Program & Event Map

Workshop Start 5:00pm

Welcome! Visit project stations at your own pace. Suggested order shown

- Welcome
- 2 Project Background
- **B** Rail Safety Design
- Street Network, Access & Wayfinding
- Pedestrian Path & **Bike Network**
- Urban Design
- Overweight Truck Corridor

Welcome Remarks 6:00pm - 6:30pm

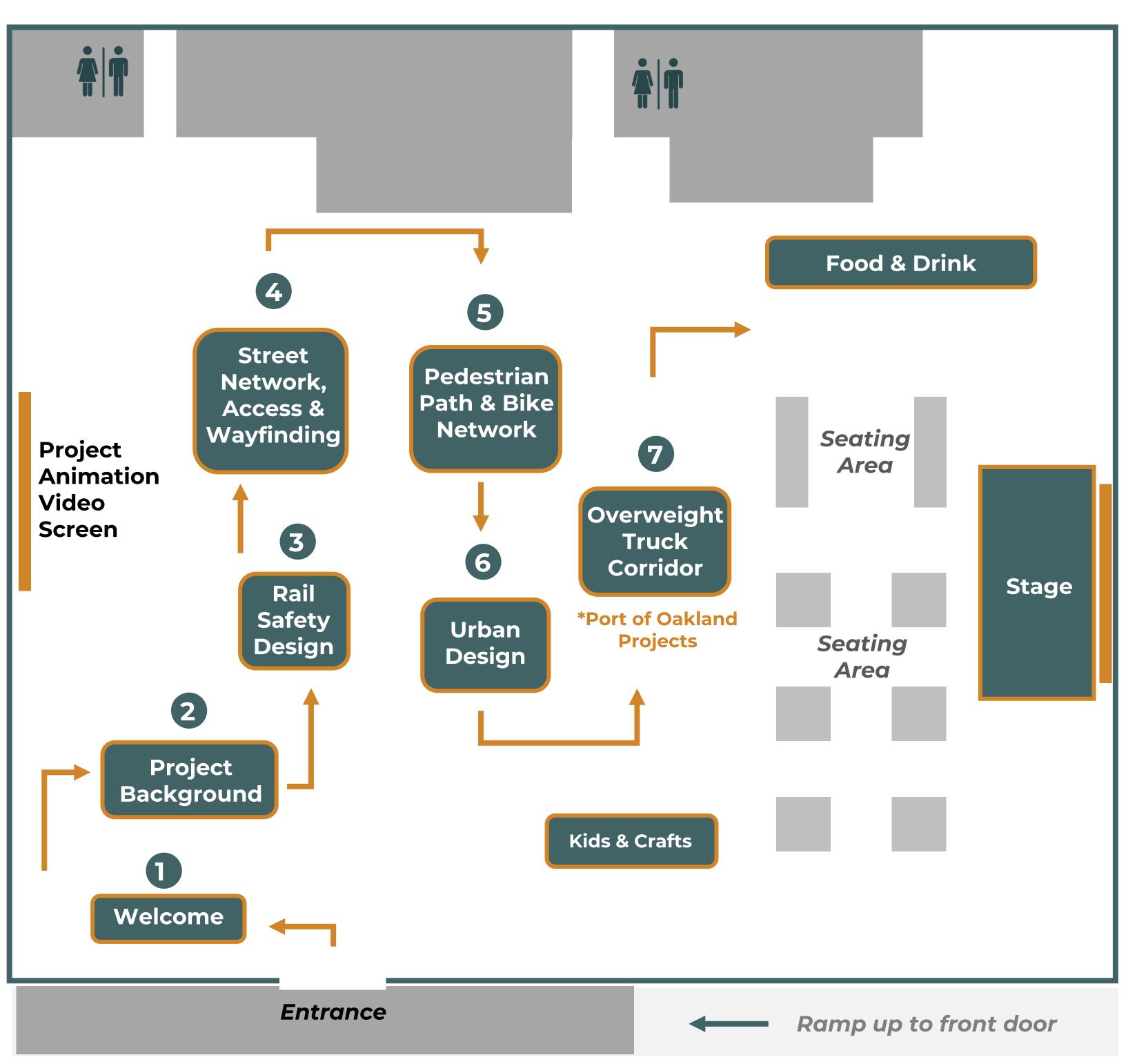
Hear from City of Oakland and Department of Transportation leadership on the stage

Workshop Continues 6:30pm

Workshop Concludes 7:30pm

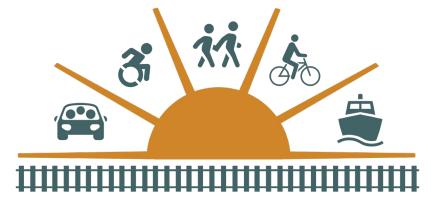
Thank you for joining!

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2nd Street





Recent Community Engagement

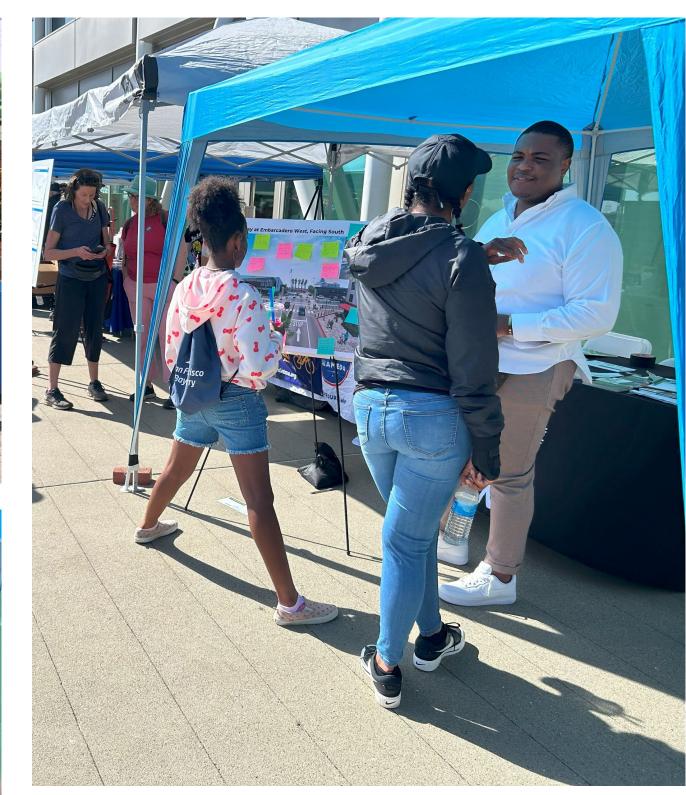
Major Projects Division will be collecting feedback on major street design decisions throughout Summer 2024













Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory
 Committee

Thursday May 2

- Jack London Improvement District
 Tuesday May 7
- Mayor's Commission Persons with Disabilities

Monday May 20

Ferry Fest
 Saturday June 1

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 OakDOT MPD Community Advisory Committee

Thursday June 13

 Jack London Square Farmer's Market

Sundays in June

Jack London Neighborhood
 Council

Tuesday June 25

Port of Oakland Harbor Tour
 Friday July 12

- Community Design Workshop Wednesday July 17
- Pedal Brewfest
 Saturday July 20
- StaceyFest
 Saturday July 20
- Jack London National Night Out Tuesday August 6







Major Projects Division

The Major Projects Division (MPD) is a team of planners, engineers, and project managers within the Department of Transportation that works collaboratively to deliver major transportation infrastructure improvements.

The Division's first suite of projects, shown in the map below, will strengthen connections between West Oakland, Chinatown, Downtown, Old Oakland, and the Jack London District, while enhancing goods movement around the Port of Oakland and safety for all road users.

MPD Projects





Learn More About MPD Projects

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Project Background



Embarcadero West is a vital corridor in the Bay Area, connecting the Port of Oakland to the rest of the nation. The roadway is used by pedestrians, bicyclists, freight trains, passenger trains, and motor vehicles, with no separation between these modes.

Embarcadero West Rail Safety and Access Improvements will improve safety, access to the waterfront, and train reliability for people and goods movement. It will also transform Embarcadero West into a more welcoming and connected corridor that's reflective of the surrounding community.

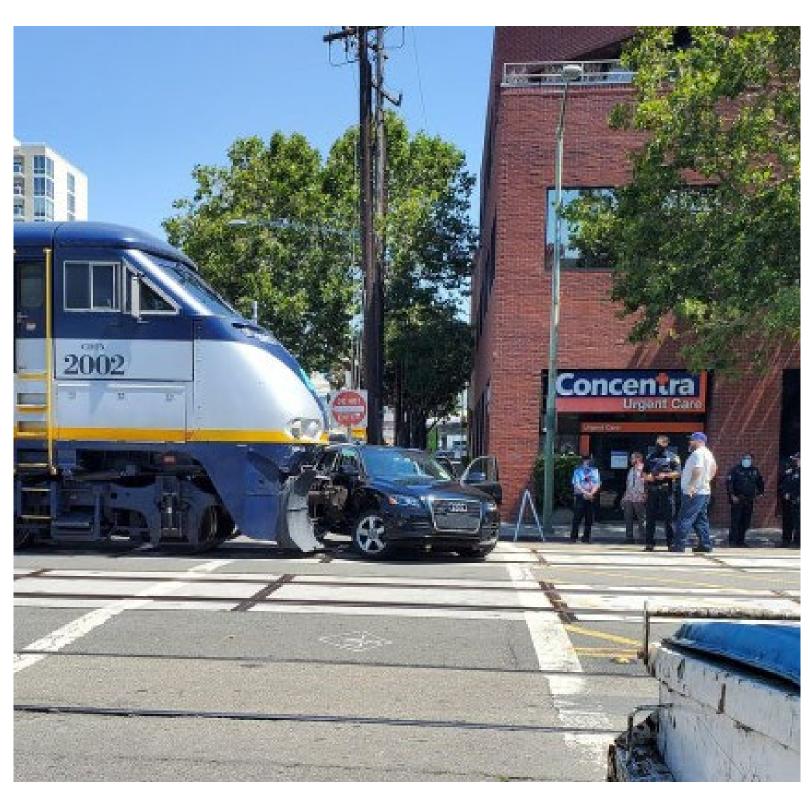
This project is led by the City of Oakland Department of Transportation, Major Projects Division, in partnership with the Port of Oakland.

Regional & National Significance

- 65 trains a day use this corridor, moving freight and passenger rail throughout the U.S.
- The one-mile rail and roadway segment along Embarcadero West accounts for 25% of vehicle incidents along Amtrak's 160-mile segment from San Jose to Auburn



Local Significance

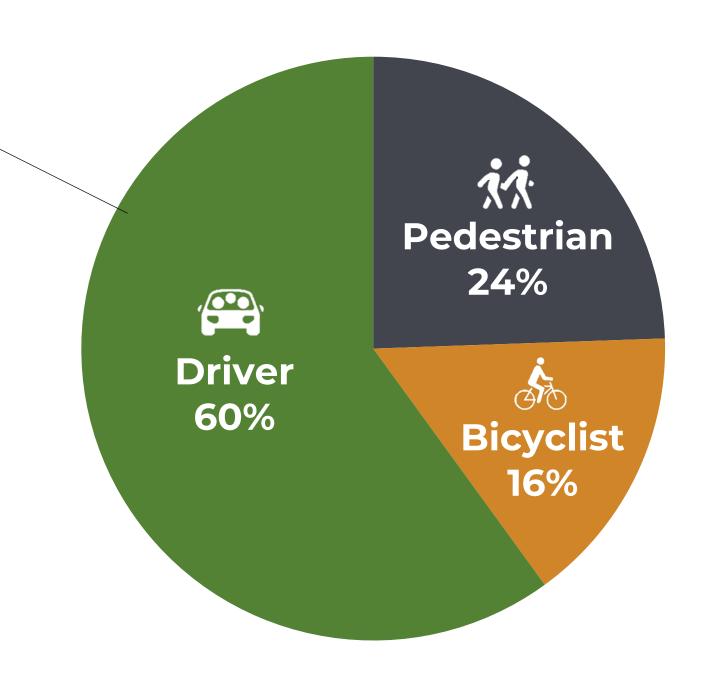


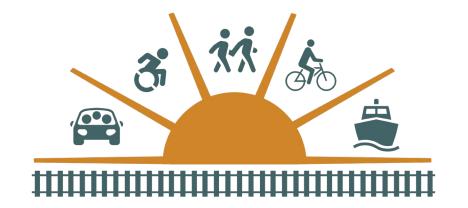
2014 – 202347 injuries from reported collisions

2017 - 2023

 390 reported 'vehicle on track' incidents

• **67** in 2023 alone Embarcadero West: Market St – Oak St





Project Background

Project Goals

The goals of this project are to:

- Significantly increase railroad crossing safety for all road users on Embarcadero West
- Improve reliability for freight and passenger rail operations
- Enhance access and transit connections to and within the Jack London District and Waterfront
- Re-establish the overweight truck route that was re-routed to 7th Street in West Oakland in 2021

Funding

To address these goals, OakDOT has significant external funding to deliver this once-in-a-century project.

