



# 5<sup>th</sup> Street Improvement Project

August 2018

## Background

To both address existing safety issues and fulfill the goal of making 5<sup>th</sup> Street a main north-south bicycle corridor in Central SOMA, this project will propose bicycle, pedestrian, transit, and loading/parking improvements along 5<sup>th</sup> Street in the SOMA neighborhood. The project will be located on 5<sup>th</sup> Street between Market Street and Townsend Street (.8 miles). The 5<sup>th</sup> Street Project should be ready for implementation with the completion of the Central Subway in 2019.

The project will install dedicated bicycle facilities in both directions on 5<sup>th</sup> Street between Market and Townsend Streets, upgrading the existing green-back sharrows with more comfortable bicycle facilities, focusing on opportunities for separated bikeways. Key pedestrian improvements will also be made along the corridor with the goal of making 5<sup>th</sup> Street a safer, more livable and inviting place for all users.

## Project Goals

- Balance safety and reliability improvements for all forms of transportation on 5<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Address the future transportation demands of additional residential and commercial development in the SOMA neighborhood.
- Make 5<sup>th</sup> Street a more livable and inviting place for all users.

## Safety Needs

In the most recent five-year collision history available (January 2011 through June 2016), there were 328 total collisions and 296 injuries reported on 5<sup>th</sup> Street between Market and Townsend.

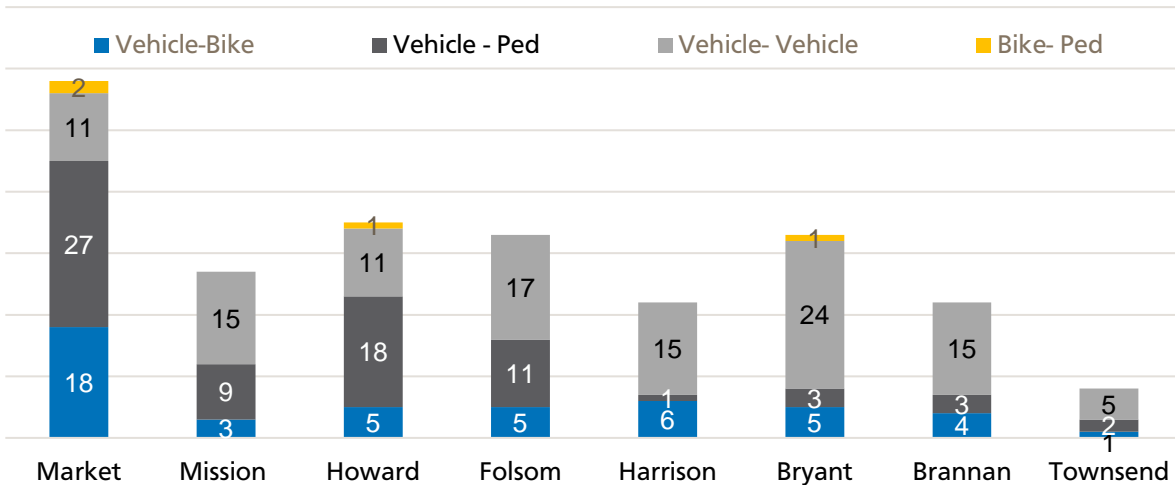


**5<sup>th</sup> Street currently includes only sharrows both north and southbound from Market to Townsend.**



**There are long pedestrian crossings at the highway on/off ramps at Bryant and Harrison Streets**

Most collisions took place at major intersections.



## Proposed Scope

Currently the 5th Street corridor typically carries four lanes of traffic (two northbound and two southbound), parking lanes in each direction and turning lanes at some intersections.

Proposed changes to improve 5th Street include:

- Continuous Bike Lanes
- Roadway conversion from 4 to 3 lanes w/improved bike lanes and widened sidewalks in some locations
- Relocation of Muni lines to 4<sup>th</sup> Street (except 27)
- Sidewalk widening and landscape improvements at development sites
- Pedestrian head starts
- Signal timing improvements

## Timeline

### Fall 2017

- Develop and evaluate conceptual design alternatives
- Stakeholder Interviews

### Winter 2018 – Winter 2019

- Open House #1 in January 2018
- Stakeholder Workshop(s) in Fall 2018
- Open House #3 in Winter 2019
- Environmental Clearance

### Spring - Fall 2019

- Environmental Clearance
- Pre-Staff/TASC/MTA Board Approval
- Initiate Detailed Design

### Winter 2020

- Construction start in Winter 2020 in accordance with Central Subway and transit changes