



West Side Transportation Strategy

Creating connections through safe, convenient and accessible transportation

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The Strategy



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Investing in safe, reliable, affordable transportation options to seamlessly connect west side neighborhoods to citywide and regional destinations

The West Side



About the West Side



212,000

Residents



107

Schools



26

Community Groups



3.5 Miles

Of Beachfront



20

Neighborhoods in the Westside



5+

Languages Spoken



1,017 Acres

Of Golden Gate Park



10 Miles

Of Recreational Pathways












302 Miles

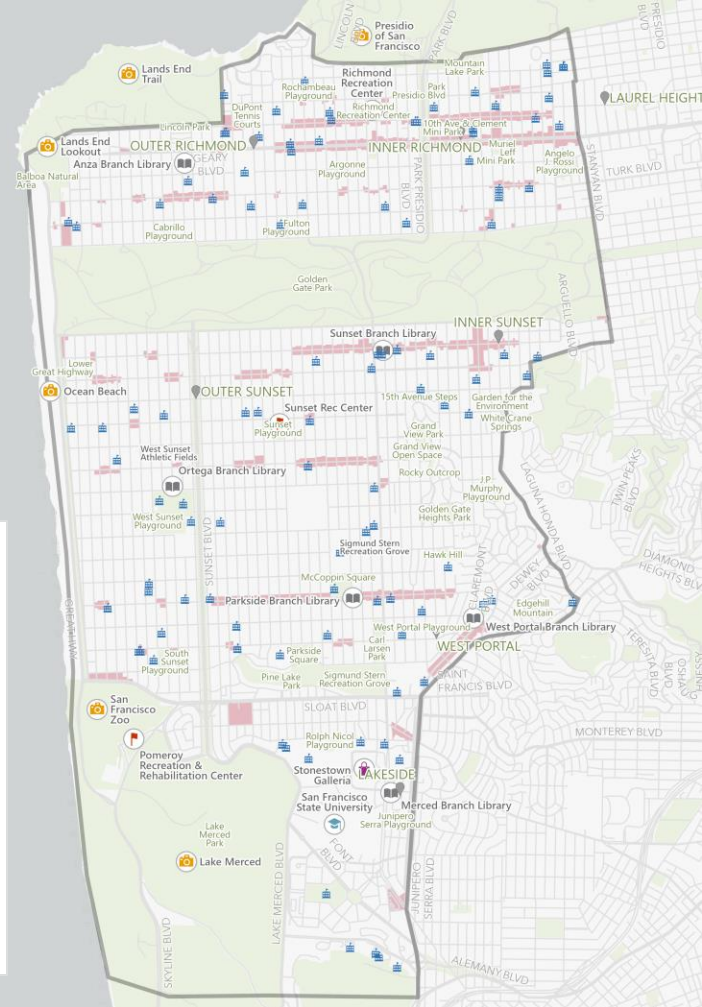
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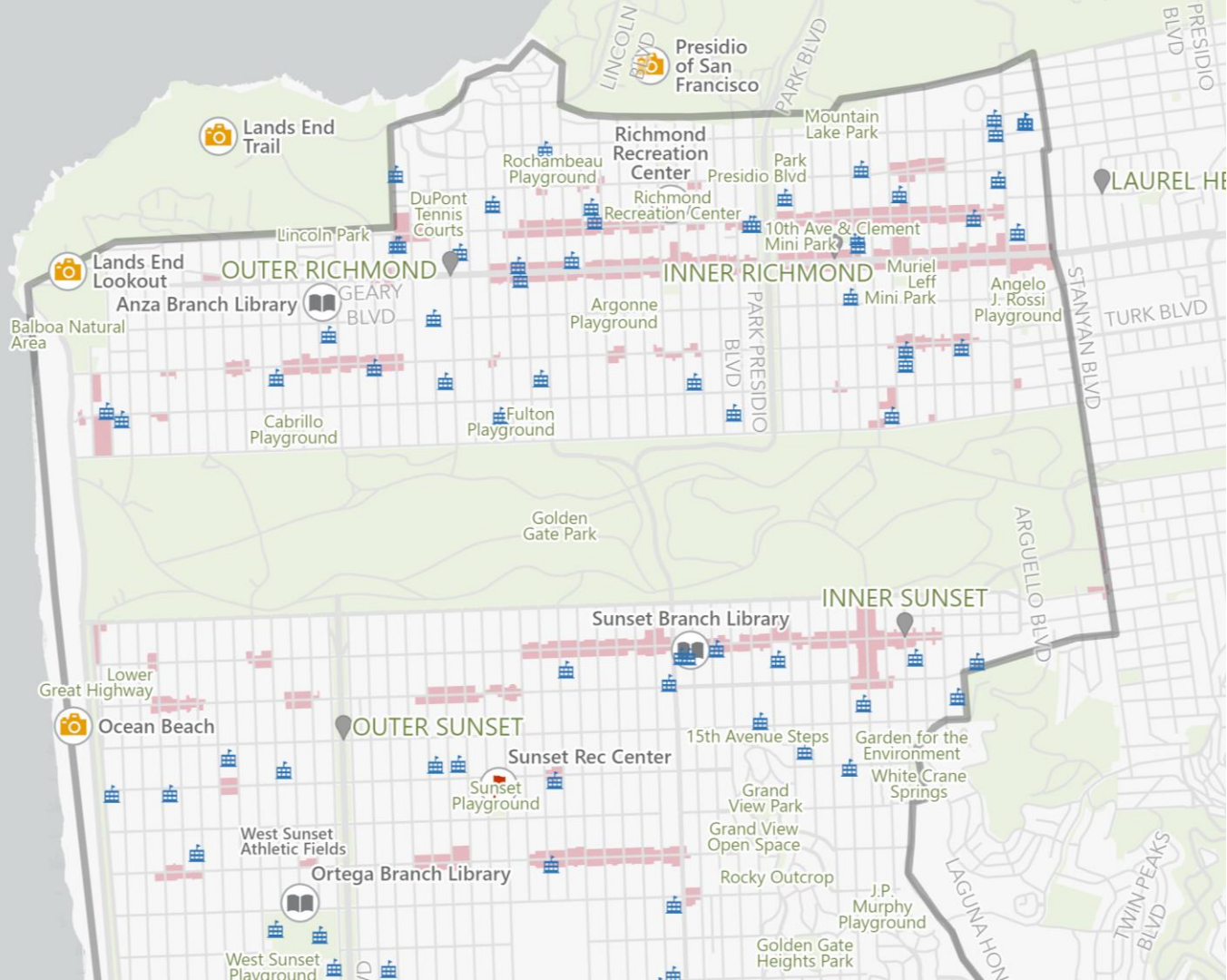











