

19th Ave/M-Line project

Presentation to Balboa Park CAC February 17, 2016















Rail has been part of SF history for generations: M-line began operation in 1925 when 19th Ave was a country road

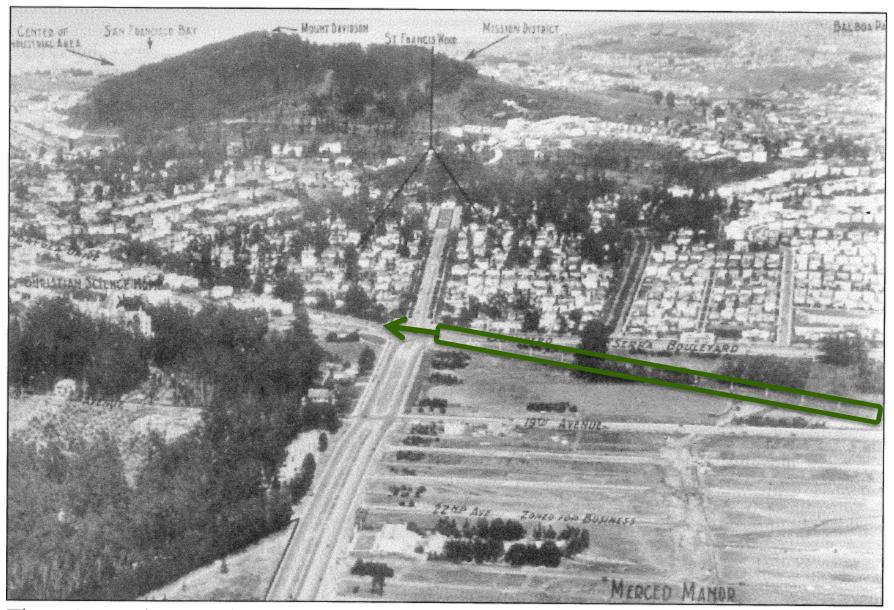


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Fast forward to 1970s, introduction of BART and Muni Metro



THE NEW MUNI MUNI METRO

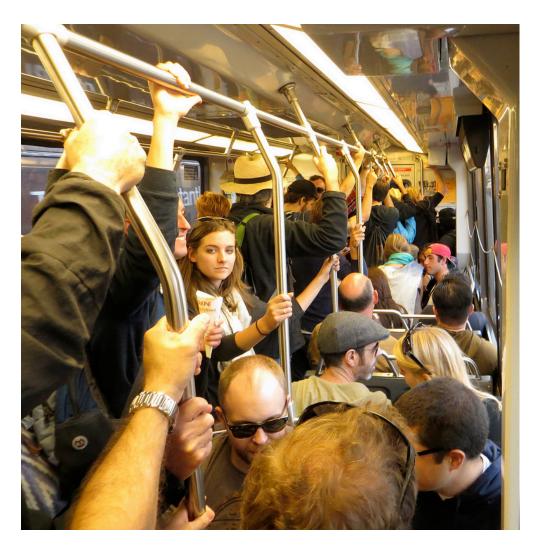
The Muni Metro is a subway-surface system. In the subway the Metro cars are rapid transit; on the surface they are streetcars.



Fast forward to 2016: now we are bursting at the seams!

