

5th Street Streetscape Project

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BACKGROUND

To both address existing safety issues and fulfill the goal of making 5th Street a main north-south bicycle corridor in Central SOMA, this project will propose bicycle, pedestrian, transit, and loading/parking improvements along 5th Street in the SOMA neighborhood. The project will be located on 5th Street between Market Street and Townsend Street (.8 miles). The 5th 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 5th 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 5th Street a safer, more livable and inviting place for all users.

PROJECT GOALS

- Balance safety and reliability improvements for all forms of transportation on 5th Street.
- Address the future transportation demands of additional residential and commercial development in the SOMA neighborhood.
- Make 5th 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 5th Street between Market and Townsend. Most collisions took place at major intersections.

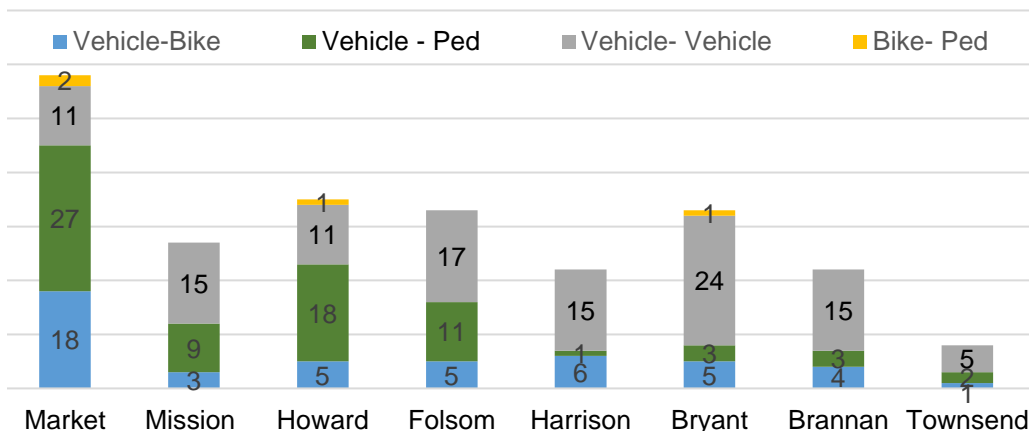
EXISTING CONDITIONS



5th 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.

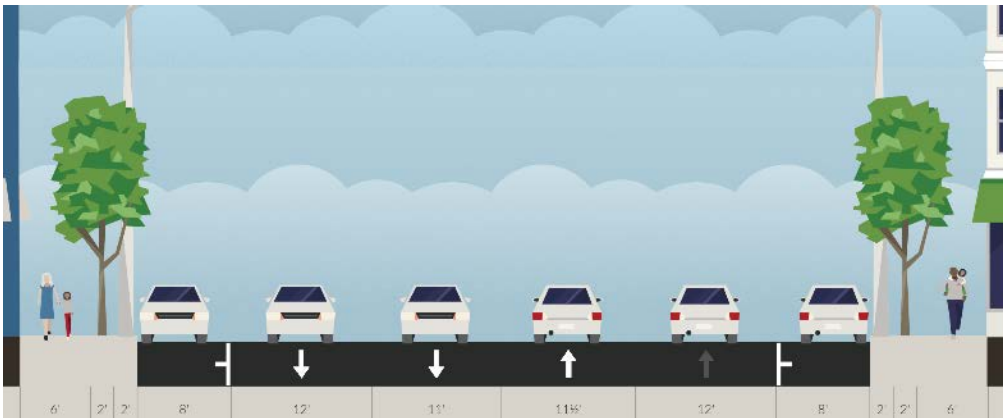


CENTRAL SOMA COORDINATION

The 5th Street Streetscape Project will be coordinated with other streetscape and development projects in the area to implement improvements that result in a balanced transportation network for the neighborhood. Other projects currently in planning or development in Central SOMA include 2nd Street, 6th Street, 11th Street, Folsom and Howard Streets, 7th/8th Streets, Brannan Street and Townsend Street.

EXISTING STREET AND 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. The Average Daily Traffic (ADT) is 24,838 vehicles per day, with approximately 800 vehicles traveling in each direction during both the morning and evening peak hours.



Proposed changes to improve 5th Street may include dedicated bicycle facilities in both directions on 5th Street between Market and Townsend Streets, pedestrian improvements at high injury intersections, traffic signal upgrades, loading zone changes, and transit improvements for the 27-Bryant.

NEXT STEPS

In the coming months, the project team will be developing conceptual design alternatives and producing cross section designs. Our first Open House took place in January 2018, and two more will be scheduled in the Spring and Summer of 2018. In tandem the team is coordinating with key stakeholders for continued input.

FUNDING

The planning phase of the 5th Street Streetscape project is funded by \$250,000 in Prop B General Obligation Bonds.

TIMELINE

Fall 2017

- Develop and evaluate conceptual design alternatives
- Stakeholder Interviews

Winter 2018 – Spring 2018

- Open House #1 in January 2018
- Open House #2 in Spring 2018
- Open House #3 in Summer 2018
- Environmental Clearance
- Pre-Staff/TASC/MTA Board Approval

Summer- Fall 2018

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

Fall 2019

- Construction start in Fall 2019 in accordance with Central Subway and transit changes

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