



3rd Street Transit and Safety Project

February 19, 2019

SFMTA Board of Directors Meeting

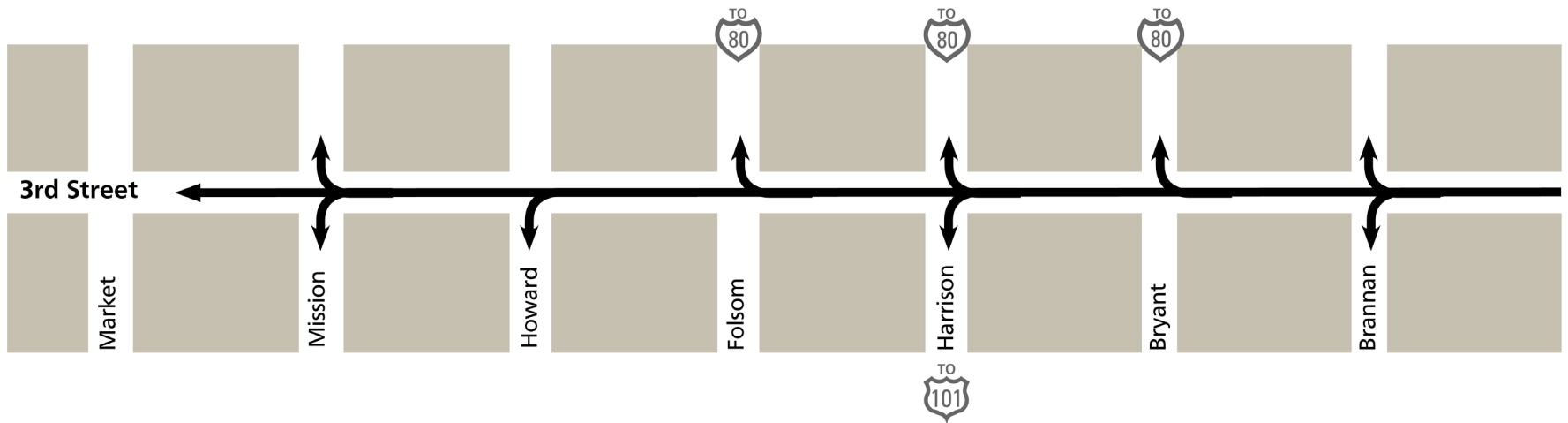


Transit Delays





Source of Transit Delays





Pedestrian Safety



Community Engagement





What We Heard

"Drivers are always blocking the transit lanes during rush hour trying to get to the Bay Bridge."

"The main issue is pedestrian safety. Cars turn into the crosswalk while I am crossing, sometimes both in front of and behind me."

"Buses are too crowded."

"From 3pm onwards 3rd Street is very congested for drivers, and the turn from 3rd Street onto Folsom can take up to 45 minutes."

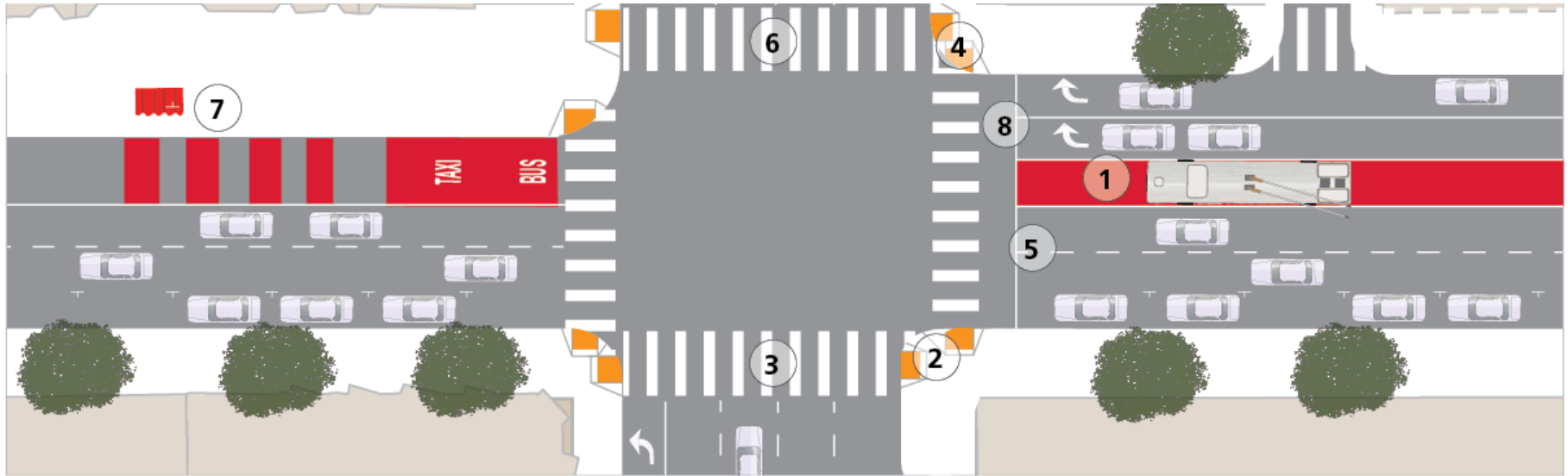
"After 3pm cars turning from 3rd Street onto Folsom create gridlock where it is scary for pedestrians crossing the street."