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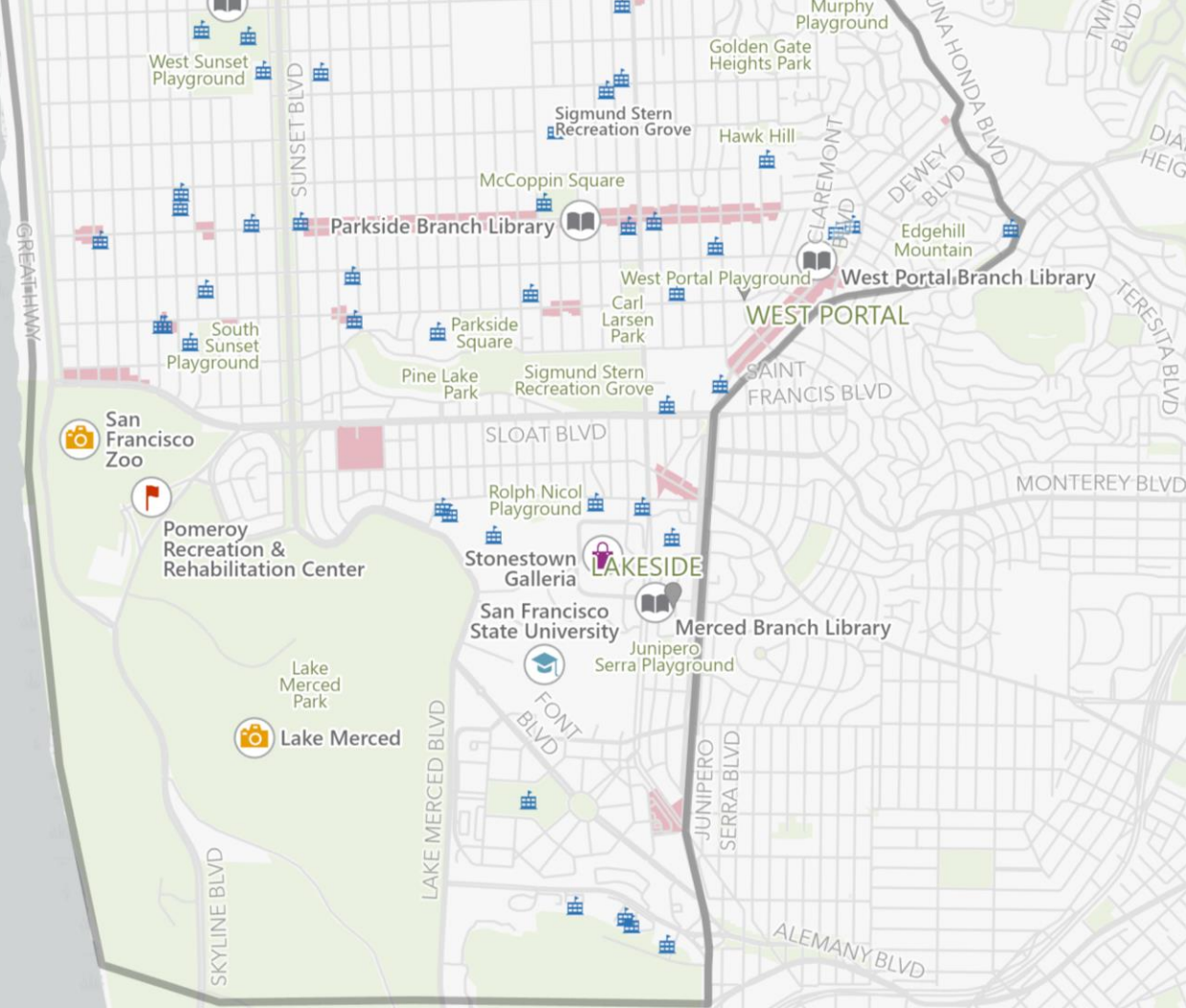
Transit Stops










-  Neighborhood Commercial Districts
-  Landmarks
-  Stonestown Galleria
-  Recreation Centers
-  Schools
-  San Francisco State University
-  Public Libraries
-  Parks
-  Study Area





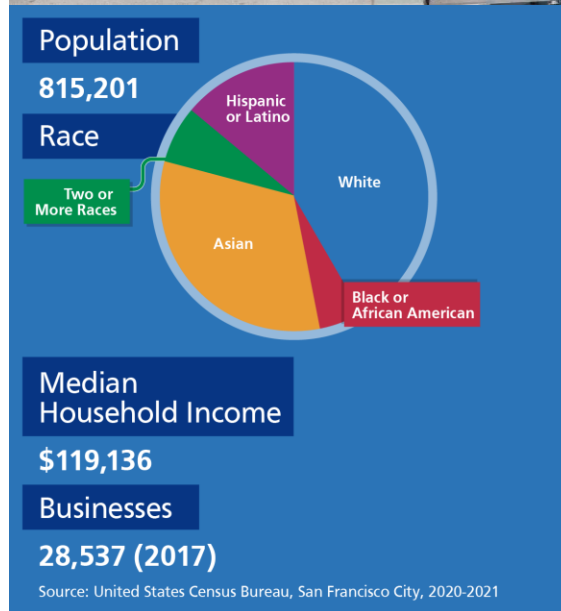
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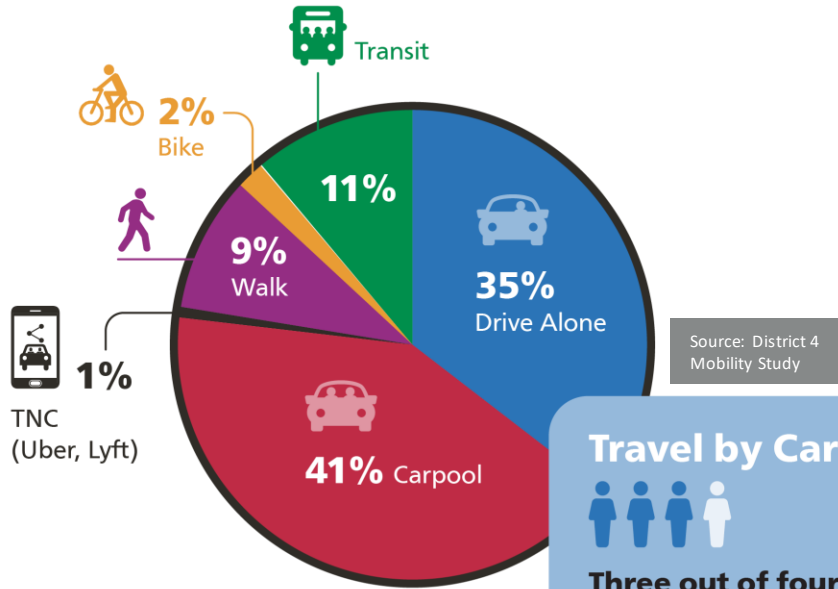
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About the West Side

- Passionate about preserving local businesses, enabling non-profits and community led initiatives
- Focused on improving affordability for families
- At the forefront of climate change adaptation and stewardship of some of San Francisco's most treasured open spaces
- Committed to high quality schools for families and children
- Increasingly concerned about traffic congestion, safe and convenient travel options, access for local businesses



