

VAN NESS

IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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San Francisco's Spine



Van Ness Avenue is the backbone of civic life in San Francisco and one of the most important thoroughfares connecting the region. This project will make the street accessible and enjoyable for everyone through:

- The City's first Bus Rapid Transit system, a globally proven solution to improve transit service and address traffic congestion.
- Utility maintenance including repaving the street and replacing water and sewer systems to ensure reliability.
- Public improvements like more efficient street lighting, new sidewalk lighting and landscaping.

Project Overview

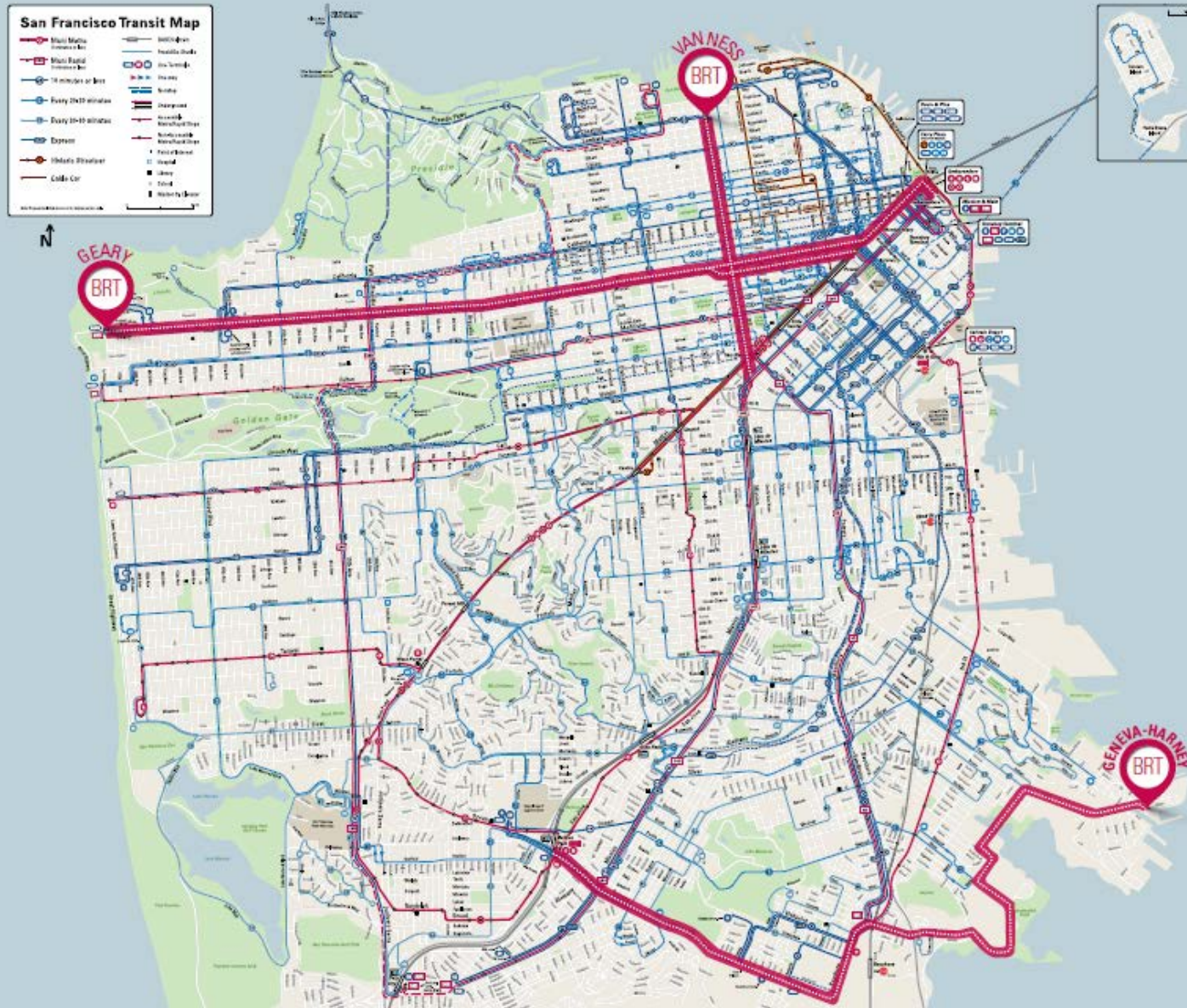


Rapid Transit Features



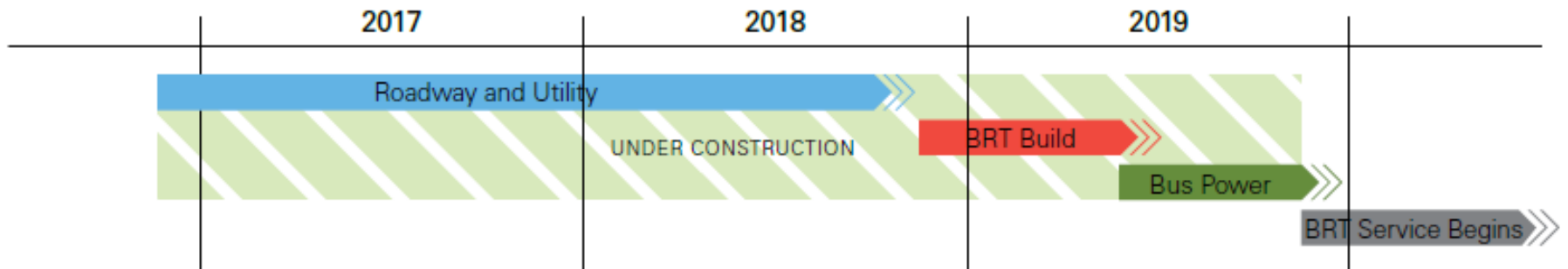
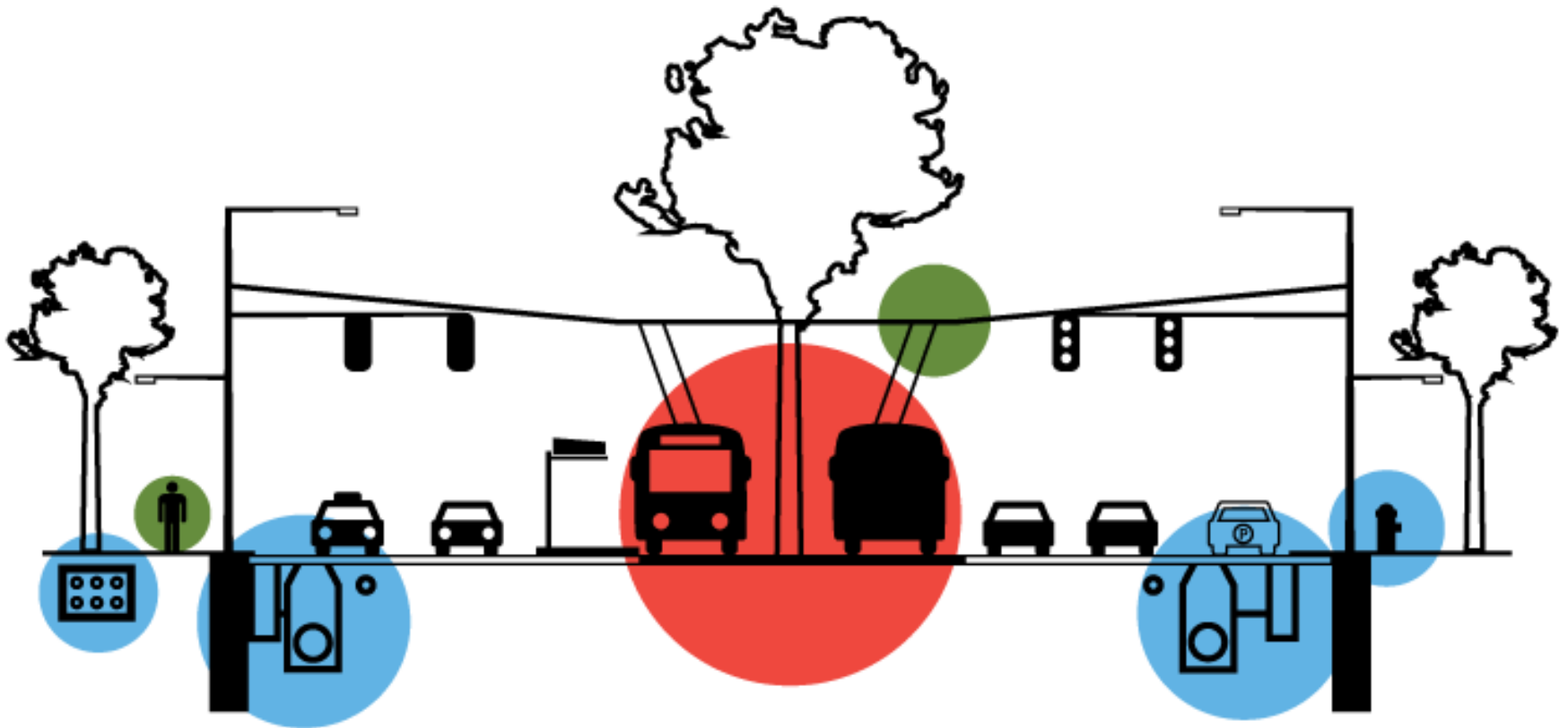
- 1 Low-floor buses for easy and quick boarding.
- 2 Traffic signals that give the green light to buses and are optimized for north-south traffic.
- 3 Safety features for people walking like countdown signals, median refuges, sidewalk extensions, zebra-striped crosswalks and left turn restrictions.
- 4 Dedicated bus lane for Muni and Golden Gate Transit.
- 5 High quality boarding islands located at key transfer points.

