

Safer Taylor Street: Quick Build



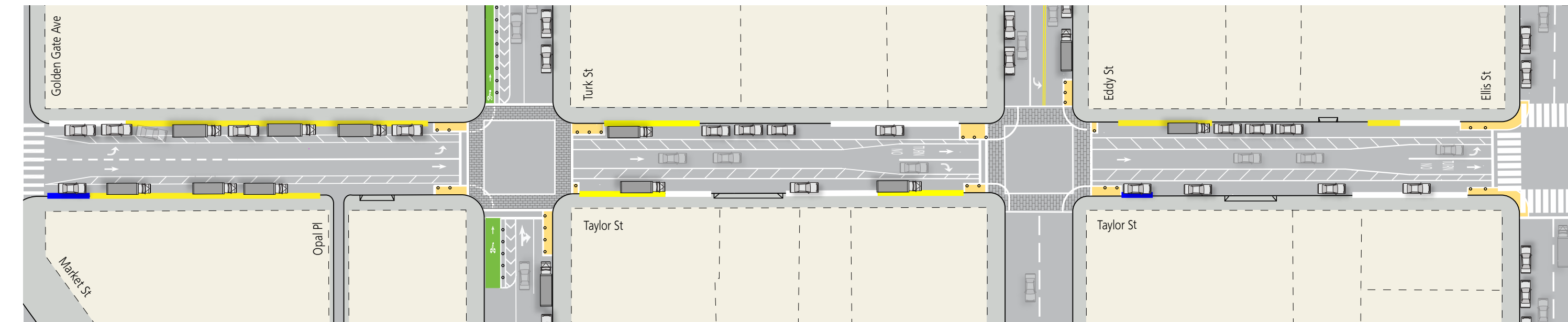
Improvements Coming Soon!

The Safer Taylor Street Project is happy to announce a “quick build” to rapidly bring traffic safety improvements to protect vulnerable road users, including people walking, seniors, children, and people with disabilities, on one of the Tenderloin’s most important streets. This summer, the following improvements will be made in advance of the larger streetscape project and bring us closer to meeting the City’s Vision Zero commitment to eliminate all traffic related fatalities and severe injuries.

- **Road Diet** – The number of traffic lanes on Taylor Street between Market Street and Sutter Street will be reduced while accommodating existing traffic volumes and encouraging safer travel speeds. At every intersection, turn lanes will be added to further facilitate right or left turns.
- **Wide Loading & Parking Buffers** – Areas next to on-street loading and parking lanes will be painted with hatch marks. This buffer area will provide more ease and flexibility for drivers of accessible vans, commercial delivery trucks, and other vehicle types to access the loading and parking lane.
- **Left Turn Signal** – A left turn arrow will be installed at the intersection of Taylor Street and Ellis Street to separate pedestrians crossing the street from drivers turning left. People crossing Ellis Street on the west leg of the intersection will have their own exclusive time to cross while drivers will have a separate time to turn left from northbound Taylor Street onto westbound Ellis Street.
- **Left Turn Restriction** – No left turns will be allowed from northbound Taylor Street onto westbound Eddy Street. This will simplify the intersection and reduce the risk of crashes and injuries here.

The Safer Taylor Team has considered several “quick build” street configuration ideas (shown below) and is honing in on a design that will prioritize traffic safety, speed of installation, and street cleaning operations.

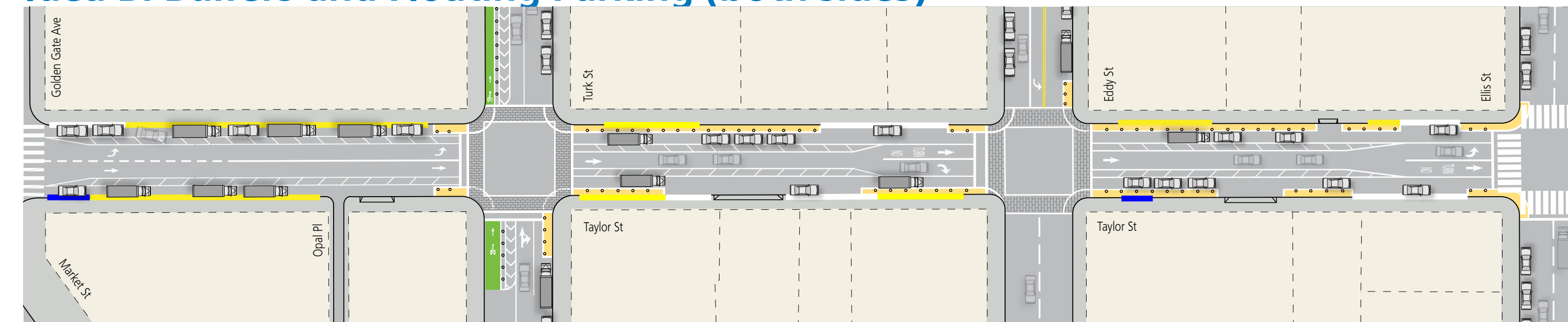
Idea A: Widened Buffers



Design Considerations:

- Maximizes vehicle speed reduction benefits by removing two lanes of traffic
- Removes double parking from travel lane and outside of path of moving vehicles
- Reduces points of conflict for pedestrians
- Reduces overtaking
- Does not require additional maintenance