How the West Side moves

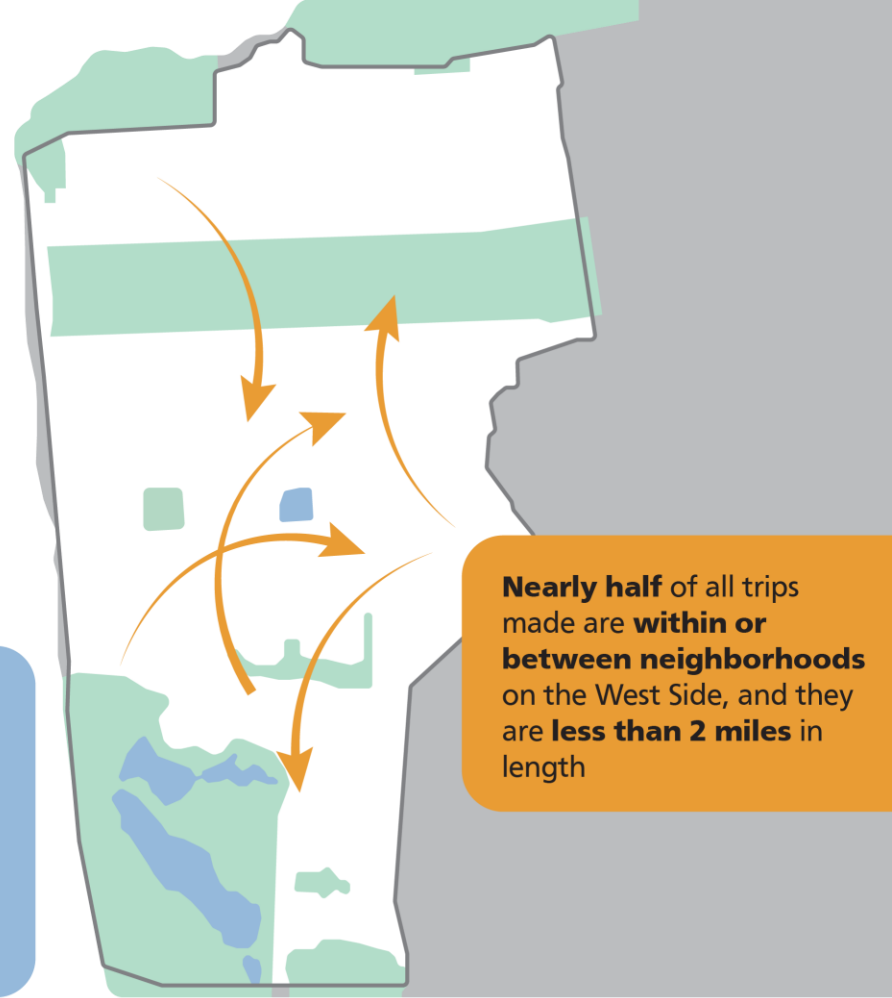


Source: District 4
Mobility Study

Travel by Car



Three out of four people traveling within, to or from the West Side do so by personal car



Nearly half of all trips made are **within or between neighborhoods** on the West Side, and they are **less than 2 miles** in length

The Challenges

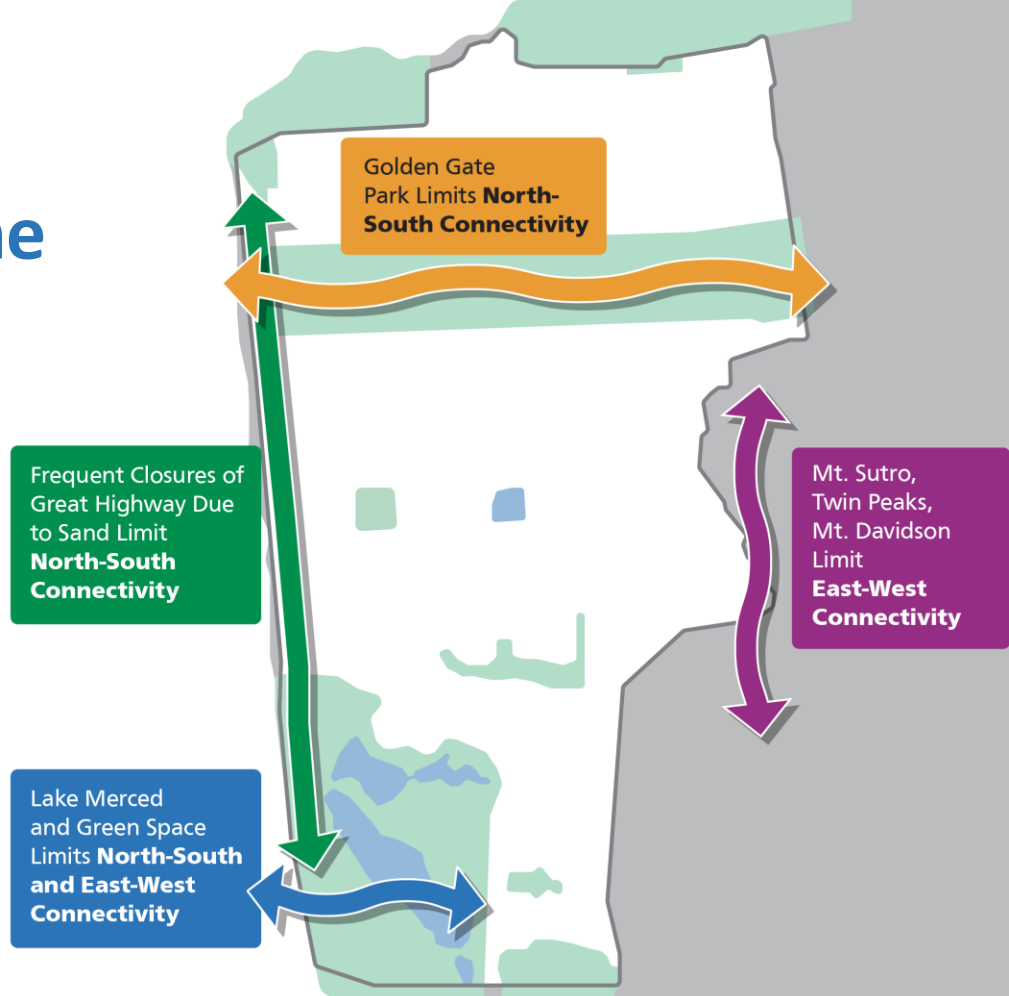


Barriers to traveling within, from and to the West Side today

Natural barriers reduce travel options north-south and east-west

This creates a need for more travel options to overcome the geographic barriers

Street closures due to construction projects and sand removal exacerbate conditions on the limited continuous routes on the Westside



Lived Experiences on the West Side



Voices from the West Side

Reflects input SFMTA has received through recent planning, projects and conversations with community members.



Karl Aguilar

Managing Partner, Papenhausen Hardware



Karl is a business owner, parent, and community advocate and organizer who's lived in the West Portal area for more than 15 years. He loves the strong sense of community in the West Portal neighborhood.

CONCERNS

The West Side was designed to be a suburban neighborhood and doesn't have the public transit infrastructure that denser parts of the city do.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Stop making changes that are detrimental to drivers without first improving transit access and reliability.



Daly City is very close, and they have parking.



Make Mini **so awesome** that there would be no good reason to drive. **Come to the community early** with proposed transportation stages, before a proposal is fully baked.

Heidi Moseson

Epidemiologist



Heidi is an epidemiologist, a mother of two young children and a community activist on the west side. She's lived in the Outer Sunset for about 12 years and loves its proximity to beautiful outdoor spaces like Ocean Beach and Golden Gate Park.

CONCERNS

The transportation infrastructure in Outer Sunset caters so much to cars. She'd like more protected bike lanes and streets dedicated to non-motorized users.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Push for transportation best practices and what's best for the city.