Goals & Proposed Solutions

- **Reduce transit delay** by ...
 - Moving the transit lane away from right-turning vehicles
 - Providing more capacity for right turns
 - Optimizing number, location and capacity of stops
- **Improve pedestrian safety** by ...
 - Reducing crossing distances
 - Making pedestrians more visible
 - Separating right turns from peds at key intersections

Proposed Solutions



- 1 Relocated transit lane reducing conflicts with cars
- 2 Corner sidewalk extensions for shorter crossings
- 3 High-visibility crosswalks
- 4 Upgraded wheelchair ramps
- 5 Advance limit lines to stop cars before crosswalk
- 6 Head starts for people walking in crosswalk
- 7 Wider sidewalks at bus stops
- 8 Right turn-only signals reducing conflicts with pedestrians



Proposed Solutions

Proposed Bus Stop Updates

Updating bus stops to be more evenly-spaced (on every other block) allows for better transit access and reduces delays. See below for proposed stop changes.

Legend



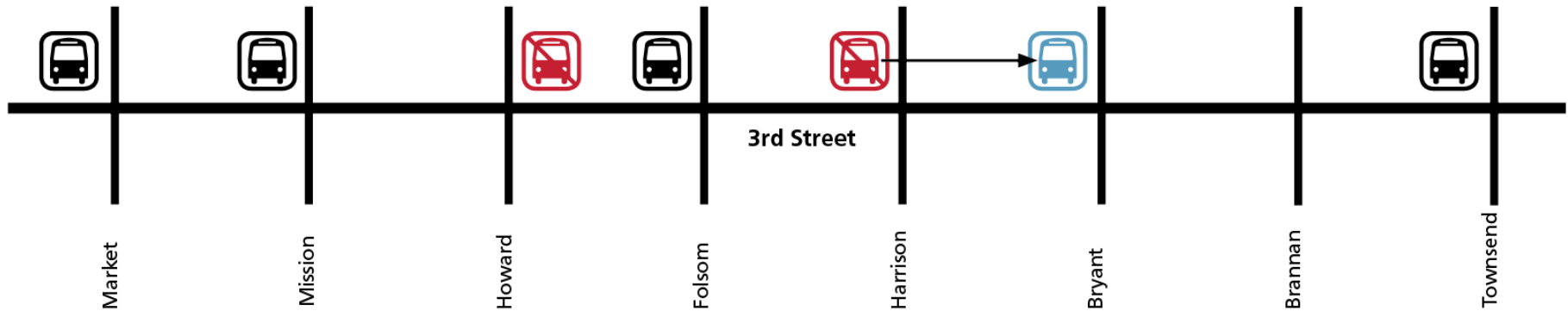
Current bus stop



New bus stop



Eliminated bus stop





Today's Legislation

- **Transit Reliability**

- Remove 1 bus stop, establish another
- Establish right-turn lane at Townsend, two right-turn lanes at Bryant and Folsom
- Extend towaway restrictions; remove 23 parking spaces; move 17 loading spaces, add 4

