

# Better Streets- For Walking, Waiting, or Riding Muni



Built through an ongoing process that brings together data, technical expertise, and community insight

**What Does “Transit First” Really Mean?**  
 San Francisco’s Transit First Policy was originally adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 1973, and reaffirmed by voters in 1999, 2007, and 2010.

The Transit First Policy envisions a sustainable shift away from the personal automobile, toward more sustainable modes like walking, bicycling, taxis, and mass transit.

To support this vision, SFMTA plans and implements projects designed to make it faster, safer, more convenient, more reliable, and more enjoyable to walk, bike, hop on transit, take a taxi, or some combination of all the above. Transit First means freedom to choose.

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**UNDERSTANDING THE PROBLEM**

Over the past seven years, the SFMTA has conducted an extensive city-wide review of Muni service (Transit Effectiveness Project). The SFMTA is now initiating projects aimed at addressing issues found in the review.

Extensive surveys, community meetings, and public comment reveal these top concerns:

- Difficulty in boarding and disembarking trains from and to the street
- Unreliable and slow service on the L-Taraval

**DEVELOPING PROPOSALS**

The SFMTA proposes employing an array of tools to address community concerns.

- Construct boarding islands at the L-Taraval stops
  - Allows safer boarding and disembarking from the sidewalk instead of the street
  - Reduces boarding and disembarking delays
- Increase the space between L-Taraval stops from 2 to 3-4 blocks to reduce stop frequency
- Convert stop signs to traffic signals or use traffic calming tools to reduce delays to the L-Taraval

**NEXT STEPS**

Spring 2014: SFMTA staff to refine proposals based on community feedback, citywide goals

Summer/Fall 2014: SFMTA to present revised proposals to the community

Winter 2014: SFMTA staff to legislate proposals

**BREAK GROUND**

2017/2018: Begin construction

