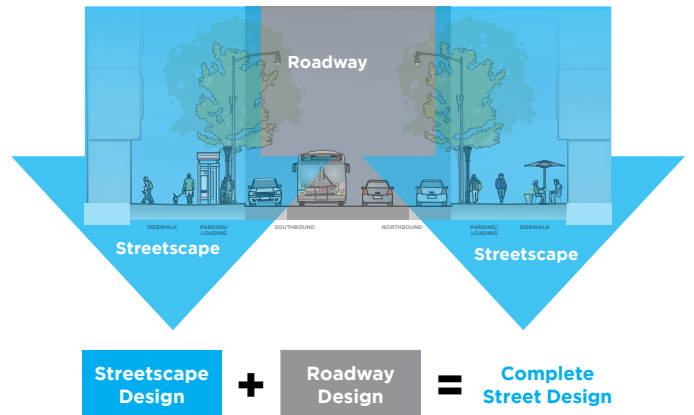




In July, the SFMTA presented a preferred alternative for the roadway design for Polk Street. The next phase of the project is the development of a streetscape design. The goal of this phase is to develop a streetscape design that creates a thriving and active corridor, enhances the pedestrian experience, compliments bicycle and transit mobility, and supports commercial activity.



KICKING OFF...

STREETSCAPE DESIGN DEVELOPMENT

HOW WILL A STREETSCAPE DESIGN BE DEVELOPED?

- » Understand existing conditions – physical, social, environmental, and economic
- » Identify streetscape elements and priority locations for these elements
- » Develop and refine a streetscape palette (look and feel of the street)
- » Develop preliminary cost estimates for streetscape elements

WHAT TYPE OF STREETSCAPE ELEMENTS COULD BE INCLUDED ALONG POLK STREET?

- » **Greening:** Street trees, sidewalk landscaping
- » **Lighting:** pedestrian lighting, celebratory lighting
- » **Street furniture:** seating, trash cans, bike racks
- » **Other amenities:** Special paving materials, public art, alleyway improvements, special crosswalk markings

IN THE UPCOMING MONTHS WE WILL BE ASKING FOR YOUR FEEDBACK ON:

- » The elements you would most like to see incorporated into the streetscape design
- » Priority locations to activate the public realm along Polk Street
- » Ways the streetscape design can strengthen neighborhood character
- » The final complete street design for Polk Street that incorporates the roadway design and streetscape design.

ROADWAY DESIGN: UPDATE

The project team is currently meeting with merchants along Polk Street to better understand loading operations, needs, and characteristics. This analysis is an important step in improving loading efficiency, addressing double parking, identifying under and over-utilized loading zones, and better organizing the street. These meetings will help inform the placement of loading zones in this active commercial corridor to meet the needs of local businesses and accommodate the planned roadway changes.

WHY ARE ROADWAY CHANGES PLANNED?

Polk Street is a thriving commercial corridor, but it is also the only designated north-south bicycle route that connects northeastern neighborhoods to Market Street and downtown. Polk Street is also one of the streets with the highest concentrations of injuries to people walking and biking in San Francisco. In order to fit the roadway improvements that are required to enhance safety and make Polk Street a more inviting place to walk and ride a bike, some parking changes are planned.

WHAT ARE THE PROPOSED CHANGES?

» Polk Street Between McAllister and California

Parking and Loading will be restricted on one side of Polk Street to accommodate safety improvements such as buffered bike lanes and designated vehicle turning lanes. Parking will also be restricted near intersections to enhance pedestrian visibility.

» Polk Street Between California and Union

In addition to modest pedestrian visibility enhancements, the existing street sweeping parking restrictions will be expanded on one side of the street by a few more mornings each week to create a dedicated northbound bike lane for part of the day. Note that we are only proposing to expand the existing parking restrictions by about six additional hours each week by adding three additional weekday mornings to the existing street cleaning restrictions on the east side of Polk. This change would make the parking regulations more uniform, and we could design it to allow neighborhood residents to park until 7am as opposed to moving their cars by 6am as they do now. These features are a key part of achieving our project goals and promoting safer transportation options for all San Franciscans.

STAY INFORMED & GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK:

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Streetscape Design

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Roadway Design

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