It often feels that undue weight is given to a vocal minority.



The SFMTA should embody the **spirit of imagination** and **outside-the-box thinking** that San Francisco is known for. **Traveling mostly by car isn't sustainable** for the long term.

Albert Chow

President, People of Parkside Sunset (POPS)



Source: SF Heritage

Albert is a business owner and community advocate. He was born and raised in Chinatown and moved to the Sunset in 1978. He loves that the Sunset is more laid back and less densely populated than other parts of the city. He also loves its diversity.

CONCERNS

Construction projects disrupting commutes and businesses. More improvements to major auto corridors. Better communication from SFMTA.

RECOMMENDATIONS

SFMTA should change the rules of the construction mitigation program.



We need another tunnel. If Boston can do it, so can San Francisco.



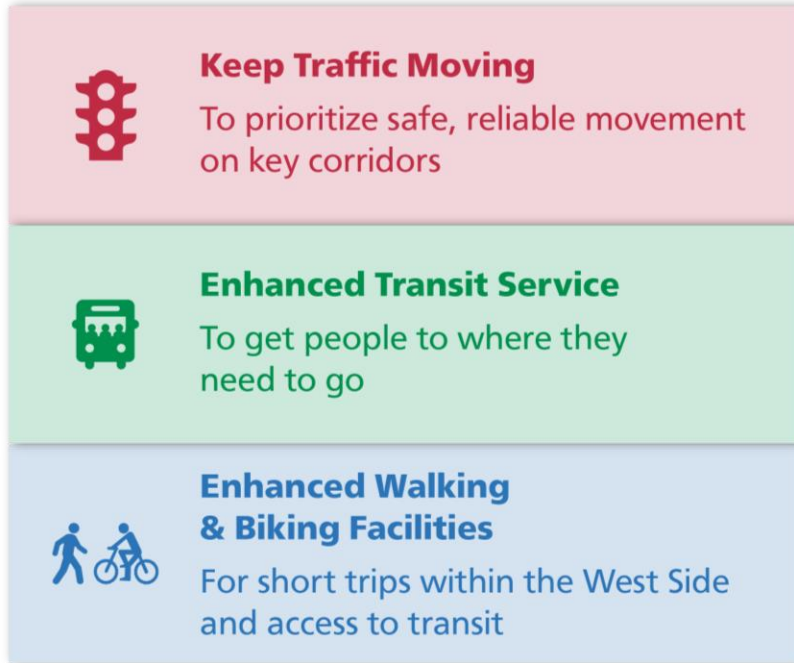
For construction projects that are going to take a year or longer to complete, **set aside money to support merchants whose business is going to be impacted.**

Solutions



Actively working to improve travel

Reducing congestion and creating better transportation options

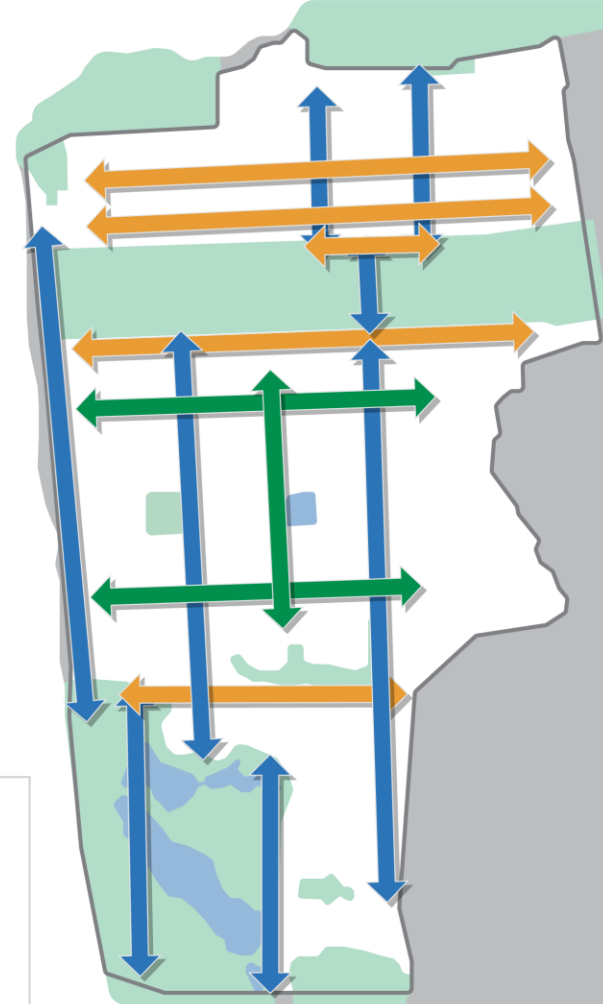
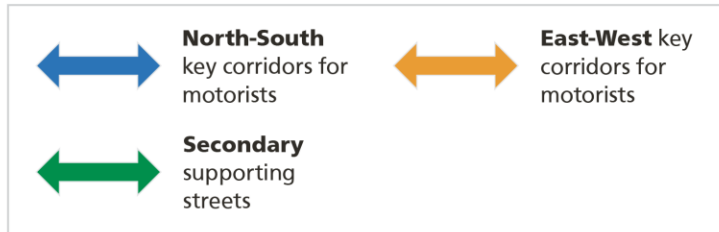


Keeping Traffic Moving



Tools to keep traffic moving

- Optimizing signal timing
- Strategically using turn lanes and turn restrictions
- Using traffic circles to facilitate left-turn movements
- Managing curb space to reduce conflicts and congestion, and maintain access for local businesses
- Managing on-street parking to maintain access to local businesses



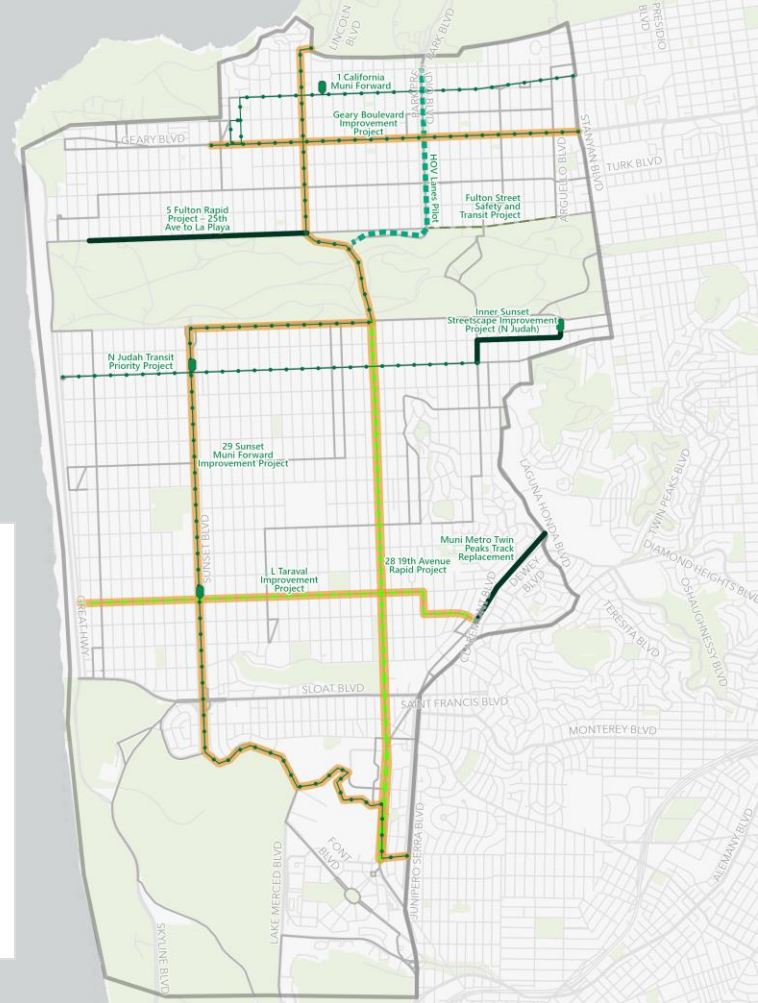
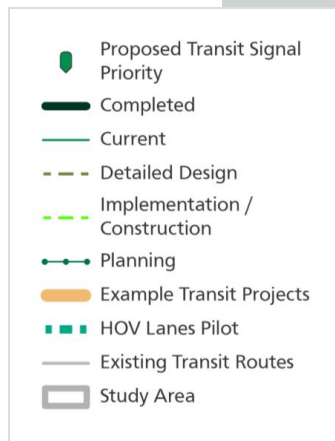
Enhancing transit: Projects underway