The BRT Network

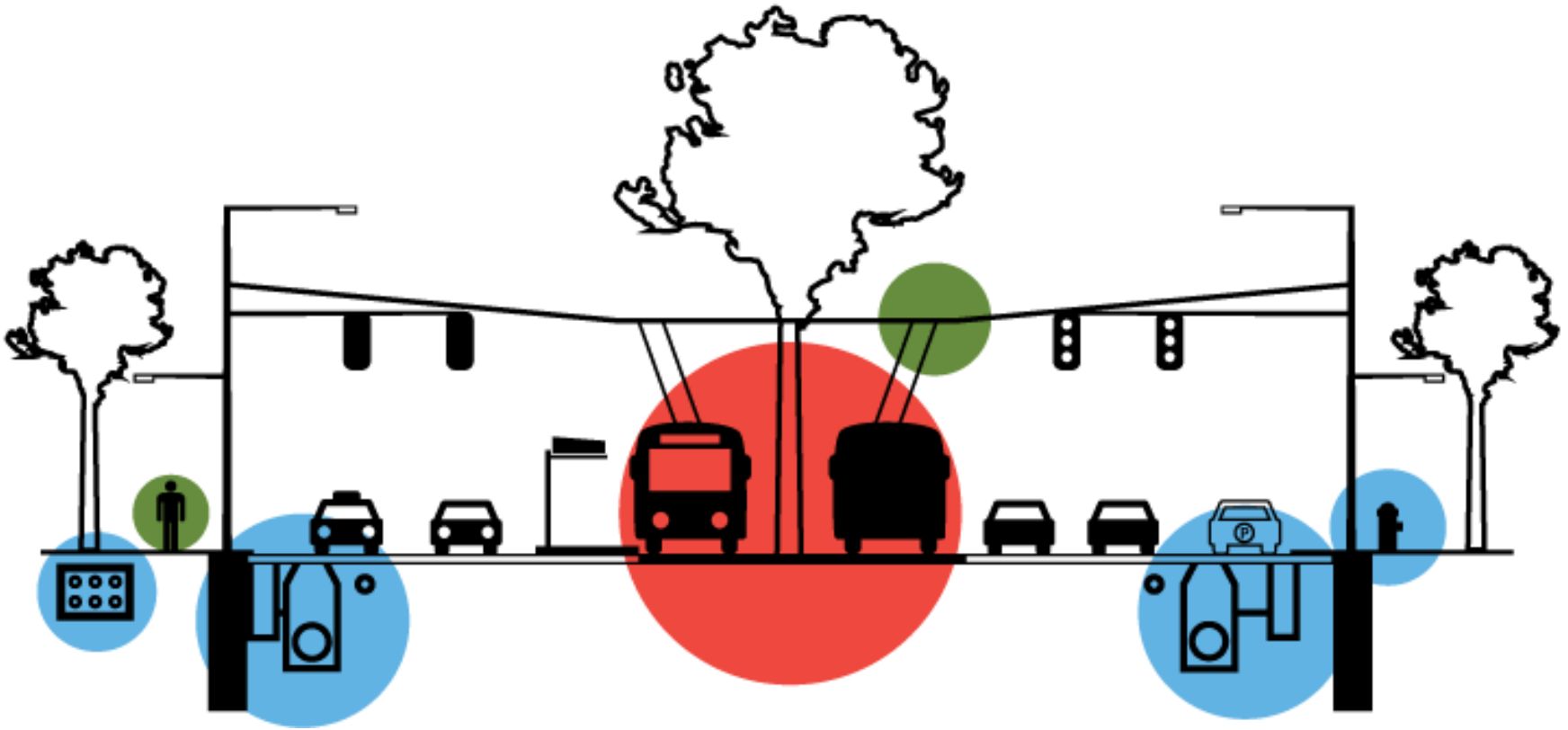


To make it more efficient for over 200 million annual customers to travel on our most heavily used routes, we are creating a network of high-capacity rapid transit that prioritizes