



SFMTA

Octavia 'Open Street' Project



Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee
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What are the issues?

- **Octavia and Hayes streets are on the Vision Zero High Injury Network** – the 13% of streets that account for over 70% of injury collisions
- **SFMTA has received many complaints** about speeding on Octavia Street, congestion/honking at the offset T-intersection at Hayes & Octavia
- **Staff determined the area would benefit more from a pedestrian-focused redesign** rather than mere management of speeds (i.e., speed humps)
- **PROXY* is going away** (*the temporary privately-operated public open space east of Patricia's Green)
- **More car-free affordable housing** will further create more demand for public open space

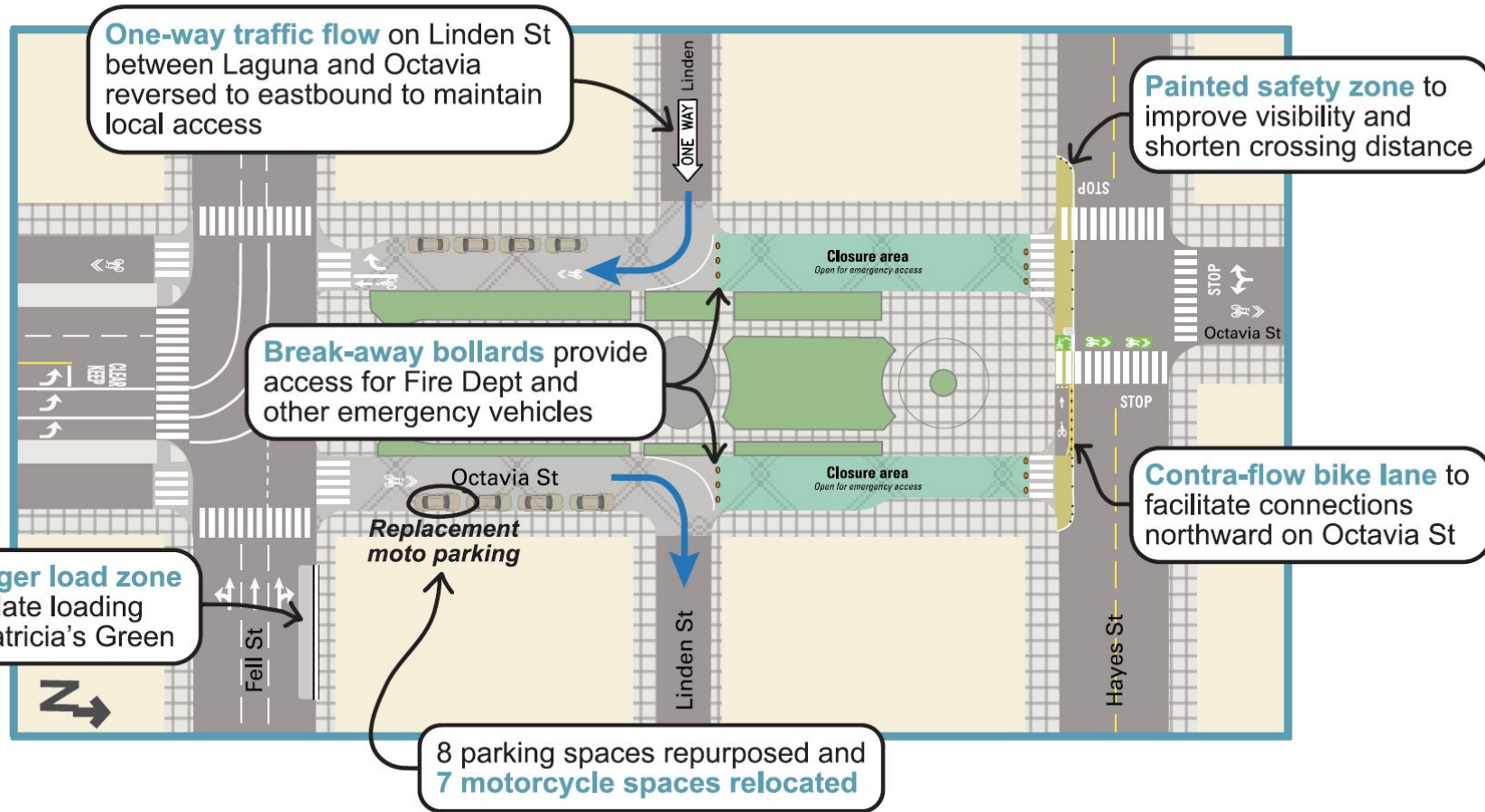


What will the project do?