Funding	Status		
CalSTA	California State Transportation Agency	Awarded	
RM3	Regional Measure 3 Metropolitan Transportation Commission Goods Movement & Mitigation Funds	Awarded	
TCEP	Trade Corridor Enhancement Program	Awarded	
TIRCP	Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program	Awarded	
CRISI	Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements	Applied	

Estimated Timeline

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Project Design	35 %	65% 100%					
Community Engagement							
Near-Term Improvements							
Capital Construction							

Project Team























Rail Safety and Access



- Shared street on northside
- 2 Bollards to slow and direct vehicles
- 3 Westbound vehicles: right turn only
- Wider sidewalks

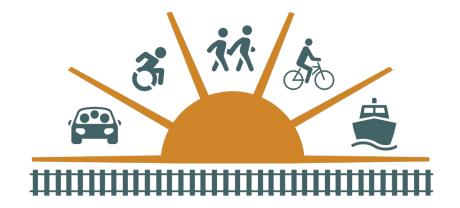
- Waterfront vehicle access: direct
- 6 Additional lighting
- RR gate arms for vehicles and pedestrians
- B Pedestrian path and protected bike lanes on south side

What We've Heard So Far

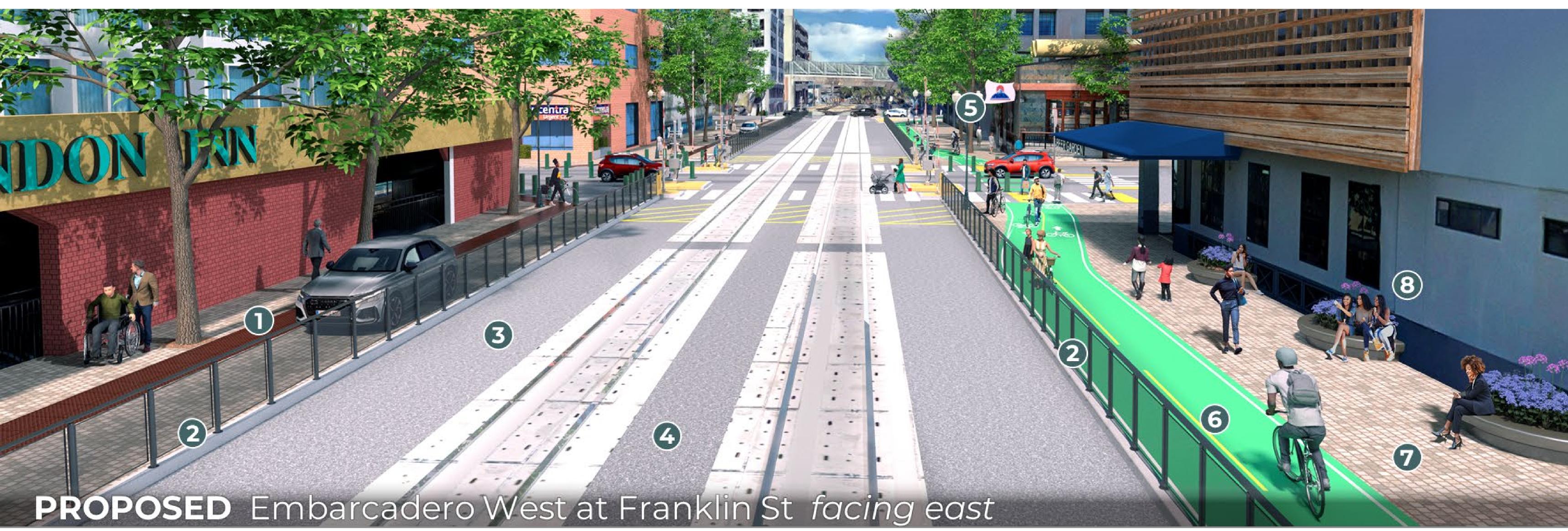
- I love the wide sidewalks, [Jack London District] is made for walking
- On shared street don't use bollards if the ped space is too narrow; commit to full shared concept
- Normally not in favor of small streets, but in the case of Embarcadero West, no cars are better; the collisions can shut down the street for hours; witnessed deaths here
- Concern about access to JLS and that one-way streets aren't good for shopping

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Rail Safety and Access



- Shared Street
- 2 Safety fencing between intersections
- Track asphalt replaced with gravel between intersections
- Railroad operating width maintained

- To reduce the barrier effect, add color cutouts, Jack London motif to the fence
- Important for the street to be safe for nightlife
- Consider separation between bike space and sidewalk
- Add more landscaping but with maintenance and native plants

- **5** Additional lighting
- 6 Protected bike lanes
- Walking path
- B Landscaping, seating where feasible
- On street bike lanes are better than the dirt on Bay Trail
- Need to clearly communicate to bikers how to safely use the new lanes
- Ensure access for waste management. There are existing conflicts between merchants/management/community about trash pick up