frequency and reliability. Planning for additional Bus Rapid Transit routes is already underway.

Construction Phases and Timeline



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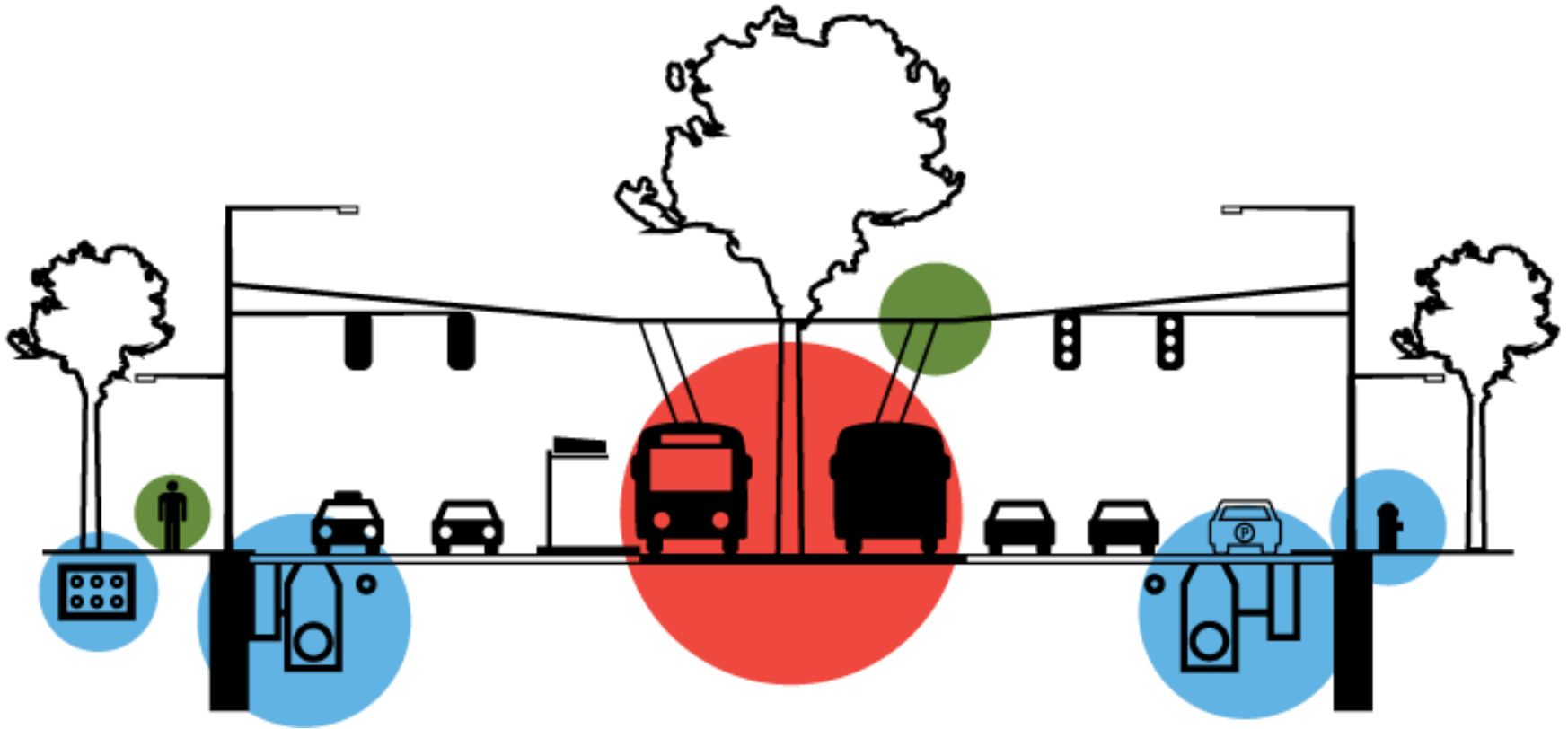