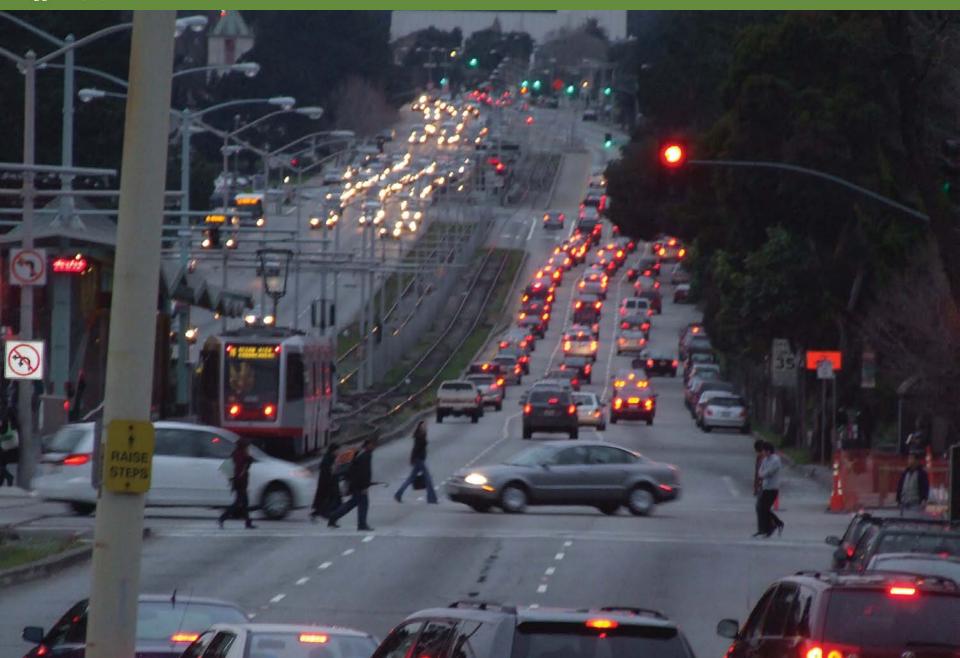








And 19th Avenue is not working for anyone



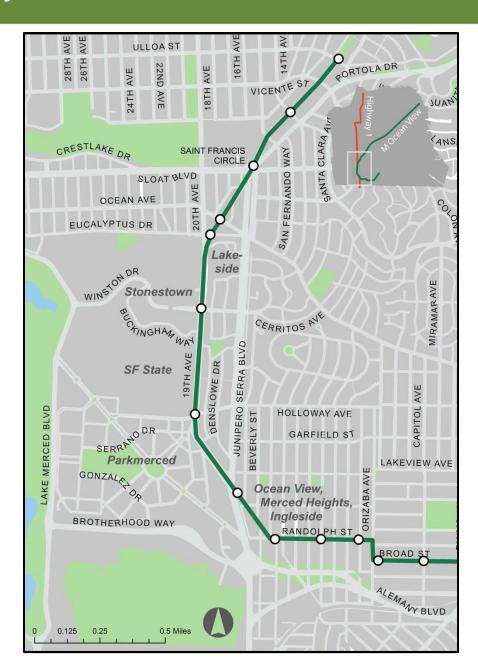


 Upgrade the Muni Metro to provide fast, reliable, un-crowded service

 Re-design 19th Avenue as a safer street for everyone

We are in very early stages. No approval decisions have been made. If approved, construction would be 8+ years away.