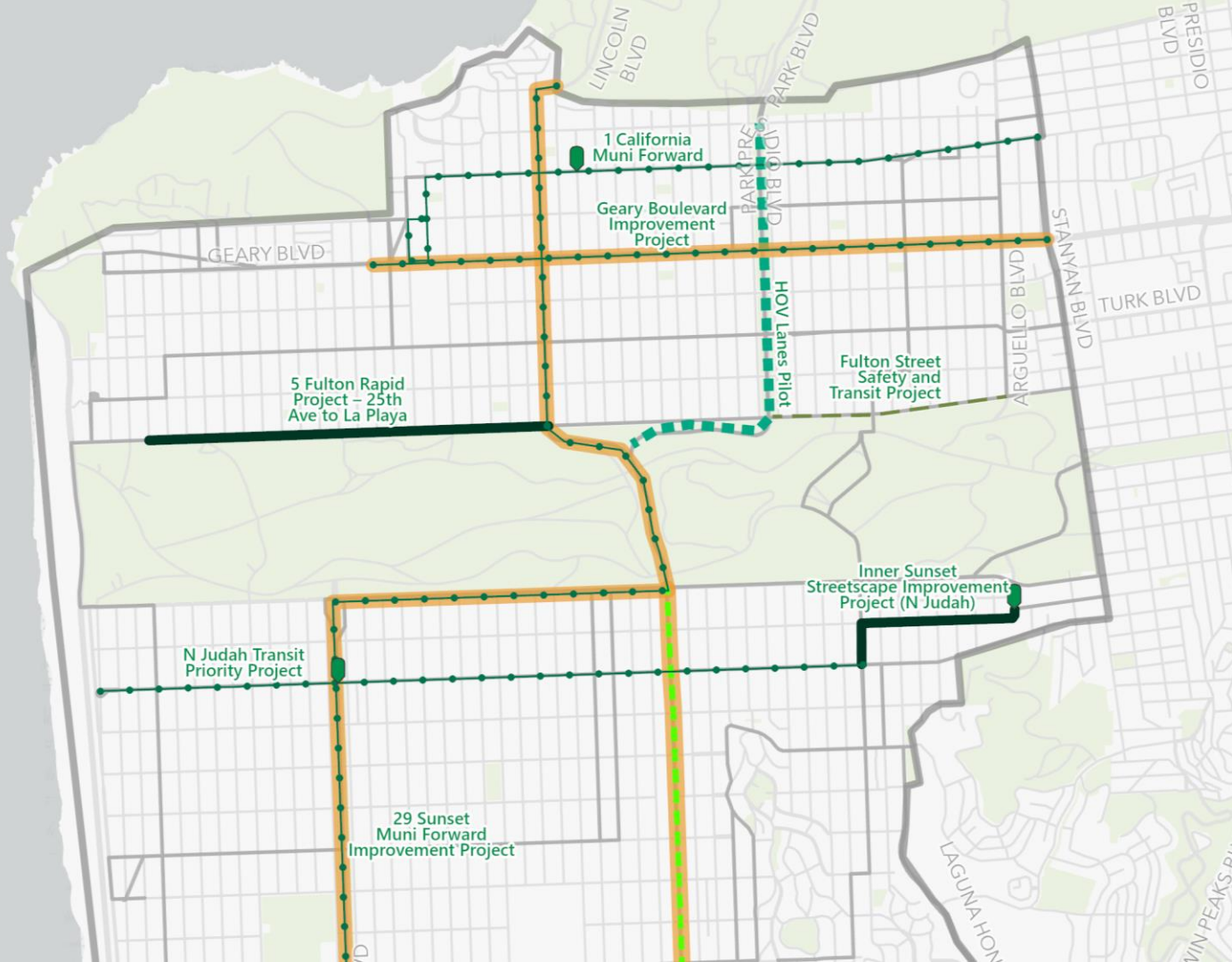
Muni Forward projects are making transit a better option:

- Enhancing east-west and north-south connectivity
- Service reliability, frequency and travel time
- Access, safety and comfort at transit stops

