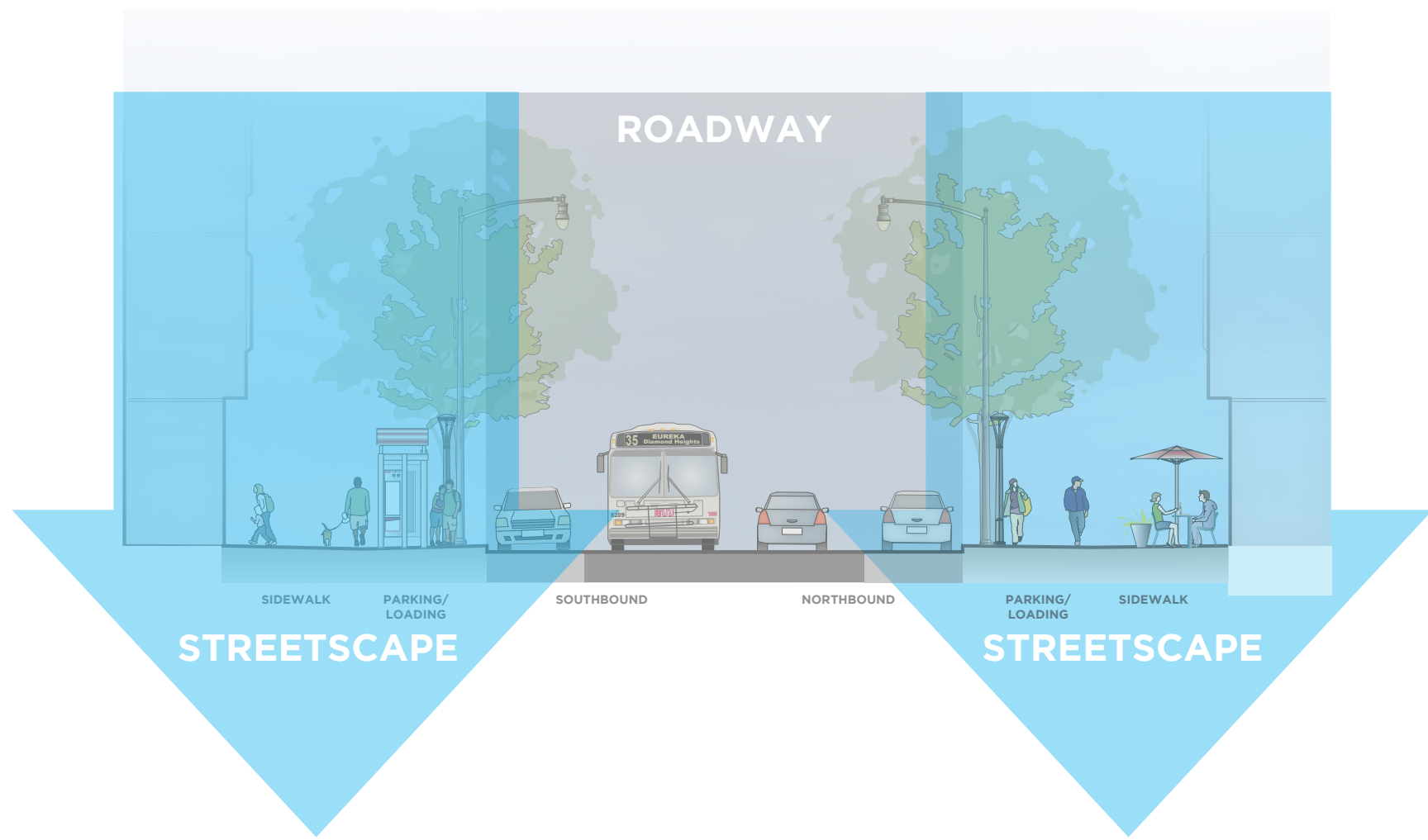


# POLK STREET ABOUT THE PROJECT

<http://polkstreetscape.sfplanning.org>

## COMPLETE STREET: UNION TO MCALLISTER



ROADWAY DESIGN + STREETSCAPE DESIGN = COMPLETE STREET DESIGN

### COMPLETE STREETS

The Polk Complete Street project puts forth a design for everyone. This concept was designed to enable safe access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities. Through community input and technical evaluation the proposed design includes corridor-wide improvements and additional streetscape amenities at key locations.