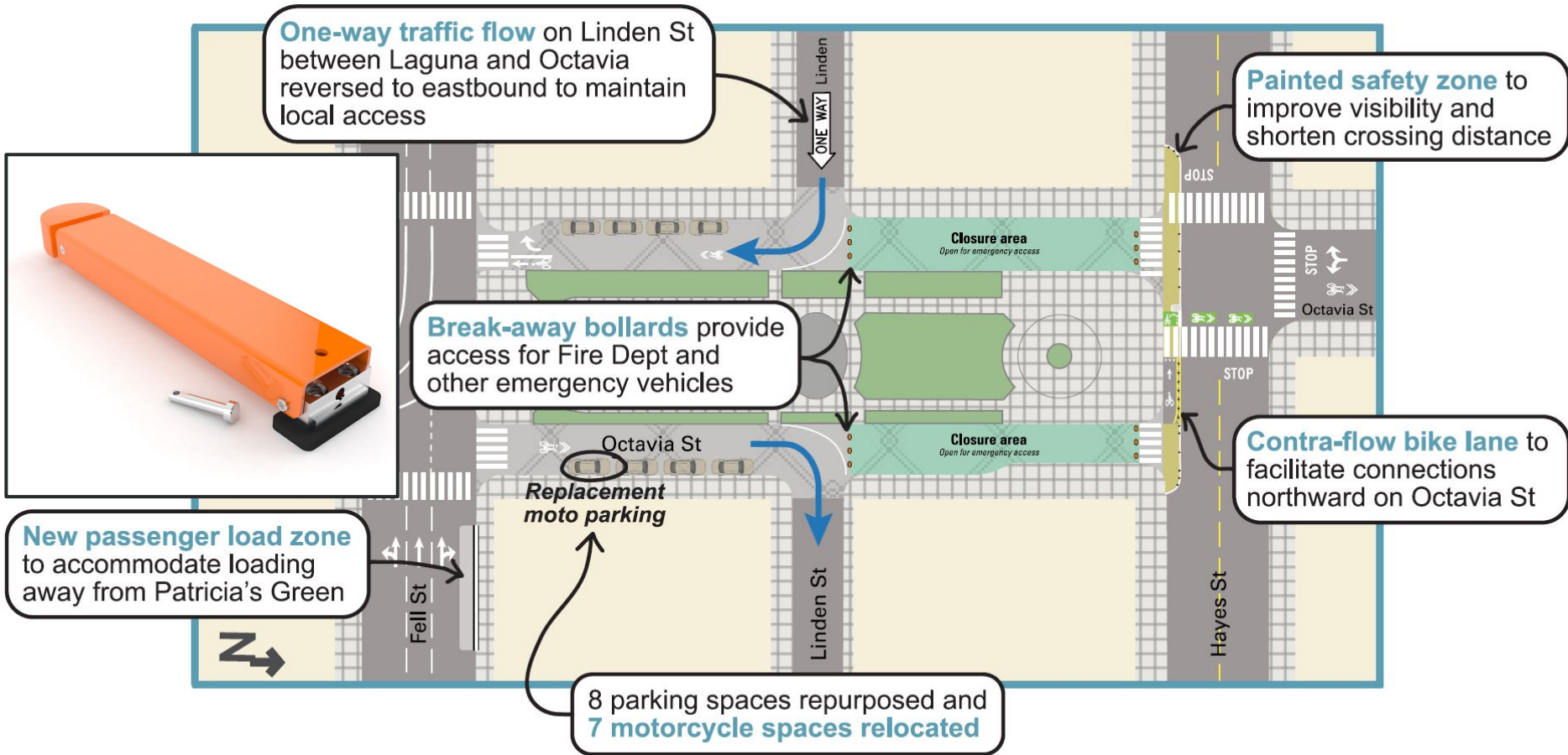
- **Restrict vehicle traffic on Octavia Street** between Linden and Hayes along Patricia's Green to improve safety and expand public space
- **Reverse one-way traffic flow on Linden Street** between Laguna and Octavia to eastbound to maintain local access
- **Add painted safety zones at Hayes & Octavia** to improve visibility and shorten crossing distances
- **Install a protected bikeway on Hayes Street** to improve connectivity and safety for people bicycling northbound through Hayes & Octavia
- **Add a passenger loading zone on Fell Street** east of Octavia for pick-ups/drop-offs near the park



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Timeline for Temporary Closures

Passers-by wrote comments with ideas for what they'd like to see on Octavia.



2015 & 2016

1-day closures

East side of Patricia's Green only (northbound)



June 2017

8-day closure

East side of Patricia's Green and daytime hours only

Collapsible bollards were tested in 2018.



June 2018

17-day closure

Both sides of Patricia's Green and included overnight hours

Why now?

- **Vision Zero:** We are committed to acting quickly to improve safety on the High Injury Network.
- **Traffic circulation:** We are confident the new patterns work and are compatible with Linden Street.
- **Emergency access:** We have found success using collapsible bollards to secure the space.
- **Maintenance:** We plan to use the same mini street sweepers that clean our protected bikeways.
- **Enjoy it now!** With housing to replace PROXY a few years away, there is time to enjoy more public space.



Schedule

- **IMPLEMENT – Fall 2019**
- **EVALUATE – Winter 2019/20**
- **Later...**
 - PROXY » housing
 - Possible enhancements for Linden ‘living alley’

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