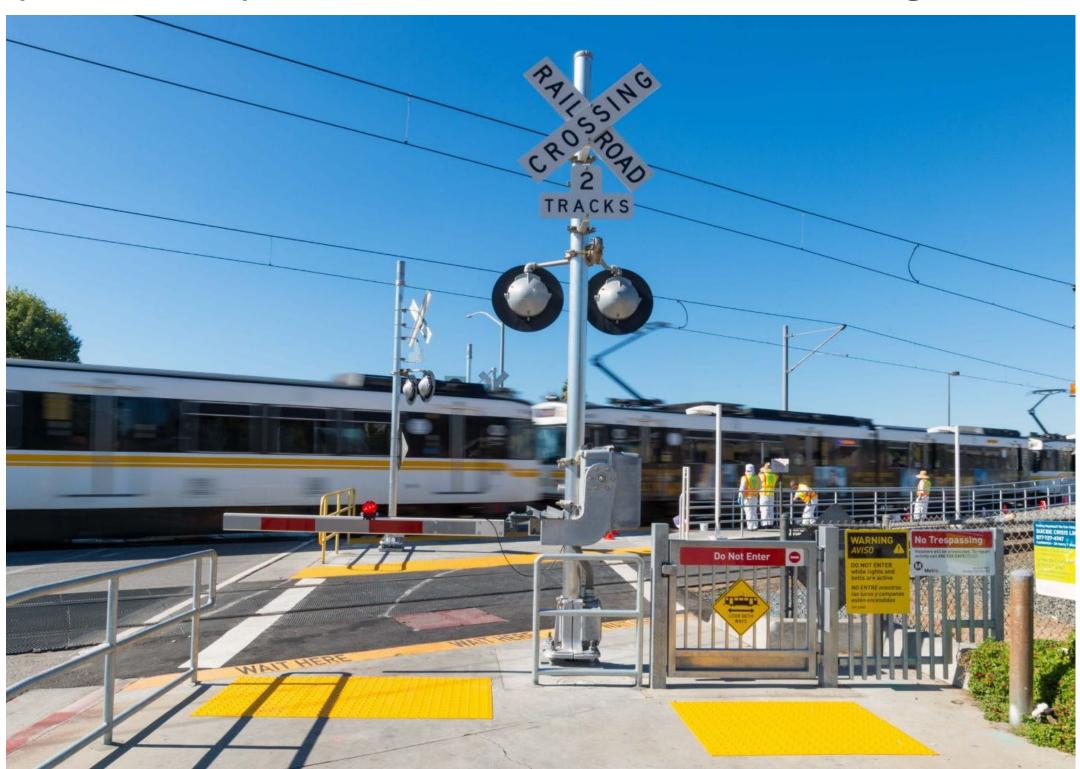


Proposed Rail Safety Improvements

Railroad Gate Arms or Crossing Arms

Railroad crossing arms (also called gate arms) are arms or gates that automatically close before a train approaches to keep vehicles from crossing the tracks.

Pedestrian crossing arms create physical barriers between pedestrians and the railroad tracks. They are installed on pedestrian paths or sidewalk to prevent pedestrians from crossing tracks when trains are present.



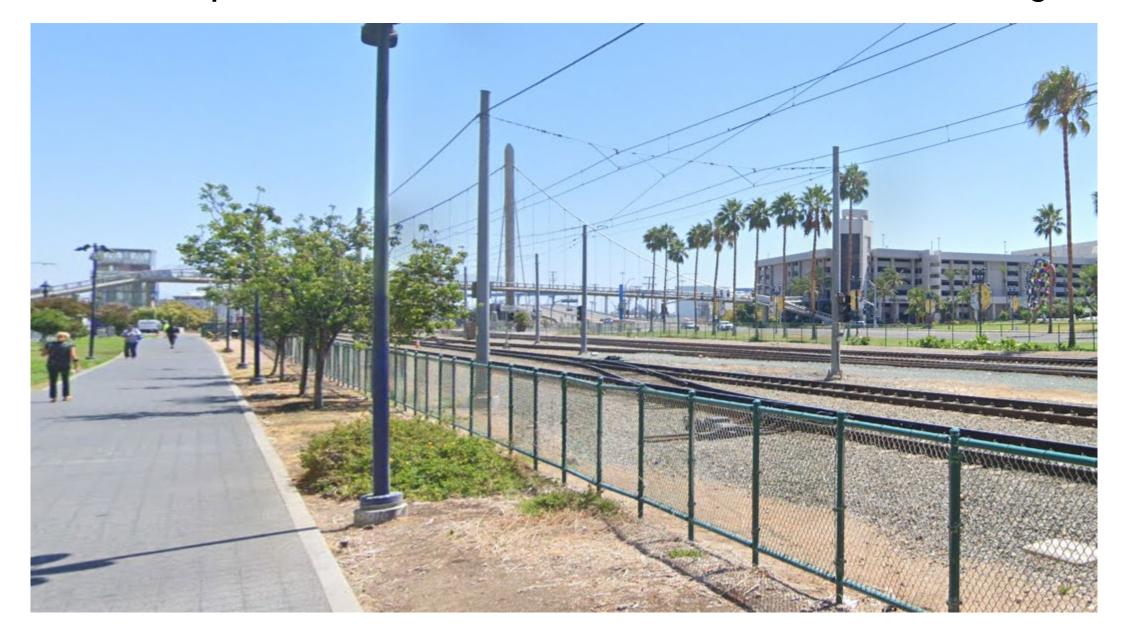
An example of a pedestrian crossing arm



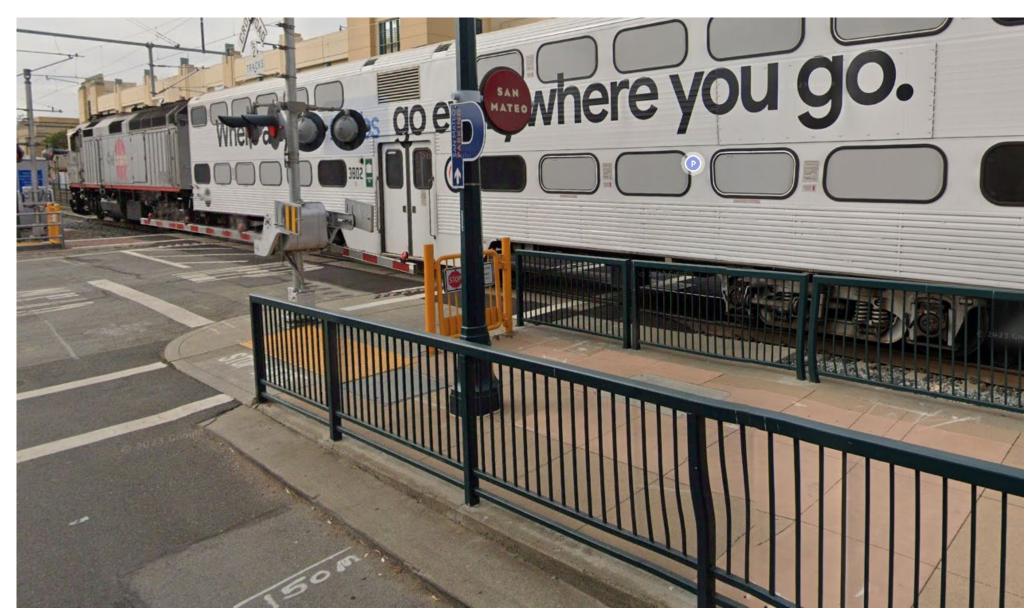
An example of a vehicle crossing arm

Safety Fencing

Installing **fencing along the railroad tracks** is a strategy to prevent vehicles and individuals from entering the path of an incoming train. Fencing can also direct pedestrians to areas where they can safely wait to cross the tracks.



