

POLK STREET OTHER RELATED EFFORTS

WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

As the planning phase for the Polk Streetscape Design project comes to an end, the project will move into the design and construction phase. During this time, there are a number of ways that you can be involved in the improvement of Polk Street. Environmental Review is underway, once it is complete, the SFMTA will hold a public hearing to solicit feedback on the proposed changes, and the MTA Board of Directors will subsequently consider the project for approval later this summer. Project updates will continue to be posted on the project webpage.

Please visit <http://polkstreetscape.sfplanning.org>

INVEST IN NEIGHBORHOODS

Invest in Neighborhoods, Mayor Lee's initiative to strengthen neighborhood commercial districts, provides grant funding to neighborhood groups to make improvements. Currently funded projects include planters in Lower Polk, and banners in Middle Polk. The next funding cycle is open for applications. Funding could support smaller scale beautification projects.

For more information on the Invest in Neighborhoods program, please visit: <http://oewd.org/IIN.aspx>



SAFETY MEASURES

Safety improvements will be installed in advance of the full Polk Streetscape project. These near-term improvements will include:

- Temporary corner bulb-outs at key intersections to shorten crossing distances and improve visibility for people walking.
- Traffic signal timing changes to slow traffic and to give people walking priority at key locations.
- Bicycle intersection treatments such as green paint and additional signage to improve yielding and visibility at key locations.
- Commercial loading improvements to create more loading zones at key times of the day to reduce double parking.
- Enforcement by the SFMTA and the Police Department will play a key role in ensuring that everyone obeys traffic and parking laws and behaves safely the near term as well as when the full project is built.
- Northbound protected bikeway between Market and Grove to improve bicycle access and circulation.
- Green painted bike lanes between McAllister and Market to improve the visibility and comfort of bicycling on the corridor.

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ACTIVATING SPACES

San Francisco's Pavement to Parks program seeks to temporarily reclaim under utilized swaths of land and quickly and inexpensively turn them into new public spaces. There are opportunities to create new public spaces along the Polk Street Corridor through the Pavement to Parks program. Low-cost, reversible treatments could create expanded pedestrian zones, provide street furniture, greening and planting, and other elements. These improvements could be stewarded by local businesses, residents and/or neighborhood groups.

For more information on the program, please visit <http://pavementtoparks.sfplanning.org/>

The project team will work with local stakeholders to implement projects to enhance the public realm and activate Polk Street and nearby Alleys. Talk to members of the project team if you would like to be involved!



SIDEWALK LANDSCAPING

Sidewalk landscaping is another way to add greening along Polk Street. This can be done by residents, merchants and/or community groups. In addition to greening the street, sidewalk landscaping also helps to reduce stormwater runoff and by managing stormwater on site.

For more information on sidewalk landscaping, including permit requirements and process, please visit: sfbetterstreets.org

For more information on stormwater management programs, please visit sfwater.org/stormwater



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STREETSCAPE DESIGN

FROM MCALLISTER STREET TO UNION STREET

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