

8th Street Corridor Improvements

Improving safety and accessibility from the heart of Chinatown to Lake Merritt BART and Old Oakland

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Image of 8th Street at Madison Street

PROJECT NEED

8th Street in Chinatown and Old Oakland is a street of historical and cultural significance. 8th Street is adjacent to the proposed Lake Merritt BART Transit-Oriented Development, which will bring hundreds of housing units (including affordable and senior housing units) and commercial space to Chinatown. 8th Street is on Oakland's High Injury Network, meaning it has some of the highest concentrations of traffic collisions in Oakland.

PROJECT SCOPE

The 8th Street Streetscape Improvements in Chinatown is on 8th Street between MLK Jr. Way and Fallon Street, and aims to improve safety by:

- Addressing safety at intersections by adding bulb outs, maximizing sidewalk waiting areas, and daylighting intersections and driveways to improve sight lines
- Expanding ADA-compliant passenger loading zones and installing new bike racks and street trees in front of the two BART building entrances
- Improving pedestrian safety at crossings by upgrading paint and post bulb outs to permanent concrete features and by adding protected intersections and pedestrian scrambles (where feasible)
- Enhancing the pedestrian experience by installing wayfinding signage, upgrading pedestrian lighting to improve safety and visibility, and adding other amenities such as benches and trash cans
- Reducing the number of vehicle lanes and using that space to either widen sidewalks, add new or upgraded bike lanes, and/or add loading zones,

WHAT WE'VE HEARD THROUGH OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT*

Community engagement in Chinatown has highlighted what people most want for 8th Street:

- Better pedestrian lighting
- Wider sidewalks
- Pedestrian-only spaces
- Safer crossings at intersections
- More pedestrian scrambles
- More consistent maintenance

PROJECT EQUITY IMPACTS

- Improves road safety where victims of traffic collisions are disproportionately Asian (32% of all traffic victims on 8th Street are Asian)
- Improves accessibility in area where a high proportion of seniors and people with disabilities live
- Overlaps with one of Oakland's highest [Priority Equity](#) census tract

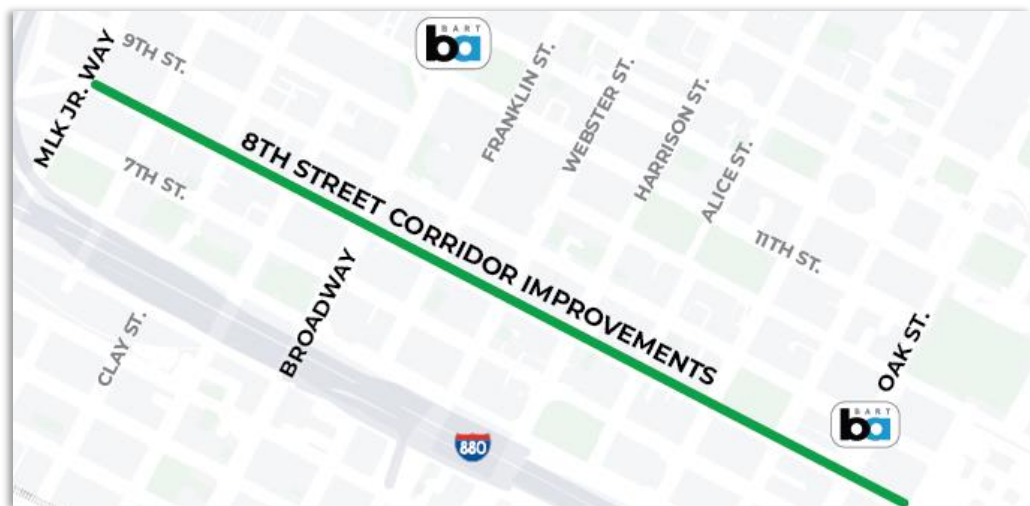
PROJECT ALIGNS WITH PLANS AND POLICIES

The Project is consistent with:

- 2022 5-Year Paving Plan
- 2014 Lake Merritt Station Area Plan
- Capital Improvement Program (score of 91 out of 100)
- 2023 Downtown Oakland Specific Plan

PROJECT LOCATION

The Project is located on 8th Street between Fallon Street & Martin Luther King Jr. Way.



*For more information, visit www.oaklandca.gov/8thStreet

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