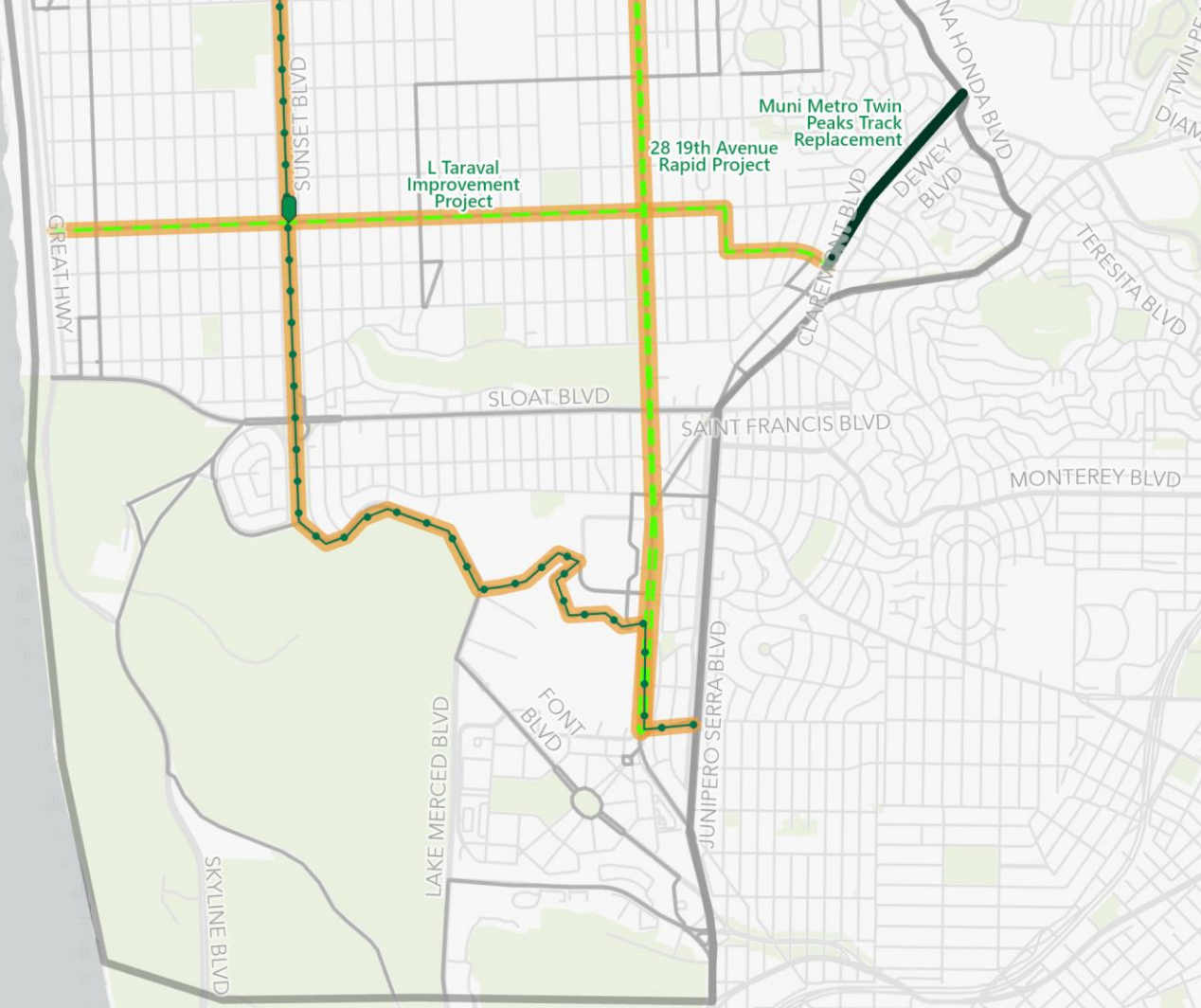
Improving people's experience using transit; examples include:



- 5 Fulton Safety and Transit Project
- Geary Boulevard Improvement Project
- L Taraval Improvement Project
- 29 Sunset Improvement Project





-  Proposed Transit Signal Priority
-  Completed
-  Current
-  Detailed Design
-  Implementation / Construction
-  Planning
-  Example Transit Projects
-  HOV Lanes Pilot
-  Existing Transit Routes
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5 Fulton 25th Ave to La Playa Transit Priority Project



Faster, safer and more reliable transit on the 5 Fulton corridor

Improvements included:

- Optimizing bus stop locations
- Adding transit bulbs
- Replacing all-way STOP-controlled intersections with traffic signals or traffic calming measures
- Adding continental crosswalks

Results:

60% more riders

40% fewer collisions

Up to 12% faster

Geary Boulevard Improvement Project



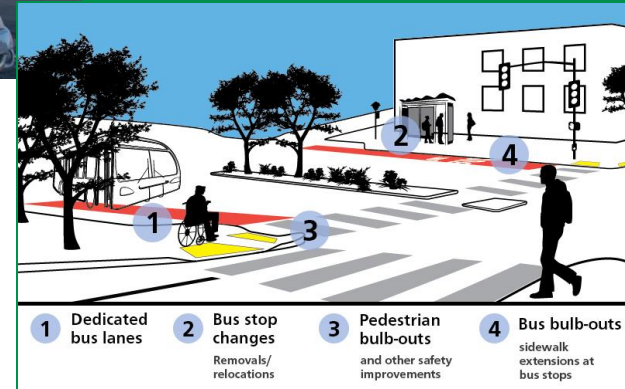
Improving transit and safety along Geary Boulevard in the Richmond District

Improvements include:

- Optimize bus stop locations
- Enhance safety and accessibility by redesigning intersections, creating more space for pedestrians and expanding medians

Project Status: Planning, Detailed Design

- Install side-running transit lanes
- Extend existing transit lanes, construct concrete sidewalk extensions, and install right-turn pockets



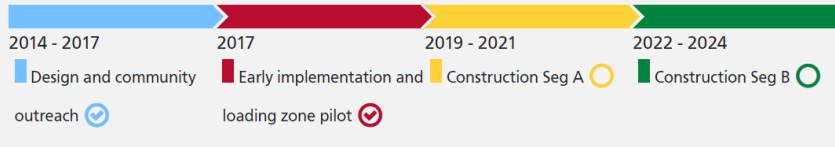
L Taraval Improvement Project



Making the L Taraval safer and more reliable


Changes already made have decreased pedestrian injury collisions by 60%.


Project Timeline





Current Phase or Stage **Predicted Completion**
 Construction Segment B: Fall 2024


Improvements

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Boarding Islands
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Transit Only Lanes
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Key Stop Ramps at Boarding Islands
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Updated Traffic Signals and Crosswalks
- 

New Trees and Streetscape Elements

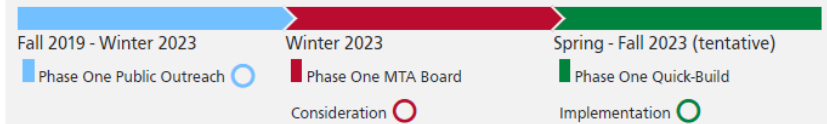
29 Sunset Improvement Project



Investing in the 29 Sunset to reduce delays and improve travel time

Holistic effort to invest for current and future users. Aims to reduce deliver significant transportation improvements to the southern and western neighborhoods of San Francisco.

Project Timeline



Predicted Completion

2025-2026

Project Status: Planning

Next Generation Muni

Gearry – 19th Avenue Subway Corridor

- Improving regional travel
- Improving connections to downtown
- Improving connections to neighboring counties

Five-minute network

- Improving citywide travel by providing reliable service every five minutes on key bus and rail lines.
- On streets such as Sunset Boulevard, 19th Avenue, Judah Street, Geary, Park Presidio, Fulton, California

Better regional connections

- Improving connections to Daly City BART and other regional routes
- Muni Metro Modernization to improve overall transit system performance



