Multiple City agencies are working together on Better Market Street, a project that will revitalize and improve San Francisco’s busiest pedestrian street, busiest bicycle thoroughfare and busiest transit corridor, making it safer and easier for people to get around and creating a vibrant and inclusive destination where people want to live, work and visit.

Better Market Street Project Goals

Create a street that will:

- Enhance safety for all users
- Improve performance and reliability of public transportation
- Replace and update aging infrastructure
- Revitalize streetscape design for a 21st-century San Francisco

Project Update:

Better Market Street is currently in the environmental review, conceptual engineering and public outreach phase. We are working toward project approvals in 2019 and are looking to accelerate delivery of the first segment – from Sixth Street to Eighth Street – using local funds, with an anticipated groundbreaking in 2020.

Community Involvement:

As part of the outreach phase leading up to public meetings, the Better Market Street team has held scores of meetings over the past year with businesses and residents, Community Benefit Districts and advocacy groups representing pedestrians, cyclists, transit riders and people with disabilities, among others, to refine the design and scope of work. Moving forward, we will continue to seek your input!

Join the Conversation:

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Why now:
Market Street is in need of a makeover – and not just a revitalization of the streetscape design. Market Street’s aging infrastructure, including streetlights, traffic signals, streetcar tracks, overhead wires and underground utilities, must be replaced and upgraded to accommodate the needs of a growing, 21st-century city. The project proposes to improve the speed and reliability of surface Muni service by extending Muni-only lanes, constructing larger boarding islands and providing a new continuous protected bikeway to minimize conflicts between bicyclists and transit. Additionally, the Better Market Street plan will ensure that all transit stops, curb ramps and paving meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

What to expect:
A change in the way we move down Market:

- Improved transit service and speed for buses and the historic F-Market streetcar
- A continuous, protected sidewalk-level bikeway
- A welcoming street that meets the mobility and accessibility needs of all users
- A vibrant streetscape with new furnishings, plantings and public art

By the numbers:
500,000 people walk on Market Street daily
200 buses an hour during peak times
650 cyclists an hour during peak times
75,000 transit riders above ground

The project proposes private vehicle restrictions to improve safety and transit travel times. Bicycles, Muni, taxis, paratransit, emergency response and commercial loading vehicles will be allowed.