- **Pedestrian Safety**

- Establish 2 crosswalks



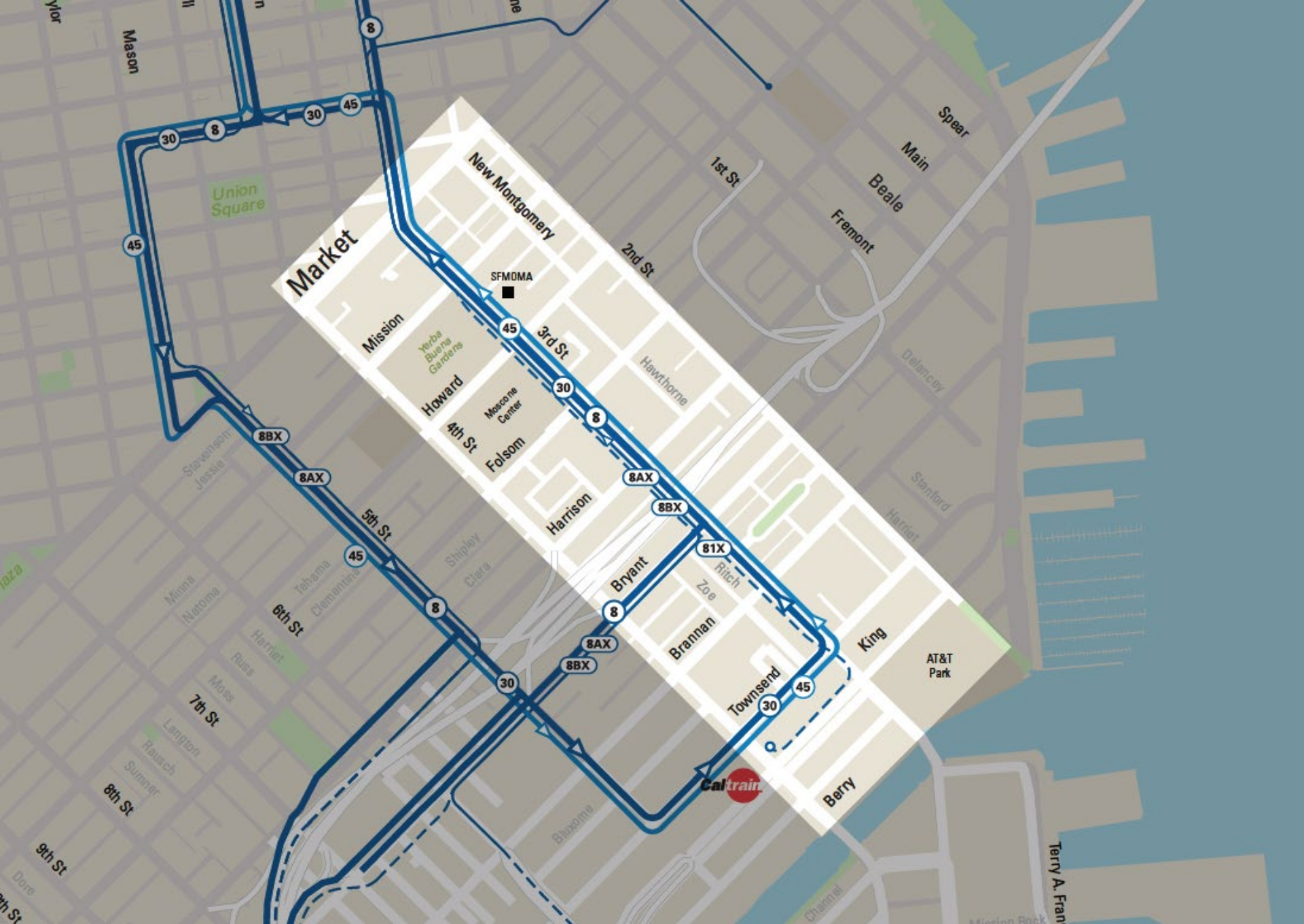
Transit Lane Data Collection

- Study of potential delay caused by non-Muni vehicles in transit lanes
- Starting on Geary and 16th Street, then 3rd St following construction
- Bringing 3rd Street forward with existing “Bus/Taxi” distinction



Next Steps

- Today: Legislation at SFMTA Board
- 2019: Final design and interim project construction
 - Boarding islands and painted safety zones in lieu of bulbs
 - Crosswalks at Folsom and Bryant, upgraded curb ramps not yet open
- 2023-24: Final project construction