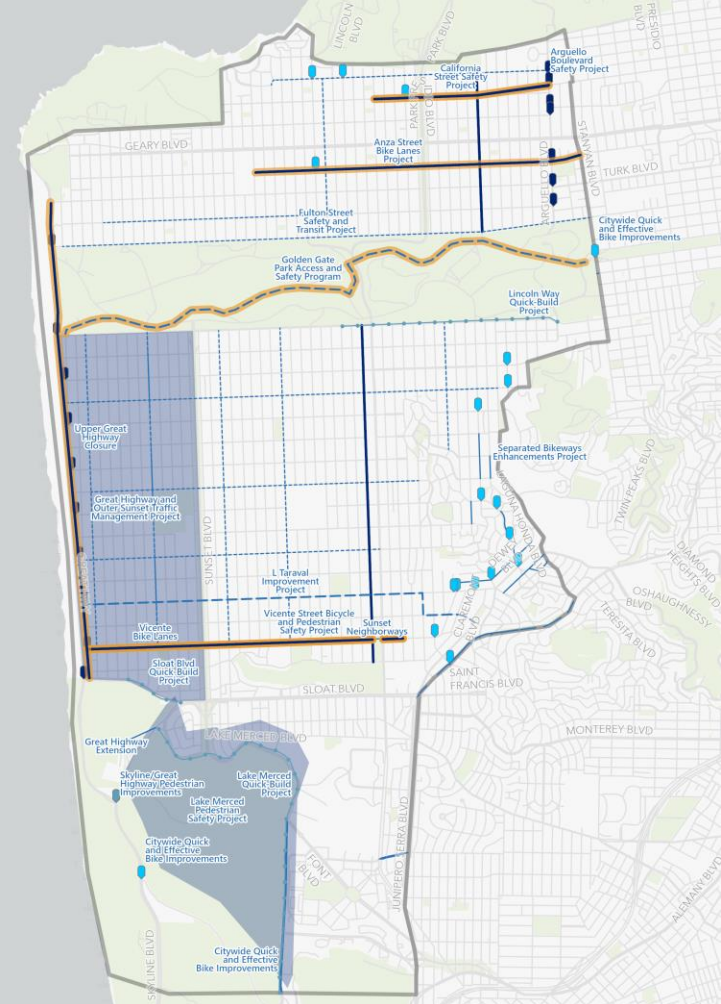
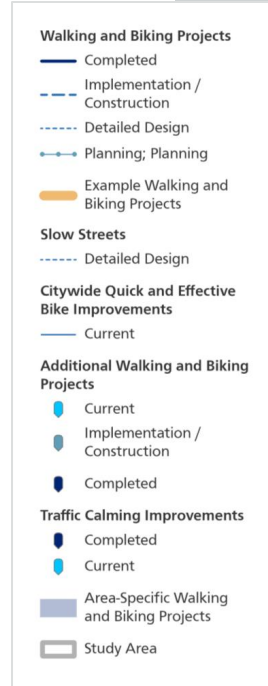
Enhancing walking and biking: Projects underway

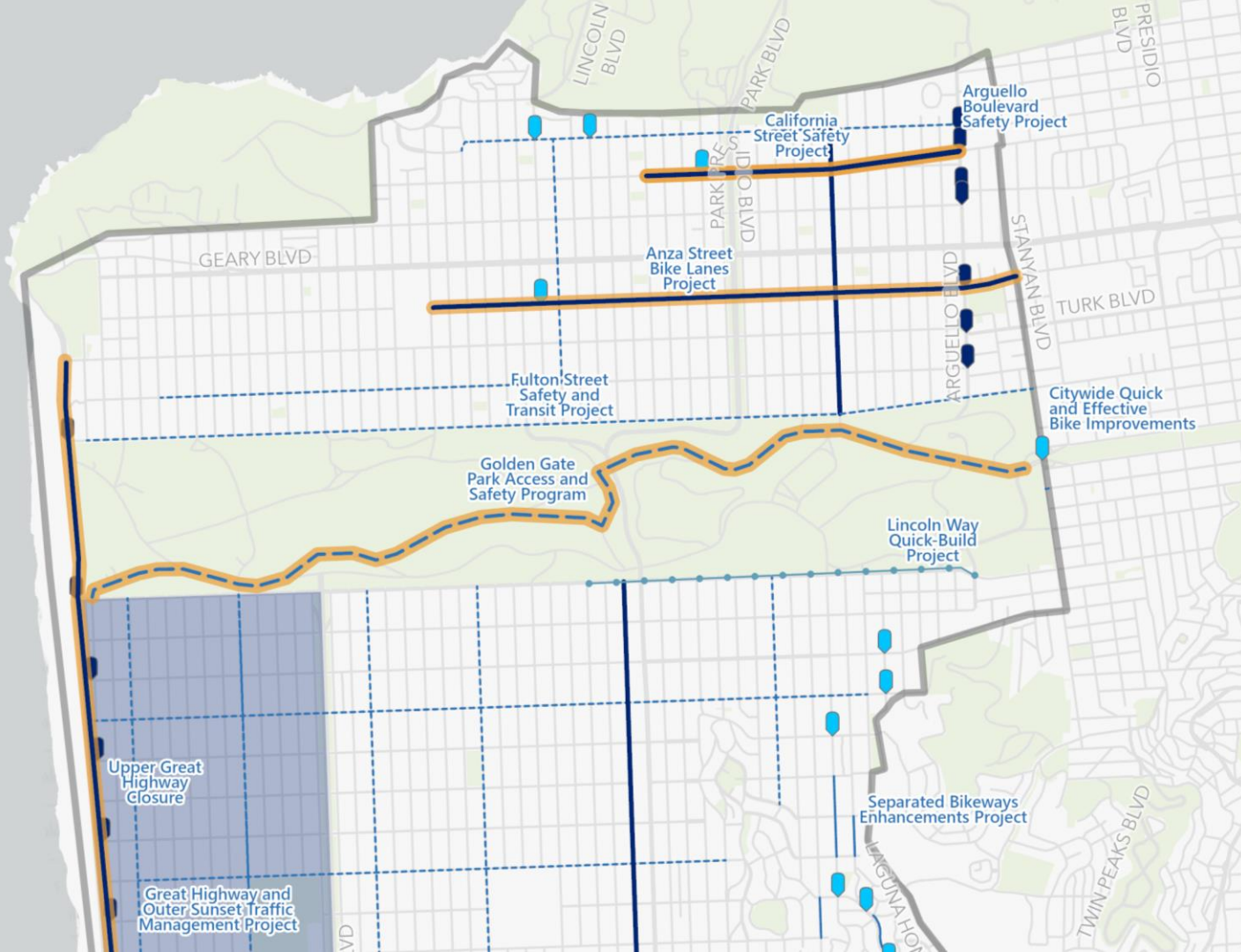
Improving:

- Safety at major street crossings and near transit
- Connectivity to neighborhood destinations
- Comfort while walking or biking with traffic calming to slow vehicle speeds
- Dedicated space for people walking and biking
- Travel choices or options

Improving people's experience walking and biking; examples include:

- Golden Gate Park Access and Safety Program
- Upper Great Highway Weekend Operations
- Sunset Neighborways
- Vision Zero Quick-Build Program





Walking and Biking Projects

- Completed
- Implementation / Construction
- Detailed Design
- Planning; Planning