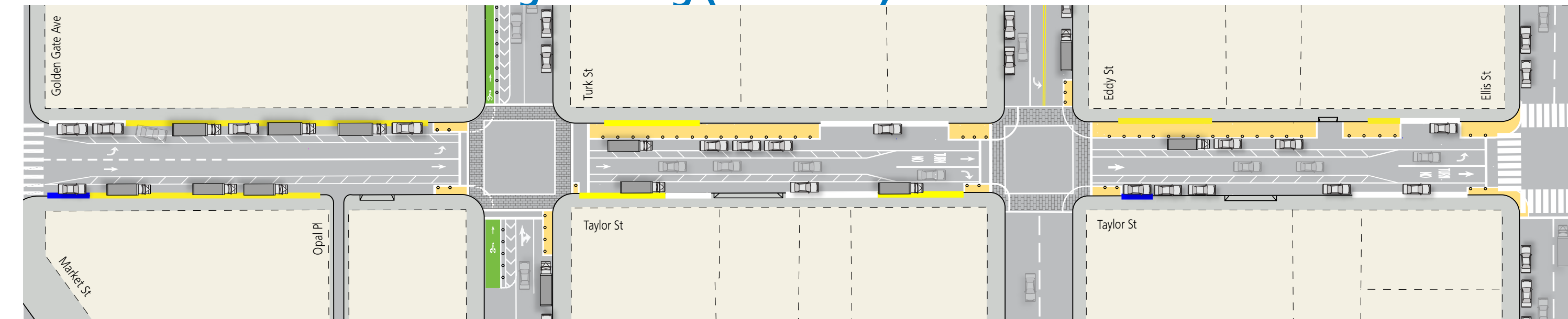
Idea B: Buffers and Floating Parking (both sides)



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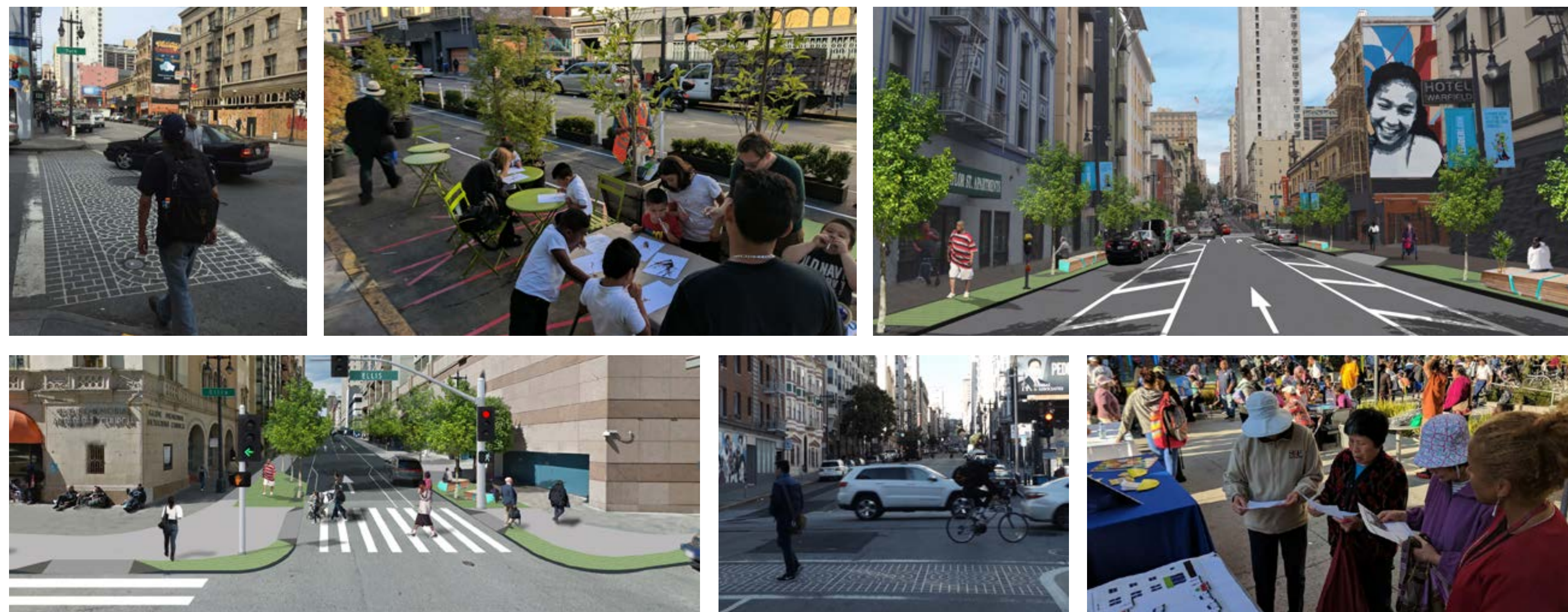
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Idea C: Buffers and Floating Parking (one side)



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Schedule

- **2017 & 2018** / Planning Phase
 - Initiated a project vision in collaboration with the Tenderloin community to create a more safe & livable Taylor Street
 - Exchanged information about existing conditions, challenges, opportunities with key stakeholders
 - Developed concept designs based on critical feedback from Tenderloin community leaders
- **August 30, 2017** / All-day pop-up demonstration event to experience and weigh in on a potential street design using tactical urbanism
- **October 16, 2018** / SFMTA Board of Directors approve the project proposals
- **2019** / Detailed Design Phase
 - Explore urban design options and refine concepts based on technical feasibility
- **Summer 2019** / Quick Build
 - Speedy implementation of traffic safety improvements ahead of streetscape construction
- **2020** / Construction Phase
 - Build out streetscape improvements including wider sidewalks, lighting, landscaping, and other urban design features