

Park Presidio Lombard Temporary HOV Lanes

Final Evaluation Report Fact Sheet



Project Overview

The temporary HOV lanes on Park Presidio and Lombard were implemented to improve transit efficiency, reduce congestion, and enhance overall traffic management. This fact sheet highlights the key findings from the evaluation of the temporary HOV lanes, covering transit performance, traffic flow, safety, and community feedback. Based on the evaluation findings, SFMTA recommends making the HOV lanes permanent on both Park Presidio and Lombard corridors. For the full findings, please read the attached report.

Key Findings

1. Transit Performance

- Improved Transit Travel Times:
 - Lombard: Transit travel times improved by 19% westbound and 6% eastbound between Q3 2019 and Q2 2024
- Increased Transit Reliability:
 - Transit variability was reduced by up to 51%, resulting in more predictable service
- Stronger Transit Ridership Recovery:
 - Transit ridership on Route 28 reached 84% of pre-pandemic levels, compared to 74% recovery systemwide

2. Traffic Flow and People Movement

• Increased Movement:



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- o Park Presidio: Total person movement increased by 18%.
- Lombard: Total person movement increased by 17%.
- Higher Occupancy in HOV-Eligible Vehicles:
 - o **Lombard:** Up to **60%** of travelers used HOV-eligible vehicles, such as buses and carpools.
- Vehicle Volume Adjustments:
 - Park Presidio: Vehicle volumes in HOV lanes decreased by 15%, while non-HOV lanes saw a 9% increase.
 - Lombard: Vehicle volumes in HOV lanes decreased by 21%, while non-HOV lanes saw a 15% increase.

3. Traffic Speeds

- Faster Speeds in HOV Lanes:
 - o HOV lanes showed improved average speeds compared to non-HOV lanes.
- Stable Speeds in Non-HOV Lanes:
 - o Traffic speeds in non-HOV lanes remained stable or declined only slightly.

4. Safety

- **Park Presidio:** Collision rates remained stable with no significant increase post-HOV lane implementation.
- Lombard: Collision rates increased, but this trend began before HOV lane implementation. A total of 9 collisions were potentially related to HOV lanes over 2.5 years, with 5 occurring outside of HOV restrictions.

5. Community Feedback

- Perceived Travel Time Changes:
 - Bus riders reported decreased travel times, while more drivers (solo and HOV) reported increased travel times.
- Shift Toward Carpooling and Transit Use:
 - o **15%** of survey respondents indicated that the HOV lanes made them more likely to consider carpooling or using transit.
- High Awareness of HOV Restrictions:
 - Most respondents were aware of the HOV lane restrictions and their benefits.

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