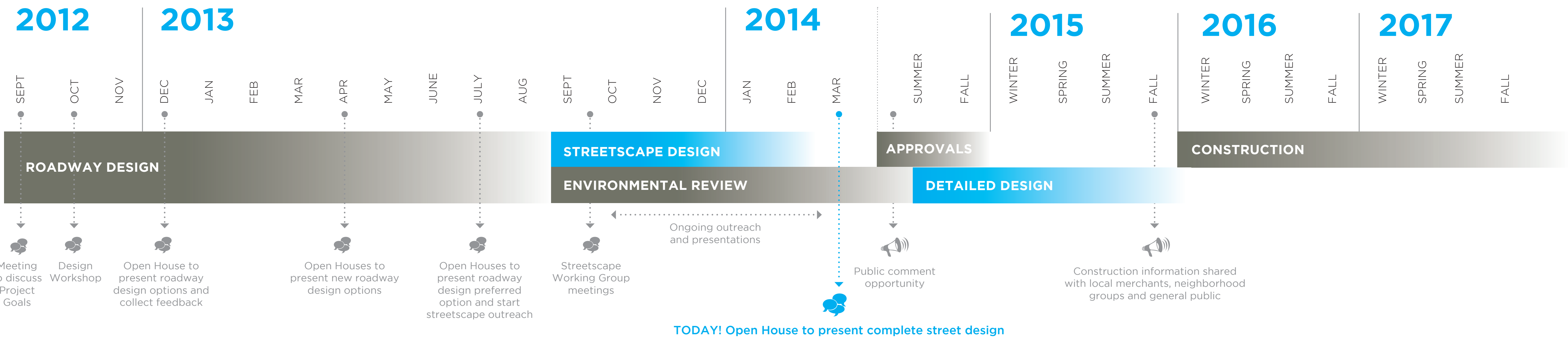
The **Roadway Design** includes safety measures for all users of Polk Street. In accordance with the City's Transit First policy, improvements will primarily be focused on people who walk, use transit and ride a bicycle along Polk Street.

The **Streetscape Design** includes elements to create a thriving and active corridor, enhance the pedestrian experience, compliment bicycle and transit mobility, and support commercial activity.

### ROAD REPAVING & STREET SAFETY BOND

In 2011, San Francisco voters passed the Road Repaving and Streets Safety Bond. Funds from this bond have been allocated toward the planning and construction of Polk Street complete street from McAllister to Union and full repaving from McAllister to Beach. This bond will allow the City to make long-overdue and urgently needed repairs to create a safer experience for everyone.

## PROJECT TIMELINE



## GOALS + IMPROVEMENTS

GOALS			IMPROVEMENTS
CREATE A GREEN, VIBRANT STREET FOR ALL PEOPLE VISITING AND LIVING NEAR POLK STREET.	MAKE POLK STREET AN INVITING PLACE TO WALK AND BIKE.	IMPROVE SAFETY FOR EVERYONE.	
	✓	✓	1 Core safety improvements: high visibility crosswalks, pedestrian countdown signals, leading pedestrian intervals, targeted safety measures at key intersections such as bulb-outs and dedicated turning lanes
✓	✓	✓	2 Continuous pedestrian scale lighting
✓	✓		3 Continuous tree planting
✓	✓		4 Overhead "catenary" lighting at alleyways
	✓	✓	5 Continuous south bound bike lane (buffered south of Post Street)
	✓	✓	6 North bound raised cycle track (McAllister Street to California Street)
	✓	✓	7 Bulb-outs at Broadway Street
	✓	✓	8 Corner bulb-outs and decorative paving at Green Street
✓	✓	✓	9 Alleyway enhancement at Fern Street
	✓	✓	10 Decorative crossing at Bonita Street
	✓	✓	11 Alleyway enhancement at Frank Norris
	✓	✓	12 Corner bulb-outs at McAllister Street
	✓	✓	13 Repaving, includes crosswalk re-stripping and curbramp upgrades
		✓	14 Reallocate parking spaces to protected bike lanes, bulb-outs, and red visibility curbs where the safety need is the highest
✓	✓		15 Reconfigured commercial loading to accommodate need increased parking opportunities.
✓		✓	16 Accessible parking spaces (blue zones) added along the length of the project, meeting City goals of providing 4% of metered spaces for accessible parking.



## CHALLENGES

- Limited budget
- Long corridor that connects many different neighborhoods
- Street width changes from north to south
- Ranks among the streets with the highest concentration of pedestrian injuries in San Francisco
- Vibrant corridor, inadequate space for people to gather.
- Polk Street is an important commercial corridor for people walking, biking and riding transit.
- Strong public opinions, not necessarily aligned.

## WHO WE HEARD FROM

Bicycle Advisory Committee  
Cal Walks  
Community Leadership Alliance  
Chinatown Transportation Research and Improvement Project  
Folks for Polk  
Lighthouse for the Blind  
Lower Polk Neighbors  
Middle Polk Neighborhood Association  
MOD Physical Access Committee  
Multimodal Accessibility Advisory Committee (MAAC)  
Nob Hill Neighbors  
Paratransit Coordinating Committee  
Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee  
Polk District Merchants Association  
Russian Hill Neighbors  
San Francisco Bicycle Coalition  
Save Polk Coalition  
Walk San Francisco

### CITY AGENCY COORDINATION

Invest In Neighborhoods  
Office of Economic and Workforce Development  
San Francisco Planning Department  
San Francisco Department of Public Works  
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency  
San Francisco County Transportation Authority

POLK

STREETSCAPE DESIGN

FROM MCALLISTER STREET TO UNION STREET

SAN FRANCISCO  
PLANNING DEPARTMENT



Funded by 2011 Road Repaving and Street Safety Bond