Gaslamp Quarter Station – San Diego, CA



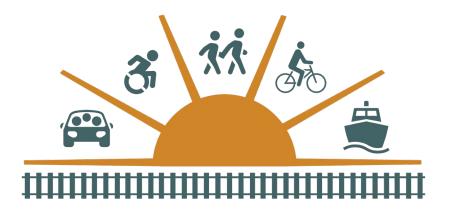
San Mateo Downtown Caltrain Station



- Ensure the project helps to reverse the barrier effect between Downtown/rest of Jack London District and Waterfrontand overall creates a far more welcoming corridor than what is there currently
- Residents are eager to know if the improvements support a Quiet Zone
- Multiple trains make it hard to navigate crossing tracks, lots of safety issues today
- Crossing gates need to be designed so that less abled persons can exit if caught
- The fencing should be called a pilot, and the effectiveness should be evaluated



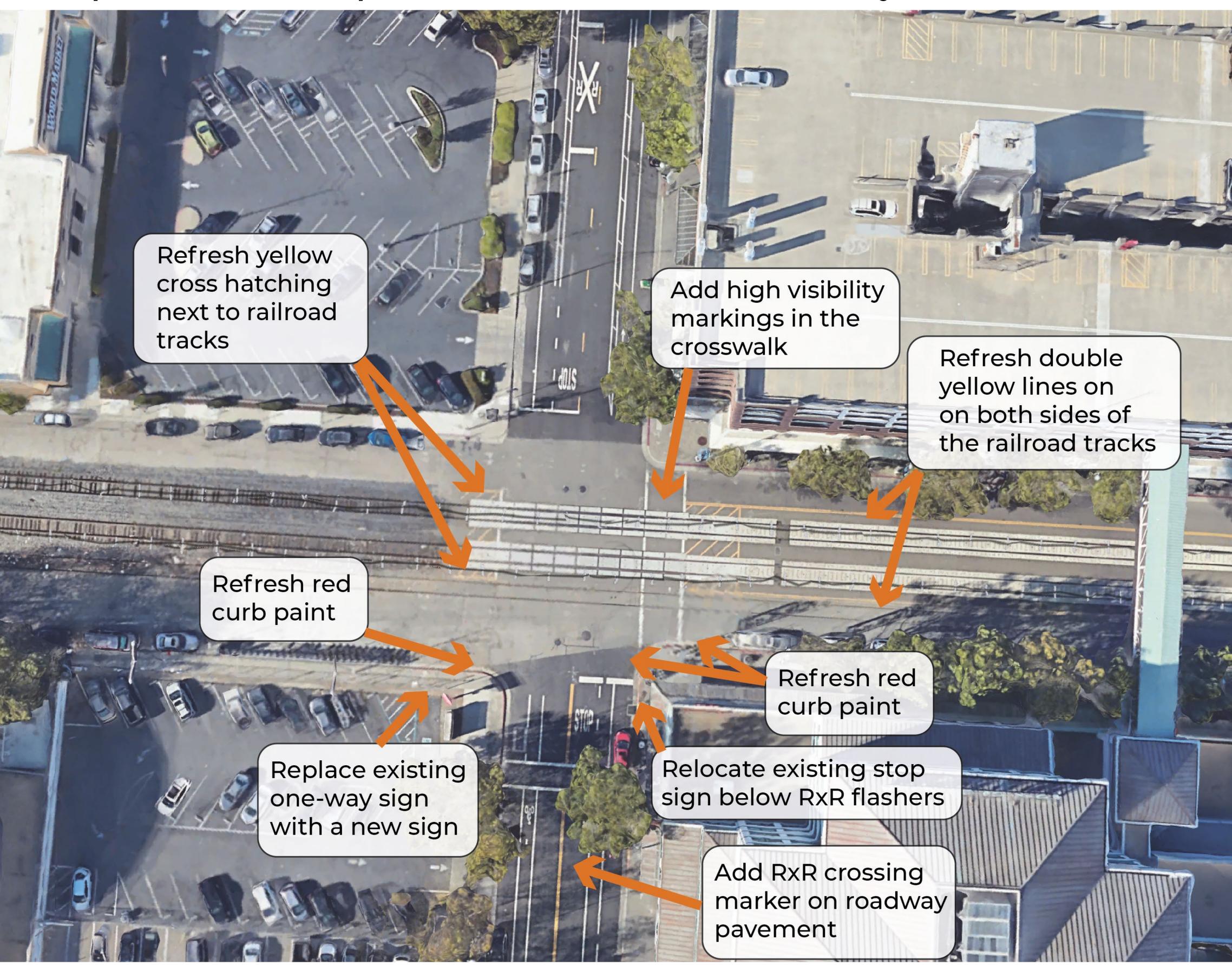




Near-Term Improvements

In addition to new rail safety improvements, the project team is working on delivering near-term improvements to the Embarcadero West corridor. Near-term improvements will include replacement or installation of new signage, new red paint at curbs near intersections, new pavement markings, and more. These improvements will be delivered by Winter 2025.

Proposed Near-Term Improvements at Embarcadero West & Clay Street



- Cars are frequently intruding onto the tracks especially at Clay, is there an opportunity to extend quick build protections ASAP before the capital project can get installed?
- Increase near-term safety at intersections by quickly implementing much-needed signage and striping



