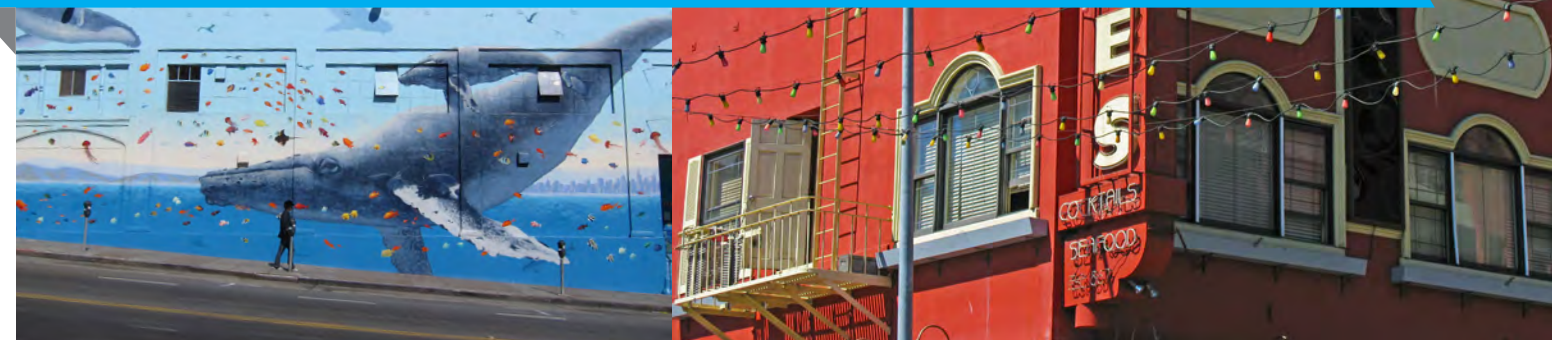




POLK STREETScape DESIGN PROJECT



PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Polk Streetscape Design project is an inter-agency effort of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, the San Francisco Department of Public Works and the San Francisco Planning Department.

The project area includes Polk Street from McAllister Street to Union Street. The paving portion of the project will extend to Beach Street.

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. This bond will allow the City to make long-overdue and urgently needed repairs to create a safer driving, walking and biking experience for everyone.

POLK STREET TODAY

Polk Street is a thriving neighborhood commercial district and serves an important transportation function for the City.

- ▶ Polk Street is the designated street for Muni bus line #19 which connects to Civic Center BART as well as many other Muni lines.
- ▶ Polk Street is flatter and has less traffic than nearby parallel streets, making it the only north-south bicycle route in this area of the City.
- ▶ The number of people walking along Polk Street is comparable to Valencia Street in the Mission and Irving Street in the Inner Sunset.
- ▶ Polk Street between Sacramento Street and Market Street is a high pedestrian injury corridor. These corridors account for 6% of City streets and 60% of severe and fatal injuries.
- ▶ Polk Street south of California Street has three times the number of pedestrian and bicycle injury collisions than Polk Street north of California Street.

PROJECT GOALS

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 proposed improvements are informed by the three project goals:

- ▶ 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.

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.

CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

Over the past two years, numerous residents, merchants and community groups have provided feedback to inform a new streetscape design for Polk Street. The proposed conceptual design includes the following improvements:

- ▶ Intersection and crosswalk improvements
- ▶ New and upgraded bicycle facilities
- ▶ Alley and public realm enhancements
- ▶ Continuous lighting and greening
- ▶ Repaving and curb ramp upgrades

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STREETSCAPE DESIGN

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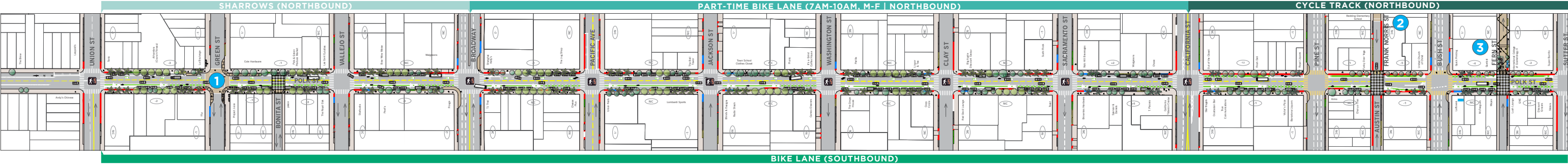


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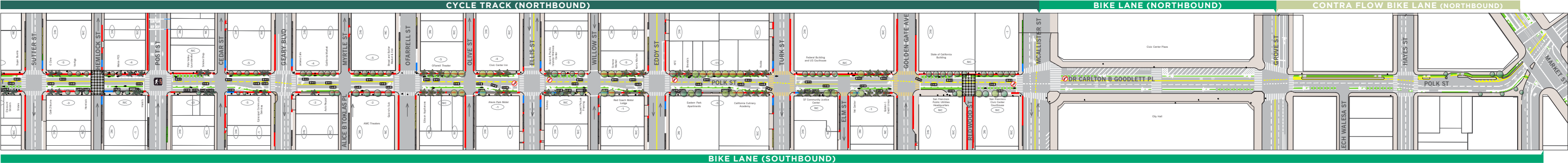
CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

To view the conceptual design in closer detail, please visit the project website <http://polkstreetscape.sfplanning.org>

POLK STREET COMPLETE STREET DESIGN - UNION TO SUTTER



POLK STREET COMPLETE STREET DESIGN - SUTTER TO McALLISTER



CONCEPTUAL RENDERINGS

GREEN STREET

GOALS

Create a green, vibrant street for people visiting and living near Polk Street.

Make Polk Street an inviting place to walk and bike.

Improve safety for

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• Add corner extensions (bulb-outs) to calm traffic, shorten the crossing distance, and provide additional space for pedestrians to gather.

• Enhance crosswalk design and additional areas for public realm activation that build on the vibrancy of the neighborhood commercial corridor.

GREEN AT POLK - EXISTING

GREEN AT POLK - PROPOSED

TODAY

PROPOSED

FRANK NORRIS STREET

GOALS

Create a green, vibrant street for people visiting and living near Polk Street.

Make Polk Street an inviting place to walk and bike.

Improve safety for

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• Increase safety for children to cross Frank Norris Street between Redding Elementary School and the adjacent playground.

• Delineate the street via colorful crosswalk and stamped asphalt paving.

• Couple permanent improvements with removable improvements that will be determined through future collaborations with Redding School and the Pavement to Parks program.

TODAY

PROPOSED

REDDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PLAYGROUND

UNSAFE CROSSING

FERN ALLEY

GOALS

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• Revitalize and repurpose Fern alley as an open space that builds upon prior successes of activation and beautification.

• Create a "shared street" through upgraded paving to increase the importance and visibility of pedestrians. Temporary street closures will allow for Farmer's markets or other community initiated events.

• Upgrade overhead "catenary" lighting with a more permanent light installation.

• Compliment permanent improvements with removable improvements that will be determined through future collaborations with the Pavement to Parks program.

PROPOSED

TODAY

INTERNATIONAL STREET

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