

8th Street Corridor Improvements

**OakDOT's Major Projects Division
Community Advisory Committee
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OUTLINE & DESIRED OUTCOMES

Outline

- Project Location and Goals
- Planning & Engagement Outcomes
- Project Development
- Timeline & Next Steps
- Upcoming Grant Funding Opportunity

Desired Outcomes

- Consensus on the proposed project goals and anticipated outcomes through design
- Feedback on improvements proposed
- Support for seeking additional grant funding to advance the proposed project

PROJECT LOCATION AND GOALS

8th Street between Fallon Street and MLK Jr. Way, through Chinatown and Old Oakland



Goal: Improves **pedestrian safety and accessibility**; enhance bike connections, access to local and regional transit, and access to nearby regional trails

Prioritization: Prioritized under the Complete Streets Capital Program adopted in the Oakland Budget (91/100); overlaps with the High Injury Network and higher priority communities.

Funding Secured: Project is about 40% funded.

PAST PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES

Past plans have called for improvements on 8th Street, including:

- Intersection safety improvements, such as pedestrian scrambles
- Curb extensions
- Better lighting
- Bike infrastructure
- Reducing number of vehicle lanes
- Two-way street conversion



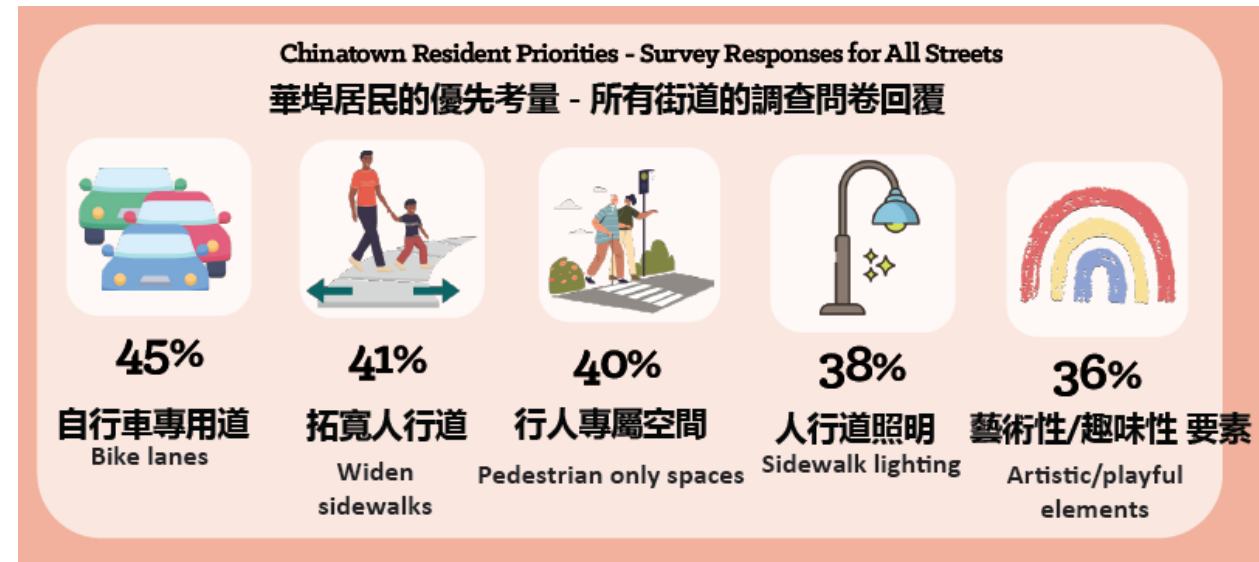
RECENT ENGAGEMENT & OUTCOMES

Community Engagement

- Engagement for this project has been coordinated with the **Chinatown Complete Streets Plan (CCSP)** as 8th Street was a community-identified priority.
- **Engagement completed** and in coordination with CCSP since Spring 2024:
 - Community based organization briefings & technical meetings (10x)
 - Tabling at Community Events (2x)
 - Business canvassing (8 businesses)
 - Focus groups with seniors (2x)