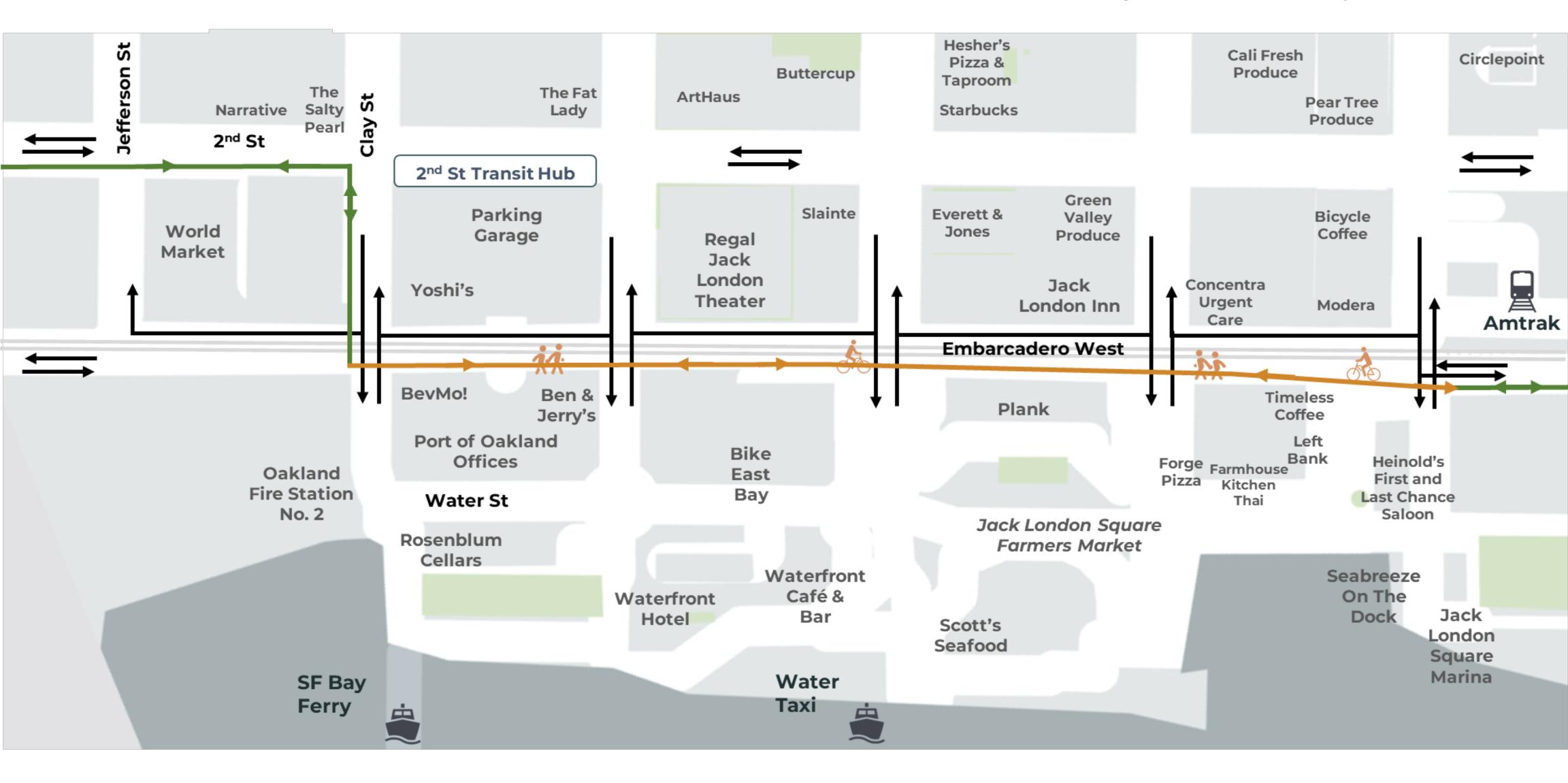
Street Network and Traffic Volumes

The Issue

Left turns across tracks cause most rail incidents along the corridor. They can cause delays resulting in vehicles backed up on the tracks, and can lead to drivers accidentally getting caught on the tracks.

Proposed

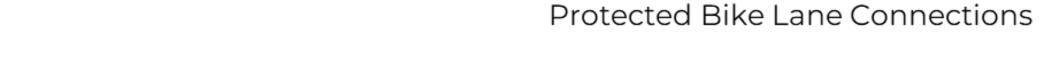
The proposed project design aims to reduce opportunities for incidents while maintaining waterfront and business access and creating a more welcoming and connected corridor that's reflective of the surrounding community.



Proposed

Pedestrian, Bicycle, Emergency Vehicle Access Only







- Embarcadero West should be pedestrian only; there's enough street access on 2nd, 3rd, 4th
- Prevent cars from being able to get on the tracks at all
- Include turn restriction signage make directions easy to understand for drivers
- Single lanes could block traffic; have designated spots for loading
- We need to decentralize car access, currently the only "safe" way to come to JLS is by car
- Webster intersection is currently confusing; simplifying that would be good

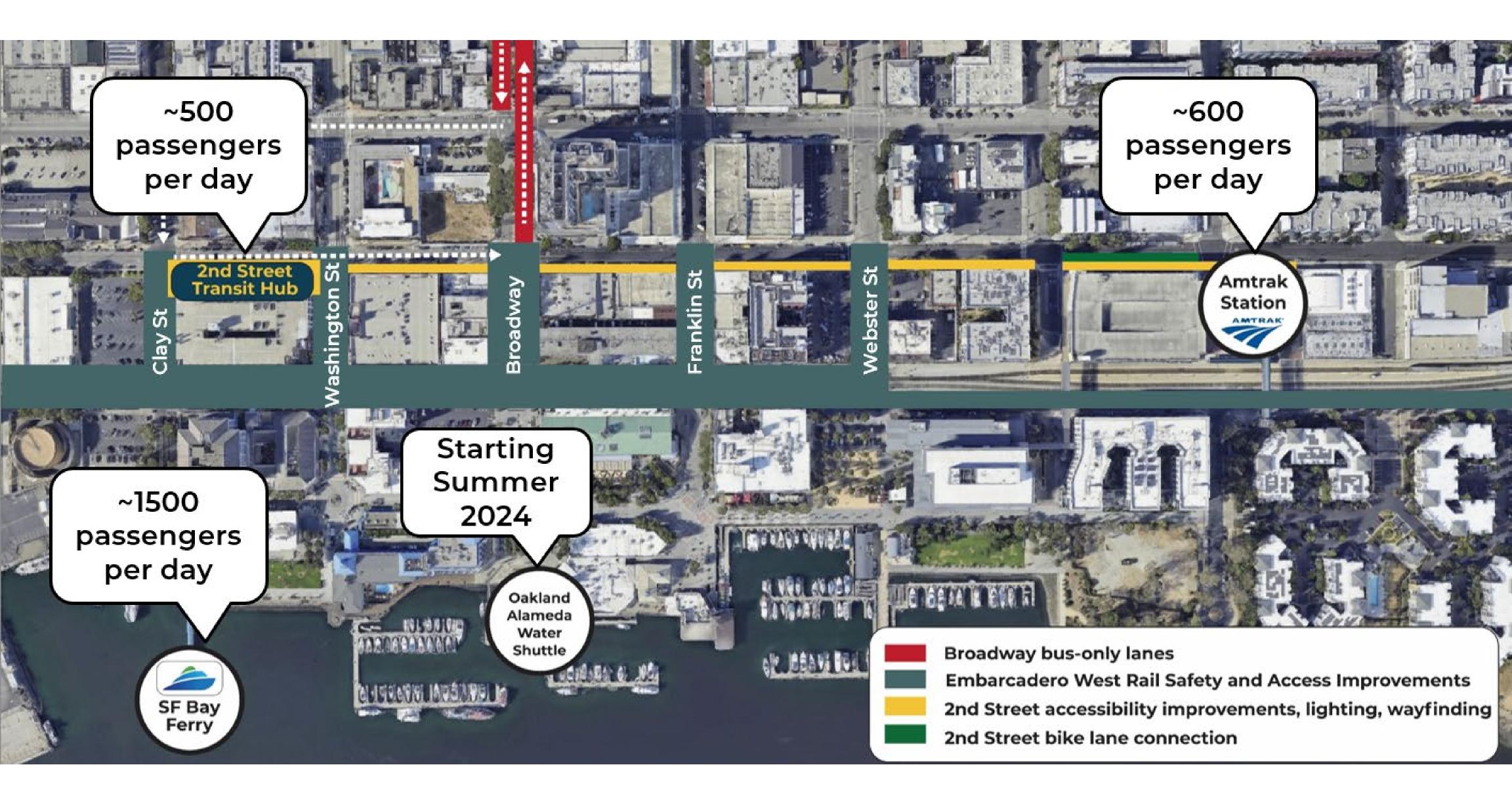
- From Jackson Broadway, on 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, is not reliably passable before 10am; Embarcadero West is my through street
- Consider produce market business implications; if they move there will be a snowball effect on economic activity
- We always wondered why cars are allowed to drive here on Embarcadero West
- There is significant residential density at Brooklyn Basin, maintain two-way vehicle access from Oak St – Webster St





