

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 Corridor Improvements project is on 8th Street between Fallon Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Way, and aims to improve safety and connections to transit by:

- **Improving safety at pedestrian crossings** by:
 - Upgrading existing pedestrian scrambles
 - Adding a new pedestrian scramble at the intersection of Harrison Street and 8th Street
 - Adding a traffic signal at Alice Street & 8th Street
 - Adding bulb outs to shorten crossing distances
 - Daylighting intersections and driveways to improve sight lines
- **Enhancing the 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 and commercial loading zones
- Adding new amenities on the sidewalks such as bike racks, new trash cans, and street trees (where feasible)

WHAT WE'VE HEARD THROUGH OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT*

The City of Oakland has conducted community engagement with the Chinatown community, who have highlighted the types of improvements that are needed on 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 an area where a high proportion of seniors and people with disabilities live
- Overlaps with one of Oakland's highest [Equity Priority](#) 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 and Martin Luther King Jr. Way



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