Alignment with Community Priorities identified in the CCSP:

- 8th Street project team referenced CCSP engagement results in determining the project scope of work and focused engagement



WHO HAVE WE TALKED TO

Who we spoke with:

- Asian Health Services
- Chinatown Complete Streets Plan TAC
- Lincoln Elementary School PTA
- Oakland Chinatown Chamber of Commerce
- Oakland Chinatown Improvement Council
- Oakland Chinatown Coalition
- Old Oakland Neighbors
- OakDOT Major Projects Community Advisory Committee
- Seniors at Two Focus Groups
- Farmers Market & Stacey Fest

- AC Transit
- BART
- Oakland Planning and Building Department

Who we still need to hear from, including follow-ups:

- More long-term residents
- Youth
- Laney College
- Lincoln Elementary School
- Elected officials

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT - PROCESS

Inputs

- Past and present recommendations/ requests for improvements
- Traffic safety outcomes and disparities
- Funding

Making Decisions

- Meet critical safety needs for those who need it most
- Alignment with past recommendations and requests
- Technical feasibility
- Budget feasibility

Desired Outputs

- Increased perceived and actual safety travelling
- Community reflected in the project design and outcomes

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT - ALTERNATIVES

Scenario	Total Cost Estimate	Funding Gap	Staff Recommendation
Baseline	\$20.6M	\$14M	Do not pursue; not responsive enough to community priorities
Baseline + Community Priorities	\$22.4M	\$13.9M	Pursue Advance engagement and design; Pursue additional grant funding
Baseline + Community Priorities & Desires	\$31.2M	\$24.6M	Do not pursue Cost prohibitive

Note: All cost estimates are draft and are subject to change as of August 2024.

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT – PROPOSED SCOPE

- **Improve pedestrian safety at crossings** by...
- Upgrading existing **pedestrian scrambles** and a new one at Harrison/8th Street
- Adding a **traffic signal** at Alice Street & 8th Street
- Adding bulb outs to **shorten crossing distances** and **protect people on bikes** where there are bike lanes
- Daylighting intersections and driveways to **improve sight lines**
- **Improve pedestrian experience** by removing sidewalk tripping hazards, installing wayfinding signage, upgrading pedestrian lighting to improve safety and visibility
- **Removing one vehicle lane** and using that space to expand pedestrian space, add diagonal parking, and/or add ADA passenger/commercial loading zones
- Adding **new amenities** on the sidewalks such as bike racks, new trash cans, transit shelters and street trees (where feasible)

TIMELINE & NEXT STEPS

Milestone	Tasks/Deliverables
<i>Now – End of 2024</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue Engagement: continue to engage community on confirming community priorities and scope evolutions• Pursue additional grant funding: Applications due on 10/14 and 10/31• Continue Project Development: issue a Design RFP for consultant support to advance designs
2025 - 2027	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue Engagement to gather feedback on lighting, sidewalk amenities, landscaping, and beautification• Advance project designs to completion and list for construction
2028 - 2030	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Construction

UPCOMING GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Regional Measure 3 Safe Routes to Transit and Bay Trail

...to fund **bicycle and pedestrian** access improvements on and in the vicinity of the **state-owned toll bridges** connecting to **rail transit stations** and ferry terminals.

Funding Request

- Total Project Cost: \$22.4M
- Funding Request: \$13.9M for Construction

Important Dates.

- Application Deadline: October 14, 2024
- MTC Staff Recommendations Released: February 2025



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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. If you're familiar with this street, how do you think the proposed improvements will improve transportation safety on 8th Street?
2. If there was one less vehicle lane on 8th Street, how could we repurpose that space?
3. Are there any parts of the project or project development that you would like clarification on?
4. Do you have any feedback on who else we should engage for this project?