Study area



Purpose and need

Faster, more reliable, address crowding

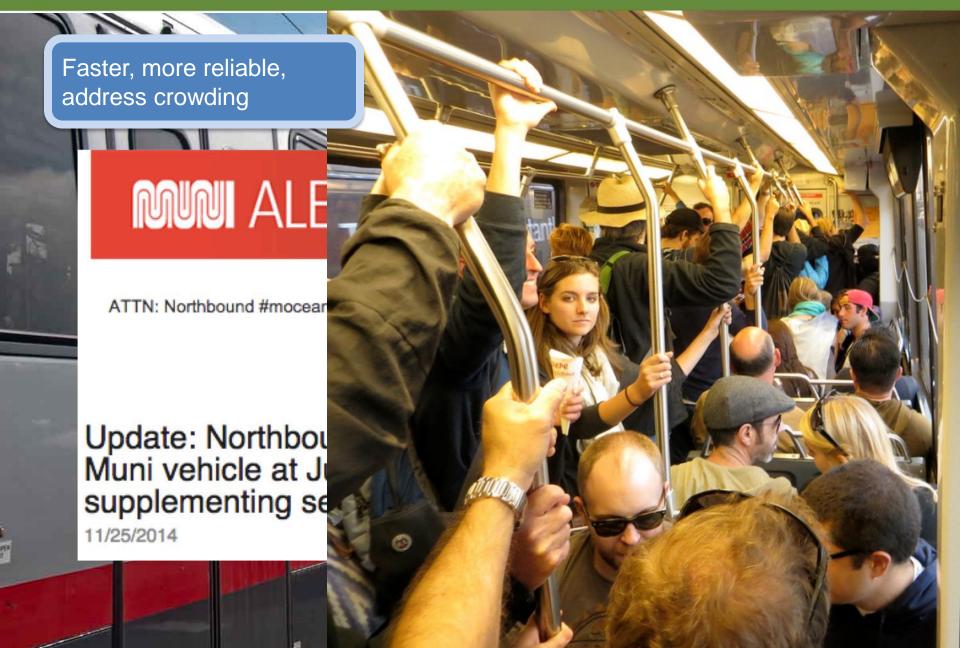
Safer transit access

Safer, more pleasant experience for people walking, cycling

Support planned development with travel choices

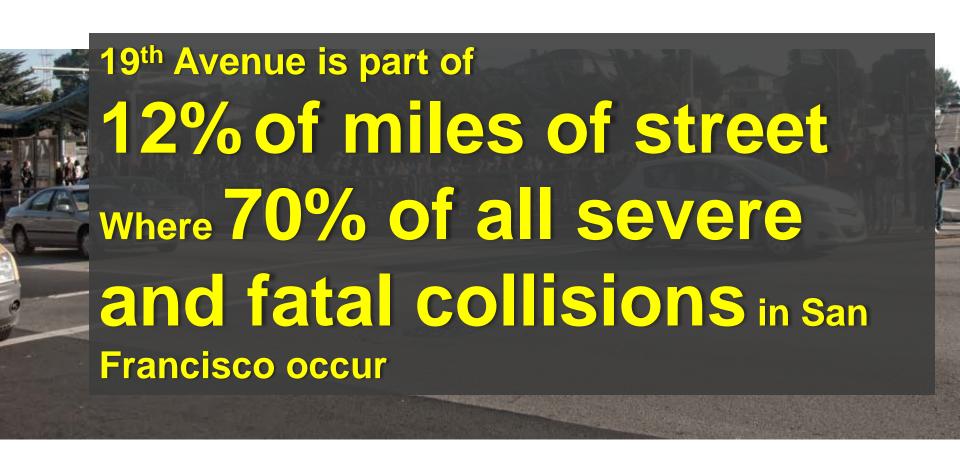
Reduce bottleneck points that affect reliability for people driving

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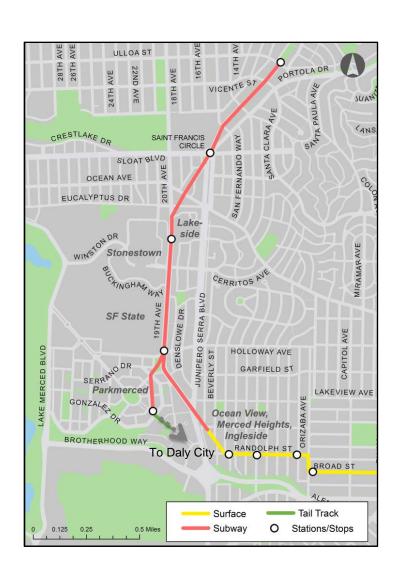


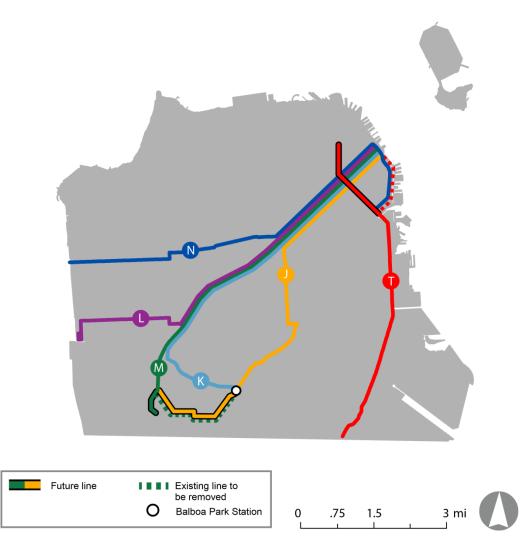


Safer transit access



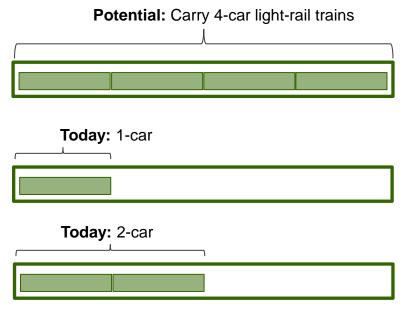
What we're proposing

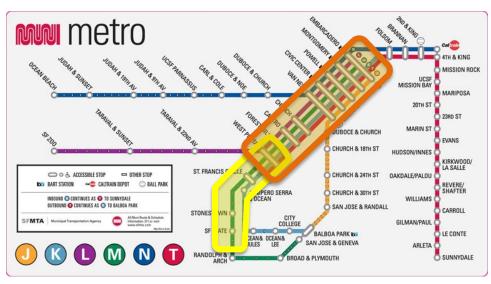






This concept would turns "half" a rapid transit line into a "whole" one







And create predictable portal arrivals that maximize subway capacity

We schedule ~ 36 trains/per hour/direction in Market Street subway. These "slots" are based on:

- Time it takes to turn around trains at the end of the line
- Safe distance between trains in subway based on Automated Train Control System