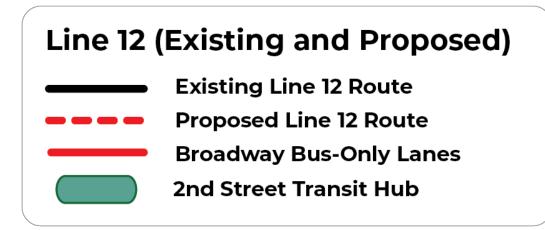


2nd Street Transit Hub & Bike Lane Connection



Proposed reroute of AC Transit Line 12

In coordination with AC Transit, this project proposes to reroute Line 12 so buses no longer need to cross the railroad tracks on Embarcadero West. The proposed new route also allows buses to stop at the new 2nd Street Transit Hub, improving the connection to the Ferry.





- Request to convert two-way stops to four-way stops on 2nd Street
- Supportive of improving operations of the produce market to improve road conditions
- Concern around maintenance of bus shelters; preference for low maintenance bus shelters
- Desire for improved lighting along 2nd Street
- Supportive of the rerouting of Line 12 and viewed as a way to streamline service, serve retail on 2nd Street, and connect to the proposed transit hub



Wayfinding

What destinations are important to include on updated wayfinding signs?

Wayfinding includes directional signage. There is a mix of wayfinding signs throughout the Jack London District. This project will include missing, corrected, and updated wayfinding signs that match the citywide design shown below, but designed for Jack London.

Pedestrian Wayfinding



Destinations generally shown within one-mile

of walking

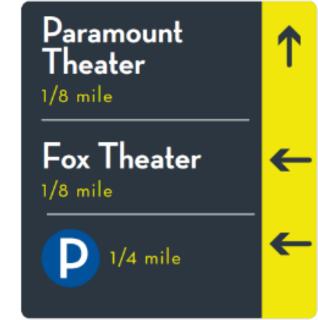


Driver Wayfinding



Provides
 directions to
 key city and
 district
 locations





Parking Directions



 Shows "last block" information to nearest parking garage



Bicycle Wayfinding



 By using standard bicycle signage, the City of Oakland builds upon recognizable imagery across cities and agencies



- It's not clear where to park; a lot of people driving on Embarcadero West are just looking for where to leave their car
- The pedestrian bridges need to be more accessible; the pedestrian bridge from the garage to the Port building is not easy to find from the street
- Include clear wayfinding for all modes, connect them to other transportation modes, garages, etc.
- Directional signage is important for drivers
- There is an opportunity to bring in great lighting and design early to help with barriers, wayfinding, and other elements







Proposed Shared Street Design

What do you like about the proposed shared street design on Embarcadero West? What do you not like?







- Emergency access is needed
- Space needed for deliveries and passenger pick-up
- Don't use bollards if the space is too narrow
- Vehicle access should be maintained

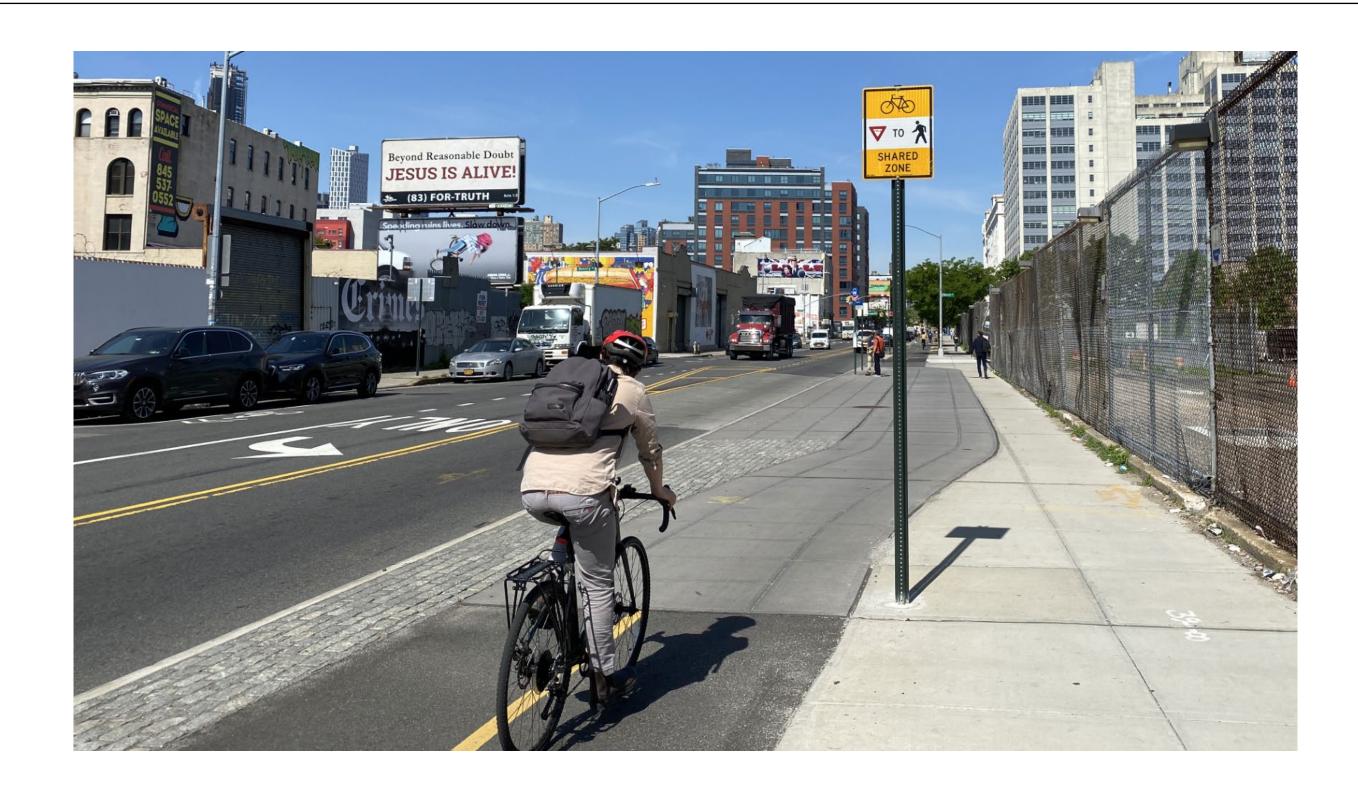
- Street needs to be accessible for people with low vision consider separation of modes, use of different surface textures, and comfortable width for people in wheelchairs
- Cars don't need to be on Embarcadero West, it should be for pedestrians only
- Design that improves the aesthetic of Embarcadero West and connects it to Water Street/Jack London Square is welcome