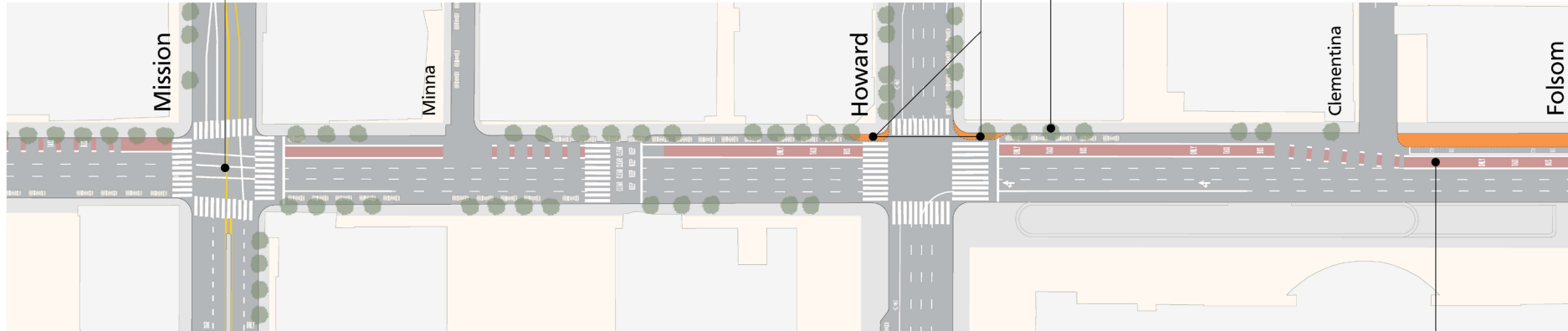
3rd St, from Mission to Clementina

 Improved Crosswalks

New Pedestrian Bulbs 

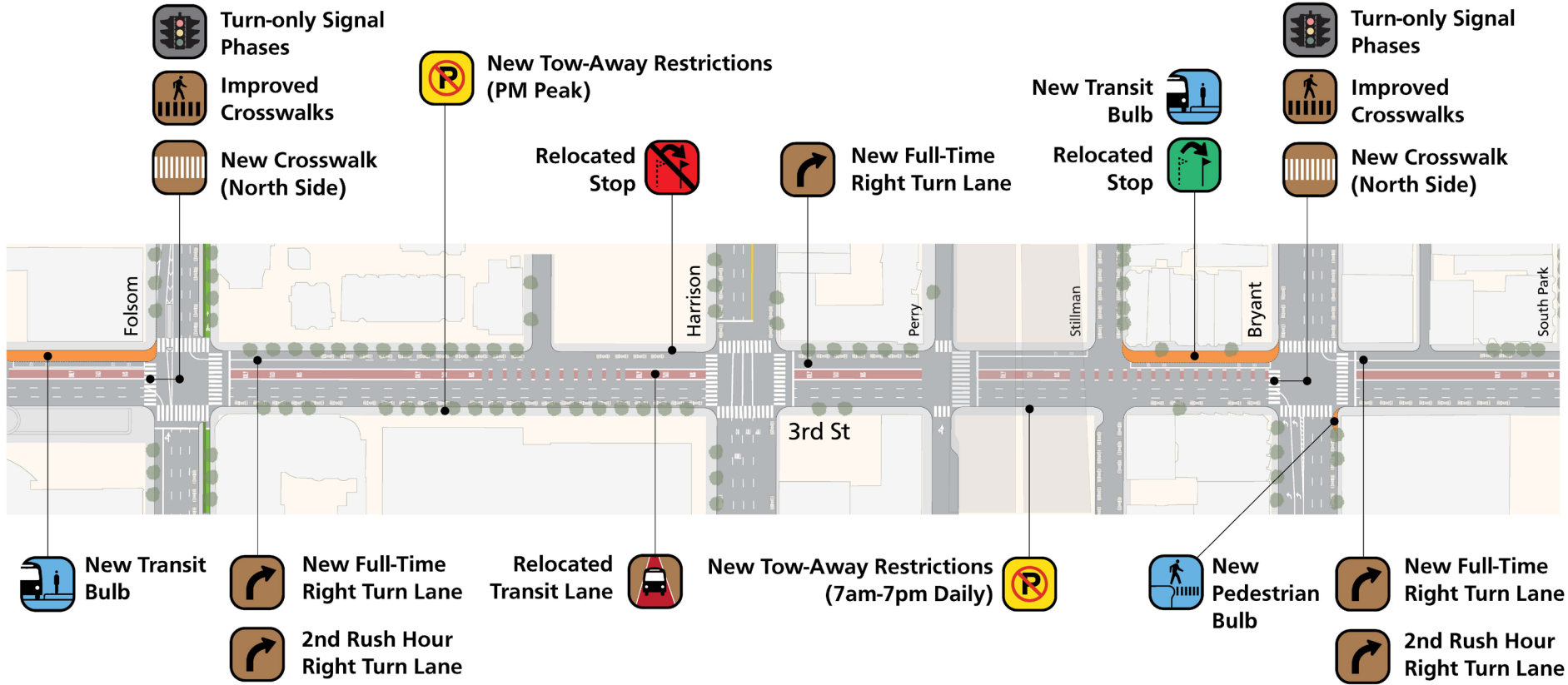
 

Removed Stop Parking & Loading Added



Relocated Transit Lane 