Example Walking and Biking Projects

Slow Streets

- Detailed Design

Citywide Quick and Effective Bike Improvements

- Current

Additional Walking and Biking Projects

- Current
- Implementation / Construction

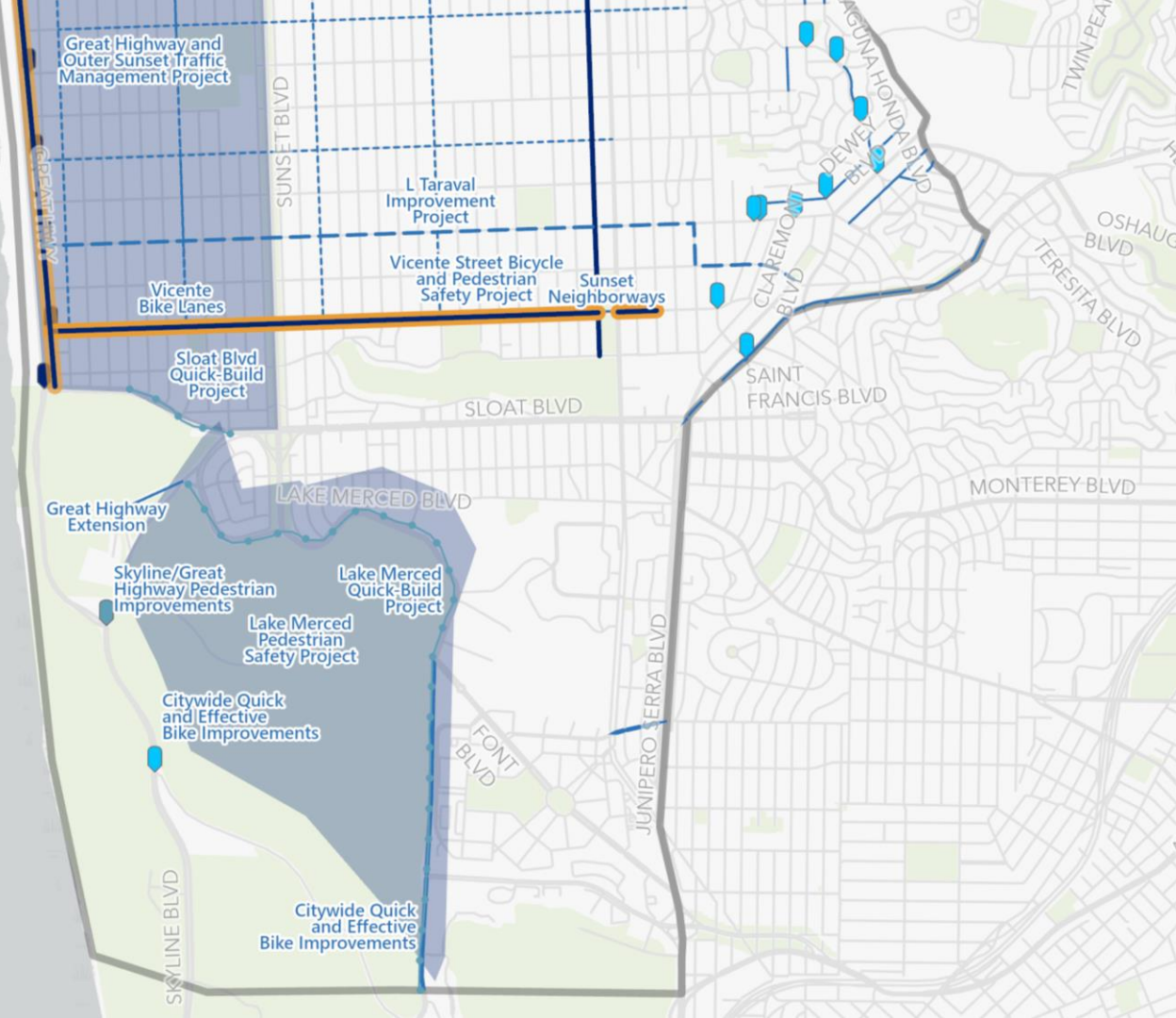
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Area-Specific Walking and Biking Projects

Study Area



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Golden Gate Park Access and Safety Program



Enhancing Accessibility, Safety, and Active Modes in Golden Gate Park

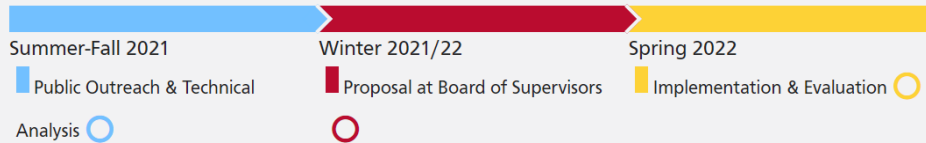


Improvements will focus on accessibility to key park destinations



Improvements will improve safety and park experience for people running, rolling, and strolling

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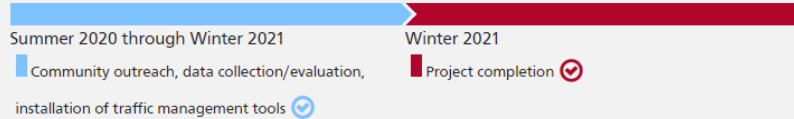
Project Status: Planning Project Success: On schedule

Upper Great Highway



On weekdays, open to cars to support weekday travel activities. On weekends, closed to cars to provide an unrivaled scenic public space and coastal promenade for thousands of people of every age, race, gender, and ability to have expanded opportunities recreation

Project Timeline



Project Status: ✓ Completed Project Success: ✓ On budget, ✓ On schedule



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SIGNAL ONLY



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Pedestrian Improvements



Bicycle Improvements



Traffic Safety Improvements

Great Highway and Outer Sunset Traffic Management Project



The SFMTA worked in partnership with the Recreation and Park Department to develop and implement a comprehensive and integrated traffic calming strategy for the Great Highway between Lincoln Way and Sloat Boulevard that responds to the concerns from residents of the Outer Sunset and Richmond District. The traffic calming measures were completed on time in April 2021.

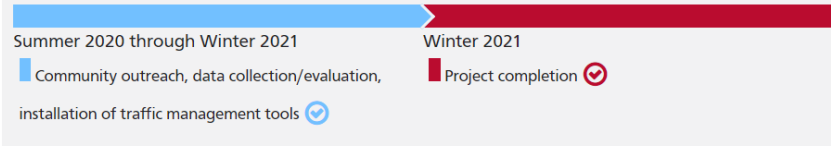
Great Highway Traffic Management
Phase 1 Traffic Management Tools



Great Highway Traffic Management
Phase 2 Traffic Management Tools



Project Timeline



Project Status: Completed Project Success: On budget, On schedule



Pedestrian improvements



Traffic safety improvements



Bicycle improvements

Sunset Neighborways (replacing Slow Streets)

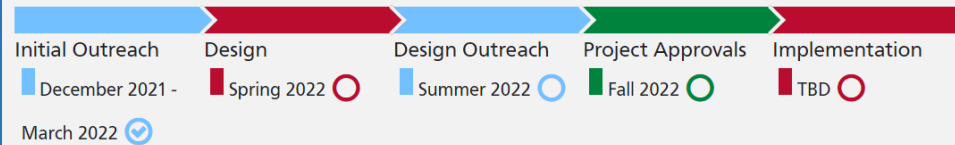


Creating safe and pleasant preferred routes for people walking and biking in the Sunset neighborhood

Using street design changes to:

- Reduce vehicle speeds
- Improve intersection safety
- Manage vehicle volumes
- Designate space for walking and biking

Project Timeline



Next generation of safe streets improvements

Active Communities Plan in Progress

Ideas for the West Side

- Expanding E-W and N-S low stress corridors
- Continuing to explore opportunities to prioritize walking and biking corridors
- Strengthening connections to mobility hubs such as West Portal



Additional projects supporting safe transportation

Repaving



Signal Timing



Median Islands & Curb Extensions



Ongoing incremental investments contributing to improved walking and biking

Designated Space for Biking



Transit Bulbs



Help Us Continue to Improve Your Transportation Options

Let's continue the
dialogue!

Contact us at:
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