

Folsom-Essex Bikeway Improvement Project



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The SoMa area is experiencing rapid residential and commercial growth, and is poised to be among the neighborhoods with the highest bicycle ridership in San Francisco.

With bicycling increasing as a means of transportation in SoMa and throughout the city, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) is working with the community to increase the safety and comfort of city streets for people biking, while also better organizing our city's roadways for all modes of travel.

Current Situation

Currently, people bicycling eastbound on Folsom Street must navigate a difficult segment between 2nd and 1st streets where they are forced to ride in a narrow bike lane sandwiched between lanes of vehicle traffic and merge with freeway-bound vehicles.

Proposed Solution

To enhance bicycle safety and better organize the roadway, the SFMTA proposes to move the Folsom bike lane curbside to eliminate the need for people bicycling to merge with heavy volumes of freeway bound vehicles. The agency will also install a dedicated bicycle traffic signal at the Essex Street intersection to separate through bicyclists from right-turning vehicles and special markings to provide clear direction on where motorists can expect bicyclists to be riding.

Realigning the bikeway will require the removal of seven metered parking spaces on the south side of Folsom Street just east of 2nd Street.

A public hearing on this project will be held on Friday, June 20th at 10:00 AM in City Hall, Room 416.

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PROJECT FEATURES

- Curbside Bike Lane
- Bicycle Traffic Signal
- High-Visibility Crosswalks