2016-2017

Utility & Roadwork

Replacing underground sewer and water systems and a segment of the emergency firefighting water system, installing an electrical duct bank, then sidewalk and road.

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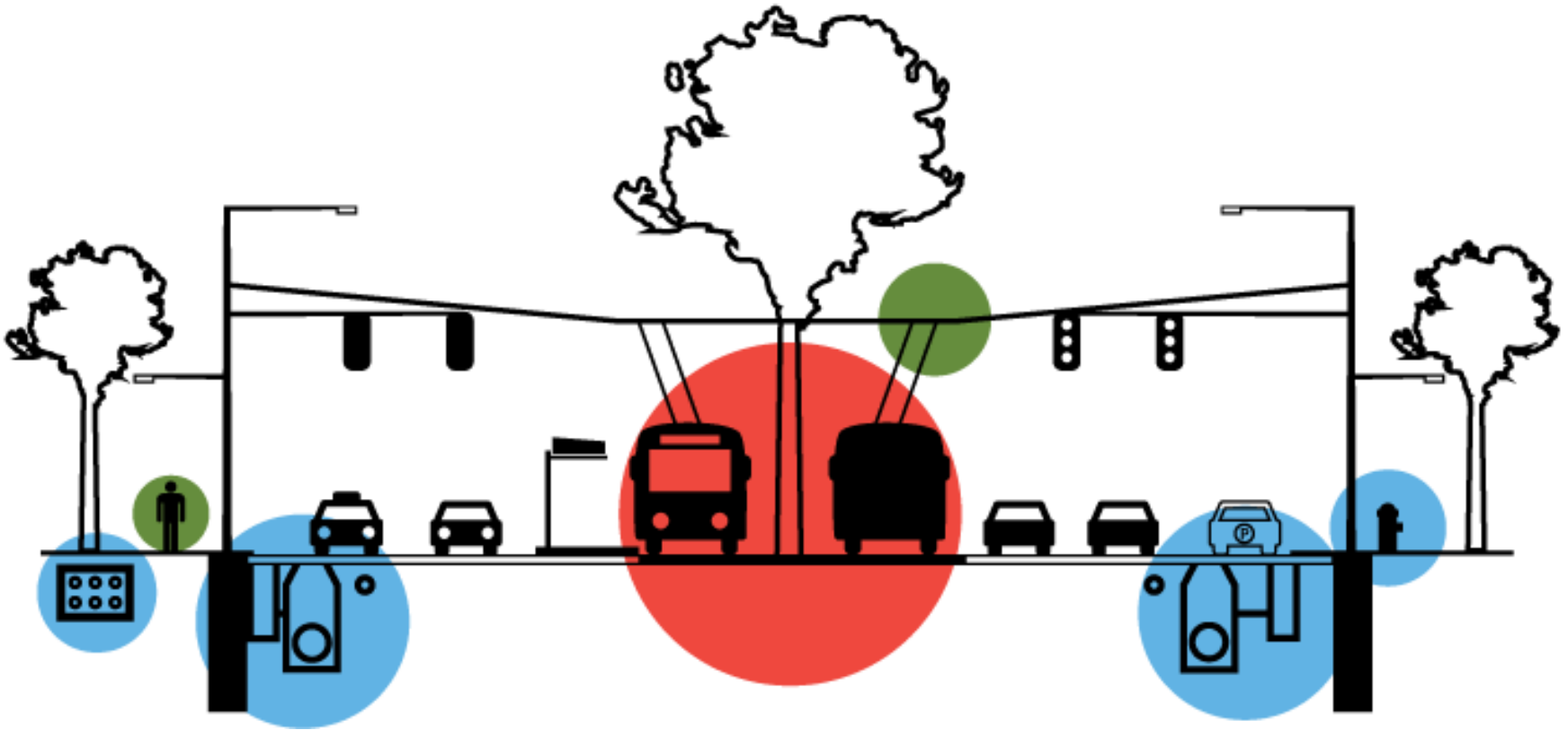


