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

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 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.
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

CONCEPTUAL RENDERINGS

GREEN STREET

GOALS
Create a green, inviting environment for people walking and biking
- Create a green, inviting environment for people walking and biking
- Increase visibility for vehicles to avoid collisions
- Improve pedestrian safety and visibility
- Expand sidewalk and add bike lane

TODAY
- Add green infrastructure (trees) and to calm traffic, shorten the crossing distance, and provide additional space for pedestrians to gather
- Encourage crosswalk design and additional areas for public micro stations that build on the activity of the neighborhood commercial center

PROPOSED
- Install additional crosswalks
- Improve pedestrian safety and visibility
- Add bike lanes

FRANK NORRIS STREET

GOALS
Create a green, inviting environment for people walking and biking
- Create a green, inviting environment for people walking and biking
- Improve visibility for vehicles to avoid collisions
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TODAY
- Create a green, inviting environment for people walking and biking
- Improve visibility for vehicles to avoid collisions
- Improve pedestrian safety and visibility
- Expand sidewalk and add bike lane

PROPOSED
- Install additional crosswalks
- Improve pedestrian safety and visibility
- Add bike lanes

FERN ALLEY

GOALS
Create a green, inviting environment for people walking and biking
- Create a green, inviting environment for people walking and biking
- Improve visibility for vehicles to avoid collisions
- Improve pedestrian safety and visibility
- Expand sidewalk and add bike lane

TODAY
- Create a green, inviting environment for people walking and biking
- Improve visibility for vehicles to avoid collisions
- Improve pedestrian safety and visibility
- Expand sidewalk and add bike lane

PROPOSED
- Install additional crosswalks
- Improve pedestrian safety and visibility
- Add bike lanes

COLOR CODES:
- Existing infrastructure and traffic
- Proposed improvements
- Additional green spaces

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