

Cesar Chavez/Potrero Ave/Bayshore Blvd Intersection Improvements (The Hairball)

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INTRODUCTION



Cesar Chavez Street, Bayshore Boulevard and Potrero Avenue (The Hairball) Project Area

The Hairball Intersection Improvement Project is an effort to make key portions of the Hairball paths safer and easier to use for pedestrians and bicyclists. The project builds on previous planning efforts including the Cesar Chavez East Design Plan and aims to support citywide efforts such as WalkFirst, Vision Zero, and the SFMTA 2012 Bicycle Strategy to improve non-motorized safety and mobility in San Francisco.

In an area known as “The Hairball”, Cesar Chavez Street, Bayshore Boulevard and Potrero Avenue change from city streets to a complex arrangement of bridges and ramps linking with Highway 101. The intersection is built in three levels, with pedestrian and bicycle circulation generally restricted to the middle and ground levels and motor vehicles operating on all three levels. Because many paths intersect in this area, the interchange is challenging to navigate and there are points of conflict between vehicles, pedestrians and bicycles. However, the pedestrian and bicycle network has connections that are not possible by vehicle, providing a high level of connectivity for non-motorized users within the complex intersection.

Proposed improvements include both near-term paint upgrades and capital safety improvements to northbound Bayshore Boulevard from Jerrold Avenue to Marin Street (southeast entrance to The Hairball). Capital improvements are also proposed at the southwestern entrance to The Hairball and include widening and re-grading the path and installing a new landscaped buffer. Changes to the southwestern segments are being led by Public and coordinated with the capital improvements at the southeastern entrance along northbound Bayshore Boulevard.

EXISTING CONDITIONS



Narrow shared sidewalk for bicyclists and pedestrians on Bayshore Boulevard near Marin Street.

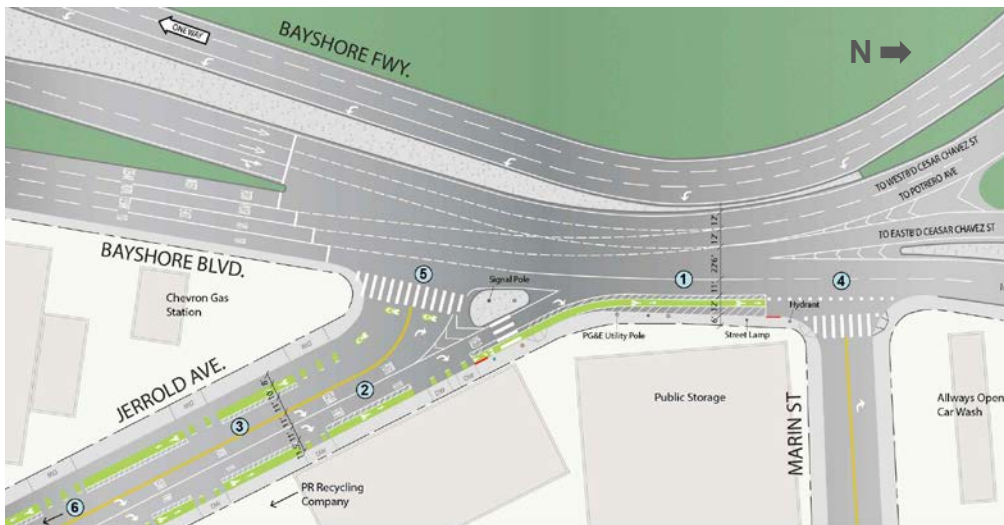


Long pedestrian crossing on Bayshore Boulevard crossing Jerrold Avenue.



Low clearance for bicyclists traveling on the path at the southwestern entrance to the Hairball

PROJECT DETAILS



Near-term paint-only improvements at the southeastern entrance to The Hairball

As a first step to improve The Hairball, there will be near-term paint changes to the southeastern entry on Jerrold Avenue and Bayshore Boulevard, including:

1. *Southbound Bayshore Boulevard bicyclists continue to share sidewalk, but northbound bike path widened from 6 feet to 12 feet (including a 6 foot bike lane with buffers).*
2. *New curbside bike lane installed on westbound Jerrold Avenue from Bayshore Boulevard connecting to the bike route on Barneveld Avenue.*
3. *New bike lane installed adjacent to the existing parking on westbound Jerrold Avenue from the bike route on Barneveld Avenue to Bayshore Boulevard.*
4. *Continental crosswalk on Marin Street at Bayshore Boulevard.*
5. *Continental crosswalks, greenback sharrows, and elephant tracks installed on Jerrold Avenue at the intersection of Bayshore Boulevard.*
6. *Continental crosswalks installed at the intersection of Jerrold and Barneveld avenues (not shown on plan).*

To learn more about the project details for the capital improvements proposed for The Hairball, please visit our website at www.sfmta.com/thehairball.

FUNDING

Improvements for the southeastern areas are funded by Prop B General Obligation Bonds.

Improvements for the southwestern areas are funded by Prop K District Supervisor funds.

TIMELINE

Summer 2017

Near-term paint improvements to the southeastern segments installed.

Summer 2018

Construction begins for both southwestern and southeastern segments.

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