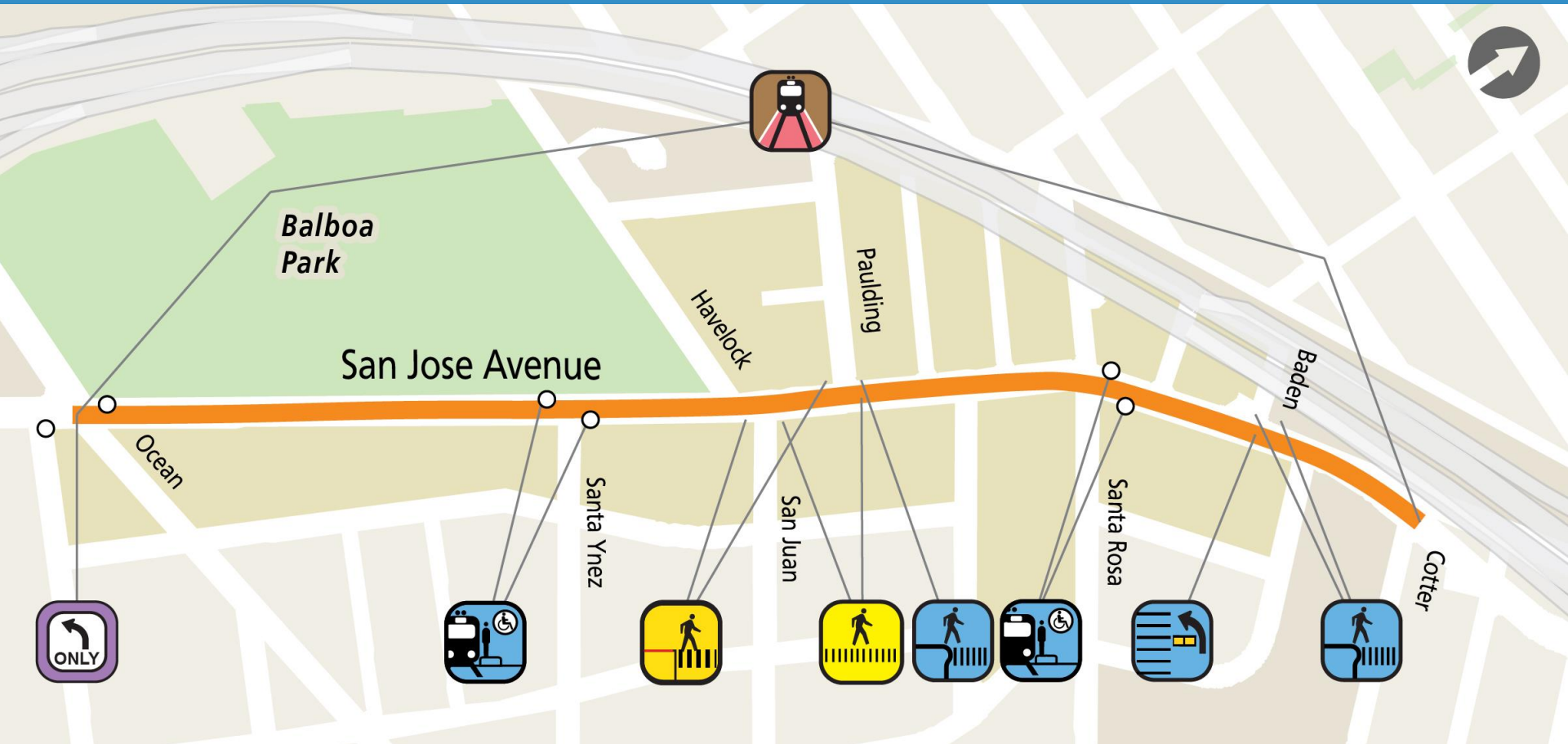
- Construction of full capital elements at Church/Market and on San Jose Ave, including boarding islands, accessible stops, bulbs



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Appendix

San Jose Avenue: Proposal Overview



Transit lanes



Left turn traffic calming



Left turn only



Extended boarding island with accessible key stop



Daylighting



Rapid flashing beacons



Pedestrian bulb

Note: All existing crosswalks will be upgraded to continental (high-visibility striping) where not already.