



Major upgrades are coming to Van Ness Avenue to rehabilitate and revitalize classic San Francisco's aging infrastructure.

Breaking ground in 2016, this massive civic improvement project will bring San Francisco its first Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system, a much-needed and globally-proven solution to improve transit service and address traffic congestion on Van Ness Avenue, a major north-south arterial.

To minimize construction impacts while maximizing benefits, we're taking the opportunity to replace more than 22,000-feet of 1800s-era water main, install a new sewer system, overhaul the emergency water system that supplies over 1,200 fire hydrants, update street lighting with brighter, more efficient street lights that include new sidewalk lighting, and beautify Van Ness Avenue with new landscaping and rain gardens.

Along with a new BRT system scheduled to open in 2019, we are repaving Van Ness Avenue and replacing the overhead contact system that powers our buses. We're also making it safer for people walking with countdown crossing signals, shortening crossing distances with curb bulbs and median refuges and making people walking more visible with zebra-striped crosswalks.

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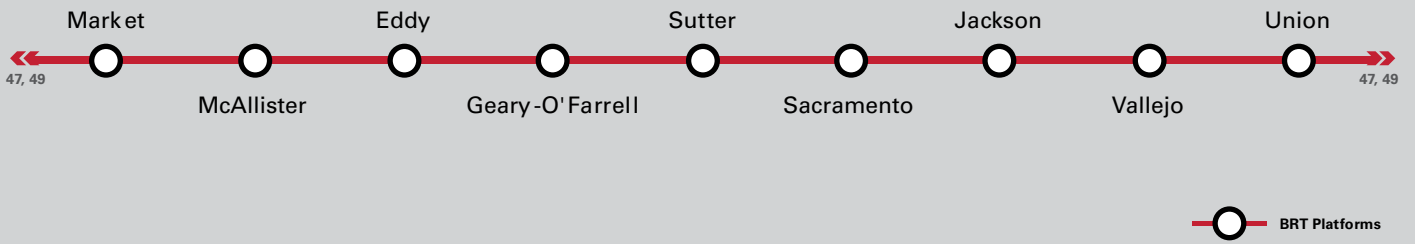
To find out more and sign up for project updates about the Van Ness Improvement Project, go to [sfmta.com/vanness](http://sfmta.com/vanness).

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## PLANNED BRT STATION PLATFORMS



## SAN FRANCISCO'S FIRST BUS RAPID TRANSIT

The Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridor on Van Ness Avenue will be a part of Muni's Rapid Network that prioritizes frequency and reliability for customers like you. Bus Rapid transit is expected to cut travel times for the 49 and 47 Muni routes by 32-percent, saving Muni customers an estimated 1,887 hours of travel time every day!

This new rail-like bus service on Van Ness Avenue will feature dedicated center-running transit-only lanes that separate transit from traffic, traffic signals that hold the green light for transit to reduce delays, high quality boarding islands and low-floor buses that improve boarding. Golden Gate Transit will also provide regional bus service to the Van Ness BRT corridor.

Planning for other BRT projects on Geary Boulevard and Geneva Avenue is underway.



## PROJECT SCHEDULE

- 2013** Project approval
- 2014** Legislative approval for traffic and parking changes
- 2015** Finalize design  
Finalize traffic management plan  
Sequence construction
- 2016** Secure final permits  
Phase 1 Construction:  
Utilities and Roadway
- 2018** Phase 2 Construction:  
BRT Build Out  
  
Phase 3 Construction:  
Overhead Contact System and  
safety elements  
BRT Operator training
- 2019** BRT service begins

*Left: Rendering of new BRT boarding platforms and dedicated bus lanes on Van Ness Avenue at Sutter Street.*

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