

# Polk Street Near-Term Safety Improvements

## Addressing safety needs on Polk Street



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Polk Street is a thriving commercial corridor, but it also has some of the highest pedestrian and bicycle collisions rates in the city. The Polk Streetscape Project, which began construction in 2016 and will open in late 2018 or early 2019, will increase safety for people walking and biking on Polk Street as well as improve transit efficiency. Near term measures were installed on Polk Street between McAllister and Union Streets in the summer of 2015, resulting in immediate safety benefits for all roadway users.



**Mixing zones help cyclists and vehicles avoid right-hook conflicts.**

**Motorists turn further from the curb and yield to pedestrians more often at locations with painted safety zones.**

**More people are biking.**



The number of cyclists traveling to the right of right-turning vehicles decreased from 38% to only 4%.



Vehicles turning within 6-feet from the curb decreased by an average 12% at two intersections with painted safety zones. The number of drivers fully yielding to pedestrians increased by 22% at one painted safety zone.



Morning peak hour bicycle volumes on southbound Polk Street increased up to 21% after the installation of a new southbound bike lane.