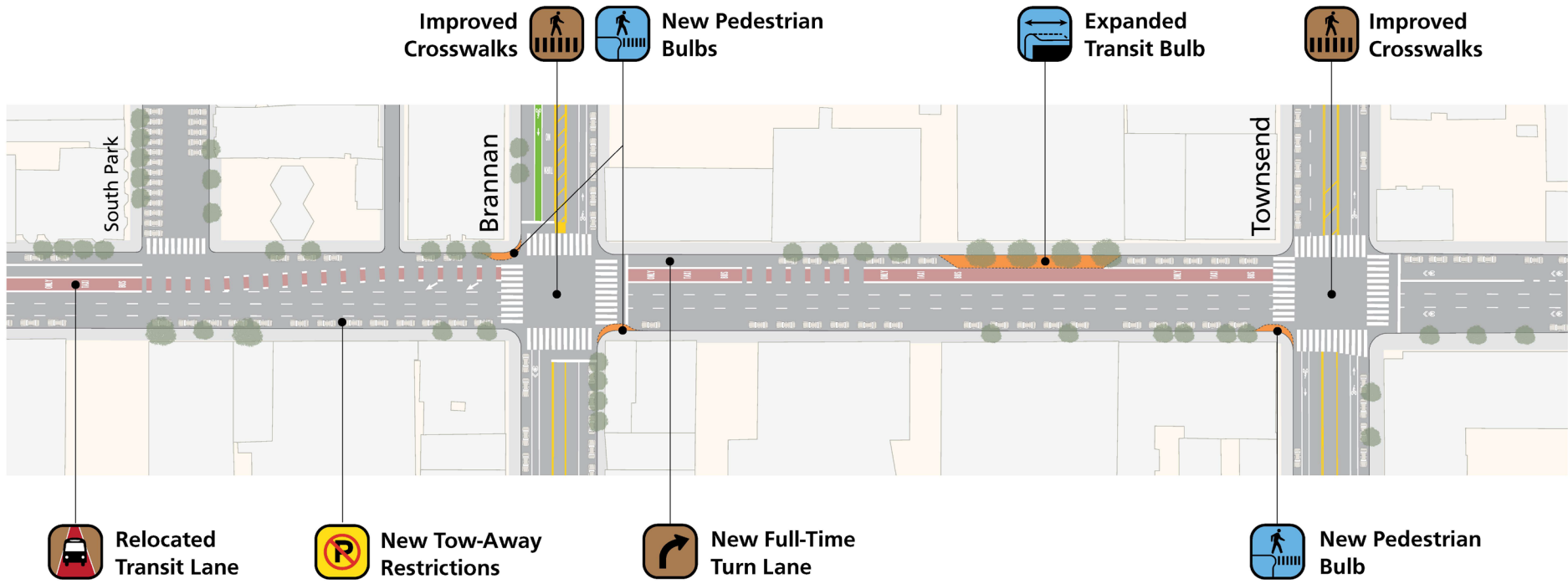
3rd St, from Folsom to Bryant



 Existing Tow-Away Hours Extended
 Some Parking Spaces Removed
 Some Loading Zones Relocated



3rd St, from South Park to Townsend



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