

### Construction Notice for Townsend Corridor Improvement Project (Coordinated Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Transit Improvements)

**What:** As part of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (SFMTA) Townsend Corridor Improvement Project, San Francisco Public Works (SF Public Works) will begin construction of sidewalks, bus boarding islands, bicycle infrastructure and other safety enhancements along both sides of Townsend Street between 3rd and 8th streets.

Who: SF Public Works will be performing the construction.

**When:** The anticipated start date for construction is August 2019 with completion scheduled for December 2019. Weather and/or construction issues may impact the schedule.

**Where:** This project encompasses the construction of infrastructure improvements along Townsend Street from the traffic circle at 8th Street to 3rd Street.

### What to expect during construction:

Workdays & Hours (Weather Permitting) Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Night and weekend work will also be required.

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While the SF Public Works will abide by the City's noise and vibration ordinances, neighbors should expect some noise and limited dust during this work. The project team will work to minimize disruption to normal neighborhood activity; however, there will be occasional inconveniences due to heavy equipment movement and other construction activities. To complete portions of the proposed work, a night noise permit will be required. Notification of the dates and times for this work will be provided separately.

Businesses and residents in the work zone will maintain access to their properties (including entries, driveways, garages), although there may be temporary delays.

Temporary walkways will be provided around construction work areas.

Some bus stops will be relocated temporarily and some will be relocated permanently with signs posted in all cases.

Through traffic in both directions will be maintained, but may experience temporary delays with lane closures in work zones.

Parking and loading will be affected in the work zone. Please see posted signs for exact details.

No interruption in sewer, water, or power service is expected.

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# **Townsend Corridor Improvement Project**



**Townsend Street between 4th Street and 5th Street is under construction!** The Townsend Corridor Improvement Project was approved by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors in November 2018 to create an efficient and safe Townsend Street, where all modes of travel are organized into comfortable and intuitive spaces. We thank you for your patience and attentiveness during this period of change.

# What to expect after construction:

#### Raised Sidewalk Island (A)

The south side of Townsend Street will feature a new sidewalk island that provides a safe and continuous walking environment where it was previously lacking.

### Protected Bikeways B

Existing bike lanes will be upgraded with protection. The westbound bikeway will be located against the curb and reinforced using flexible posts. The eastbound bikeway will be reinforced by a raised sidewalk island. While cycling in the new eastbound bikeway, please be mindful of people crossing to and from the new sidewalk island.

## Muni Bus Zone C, Taxi Zone D, Passenger Loading Zone E

The bus zone, taxi zone, and passenger loading zone on the south side of Townsend Street will be relocated along the new sidewalk island. This arrangement will reduce interactions between people traveling by bike and other moving traffic. In addition, this change will improve transit reliability and safety by reducing the need for buses to pull in and out of travel lanes.

## **Pedestrian Safety Improvements**

In addition to the new raised sidewalk island, this project will upgrade existing crosswalks to high visibility continental crosswalks and install advance limit lines at signalized intersections to encourage vehicles to not encroach into the crosswalk. The project will also improve visibility at intersections with the use of red zones (daylighting).