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BRT Build

Building center-running Bus Rapid Transit lanes, station platforms and medians.

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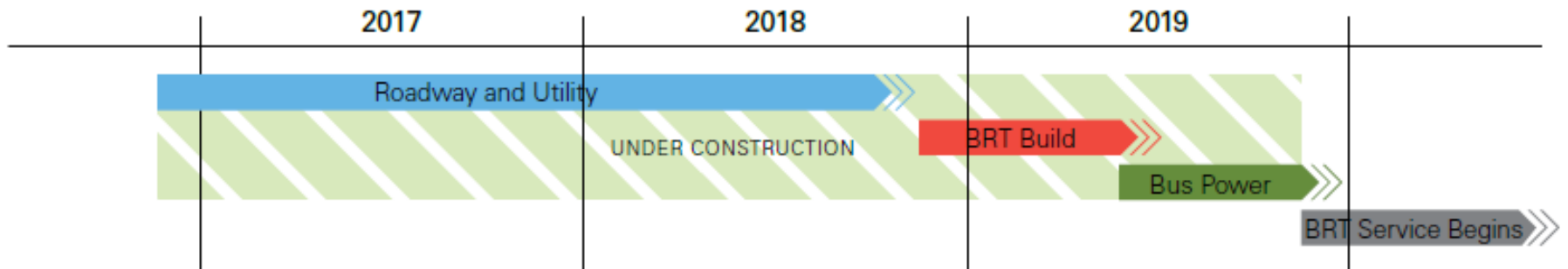
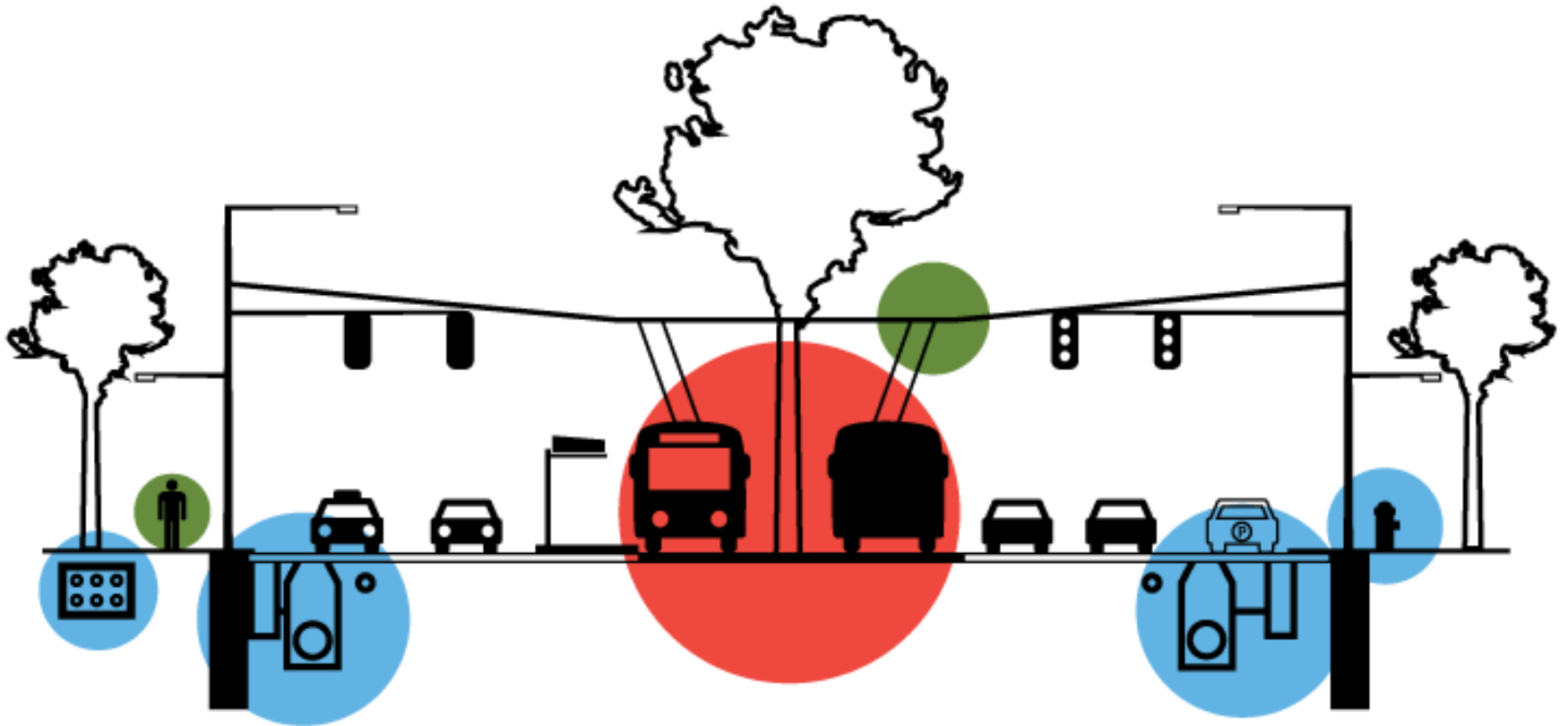


2018-2019

Bus Power

Building sidewalk extensions, installing new overhead bus-power wires, painting crosswalks and training Muni and Golden Gate Transit Operators.

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Construction Sequence Animation



Left Turn Removal



Except for northbound at Lombard and Hayes, and southbound at Broadway, left turns have been eliminated from Van Ness Avenue. This change will:

- Improve north-south circulation
- Improve safety for people walking

NOTE: The left turn northbound at Hayes is temporary and will be eliminated in April 2017.

Lane Reductions

- The number of traffic lanes has been reduced from three to two on Van Ness
 - Southbound from Greenwich to Pine
 - Northbound from Eddy to Greenwich
- Remaining lanes between Lombard and Mission will be reduced in two-block increments through January

Outreach Updates

Milestones

- Bus stop consolidation outreach
- Walking tours
- Sunday Streets
- Construction Open House with Polk Streetscape Project
- Three-part project video series



Outreach Updates

Ongoing

- Interactive multilingual text messaging campaign launched
- Community presentations
- Meet the Experts speaker series
- Project quarterly newsletter
- Weekly construction forecast updates
- Office hours



Thank you



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