Uncertain portal arrivals



Predictable portal arrivals

Every tunnel "slot" filled





Also simplifies Balboa Park Terminal, improves operations

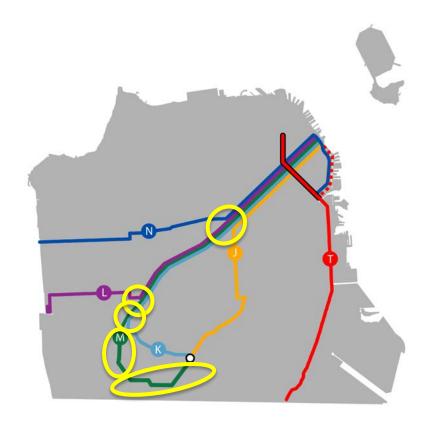




Eliminates many factors that create memorable bad commute days



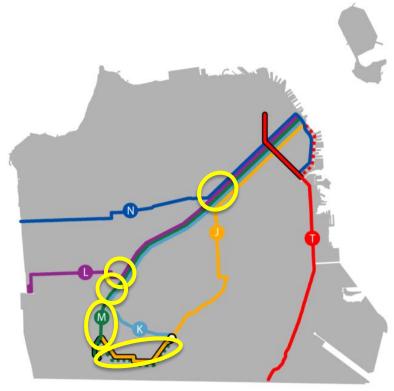
Example trip today (afternoon trip downtown to west-side)



- 1. Van Ness Station Packed trains
- 2. West Portal Bottleneck
- 3. St. Francis Circle Bottleneck
- 4. **19**th **Avenue** -- (Conflicts Rossmoor, Winston, Holloway, Junipero Serra)
- 5. Gaps and Bunches due to 1-4



Example trip in the future with proposed project



- 1. **Van Ness Station** Long trains flush out all the riders just trying to get to Church/Castro and don't pass-up riders needing to get all the way to westside
- 2. **West Portal** L comes out at surface, KM stay underground, alleviating bottleneck
- 3. St. Francis Circle K and M go under this intersection and avoid the 2.5-3 minute signal cycle.
- 4. **19**th **Avenue** No waiting at intersections or potential for vehicles blocking tracks at Rossmoor, Winston, Holloway, Junipero Serra
- 5. **Between SF State and BP –** Cross-platform transfer to J-line

Proposed station locations





Proposed station entrances – Stonestown Galleria





Proposed street re-design for safety and beautification, Holloway





- CROWDING REDUCTION
- MUNI METRO SPEED AND RELIABILITY
- SAFE STATION ACCESS
- SAFE, COMFORTABLE STREET
- ENVIRONMENT/QUALITY OF LIFE
- REMOVE TRAFFIC BOTTLENECKS
- GOOD CANDIDATE FOR FEDERAL "CORE CAPACITY" GRANT

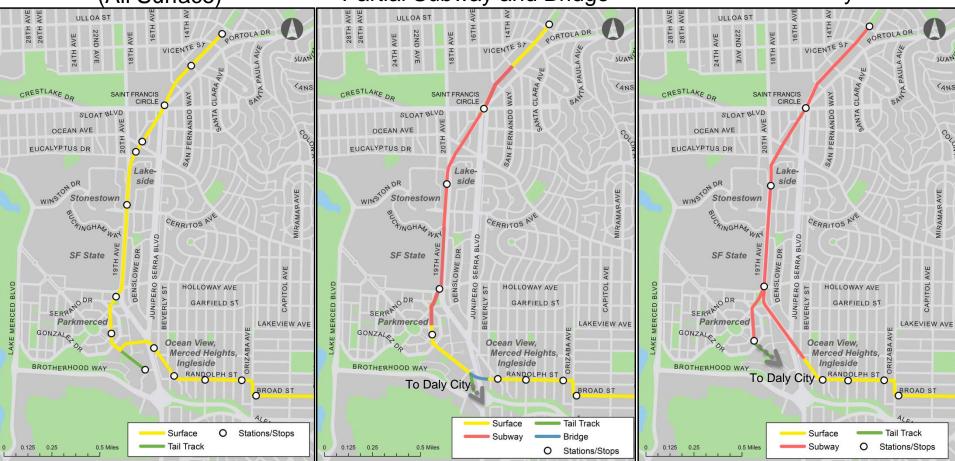
Refined alternatives

Alternative 1

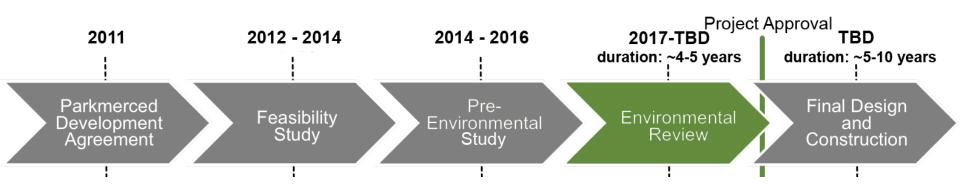
"Default Parkmerced Plan" (All Surface)

Alternative 2 "Partial Subway and Bridge"

Alternative 3 "Full Subway"







Environmental review is the stage when questions about impacts and mitigations are answered. E.g. construction impacts, traffic, noise, visual, etc.



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What we've learned this phase

Where we left things at close of Feasibility Study

