

POLK STREETScape PROJECT

FACTSHEET

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A SAFER POLK STREET IS COMING SOON!



The Polk Streetscape Project is an effort to improve safety for everyone traveling on Polk Street between Union and McAllister streets (a 20 block, 1.3 mile stretch). Also included in this project are paving, sewer and water infrastructure enhancements on Polk, extending from McAllister to Beach streets (a 1.8-mile span).

A variety of enhancements will make Polk Street a safer and more inviting commercial corridor, including:

- **151 new trees**
- **11 blocks of a raised bike lane**
- **Repaving**
- **Improved signal timing**
- **105 new pedestrian-scale streetlights**
- **Turning lanes for cars**
- **163 new curb ramps**
- **High visibility crosswalks**
- **Enhanced sewer infrastructure**
- **Upgraded water distribution system**
- **11 new sidewalk bulb-outs (2 with landscaping)**
- **Pedestrian countdown signals**
- **3 new bus bulbouts**
- **Fern Alley improvements**

A SAFER STREET FOR EVERYONE

On average, one person walking and one person biking are hit by a car each month on Polk Street.

For years, Polk Street has been the site of many traffic injuries and several fatalities. The corridor is currently on San Francisco's High Injury Network, which is the 12 percent of city streets that have 70 percent of the city's severe and fatal traffic crashes.

From 2010 to 2014, there were 122 collisions involving pedestrians and bicyclists on the Polk corridor, many of them happening between McAllister and Pine streets.



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A COMMUNITY PROJECT



Starting in August 2012, a two-year public engagement process consisted of more than 60 meetings with residents, merchants and community groups:

- 5 widely-advertised and well-attended public meetings
- 6 walking tours with city staff
- More than 50 focused meetings with community groups and stakeholders

In addition to increasing safety for everyone traveling on Polk, this project seeks to build on Polk Street's vibrant commercial character by investing in new lighting, landscaping and street infrastructure.

KEY CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

Construction will start in September 2016 and last until September 2018. San Francisco Public Works will be leading this work and will be your contact for any construction concerns. M Squared Construction Inc. will be the project contractor.

PARKING

Approximately 134 parking spaces will be re-purposed to make room for a raised bikeway and enhanced bus stops. In total, 90% of parking within a 1-block radius of Polk will be retained (70% of parking will be retained on Polk itself).

To offset some of the parking loss, the SFMTA will add:

- 28 new parking spaces
- 8 new short term parking spaces
- 50 improved loading zones

STAY IN THE LOOP

For construction information, please contact Coma Te from Public Works at Coma.Te@sfdpw.org or (415) 558-5283.

For more construction information and to sign up for e-mail updates, go to: www.sfpwpublicworks.org/polk

PROJECT TIMELINE

- Community outreach: Aug. 2012 - Mar. 2014
- Environmental review: Sept. 2014 - Jan. 2015
- SFMTA Board Approval: Mar. 2015
- Detailed design: Apr. 2015 - Dec. 2015
- Construction: Sept. 2016 - Sept. 2018

FUNDING

The total cost of the project is approximately \$18 million

- \$7 million will upgrade water and sewer infrastructure improvements
- \$11 million will go to repaving and streetscape and safety improvements

WHY POLK?

- It's flatter than adjacent streets
- It has less traffic than adjacent streets
- It's a thriving commercial street