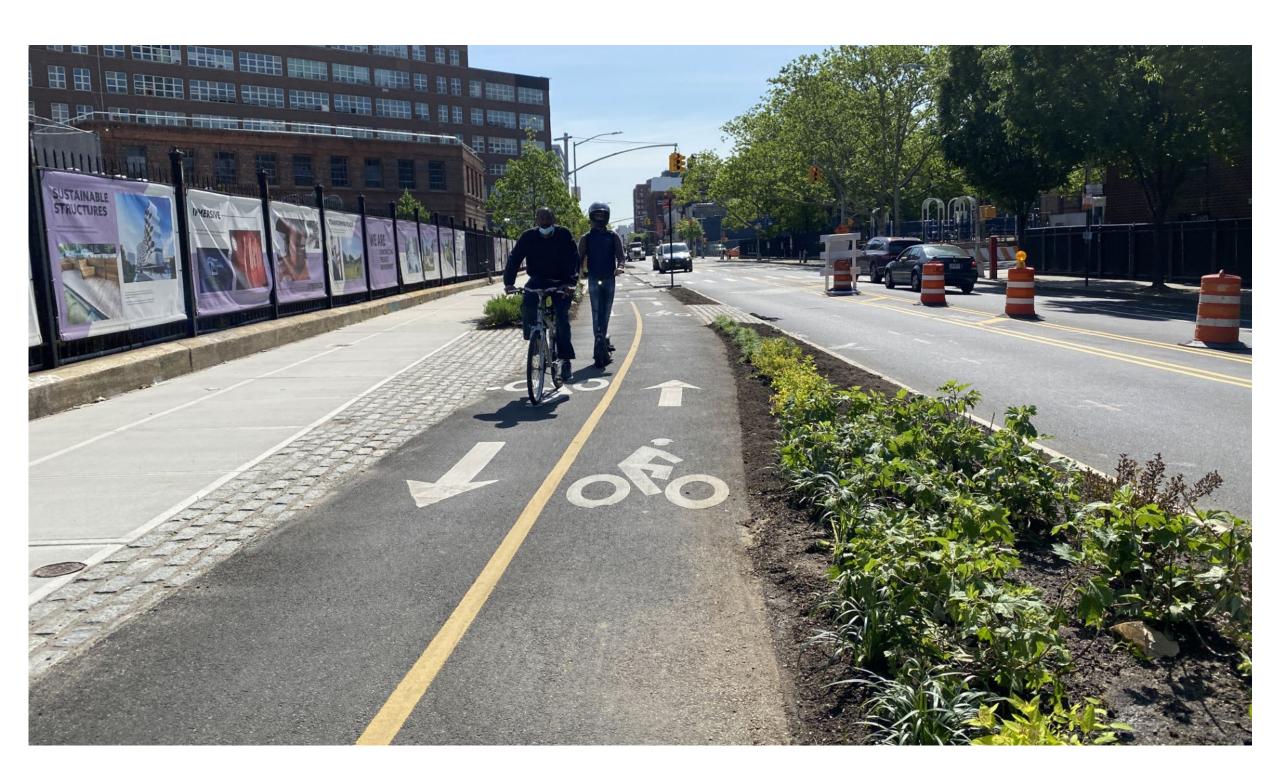


Examples of Paths for Pedestrians and Bicyclists

What do you like about them? What do you not like about them?









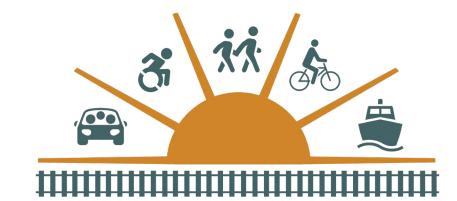


Proposed Pedestrian and Protected Bike Lanes Design

What do you like about the proposed design for pedestrians and bicyclists on Embarcadero West? What do you not like?







Existing and Proposed Bike Network

Connecting West Oakland, Downtown, Chinatown, and Jack London

Which new bike lanes are you excited about?

Use post-its to let us know on the map!



This map shows existing and proposed bike lanes that are a part of active projects. The map does not include all planned bike facilities from the Oakland Bicycle Plan.





Proposed Protected Bike Network in Jack London

1 and 3 will provide safe connections to other protected bike lanes in the area but may reduce some on-street parking along each of those segments.

Let us know what you think in the survey!



- Two-way protected bike lanes on 2nd Street and Clay Street connecting MLK Jr. Way to Embarcadero West.
- Two-way separated bike lanes on Embarcadero West connecting Clay to Webster Street.
- Two-way protected bike lanes on Embarcadero West from Webster to Oak Street, and on Oak Street connecting to protected bike lanes up to Lake Merritt BART.
- Other protected bike lanes





2nd St Transit Hub Elements

Bus shelters with seating and lighting

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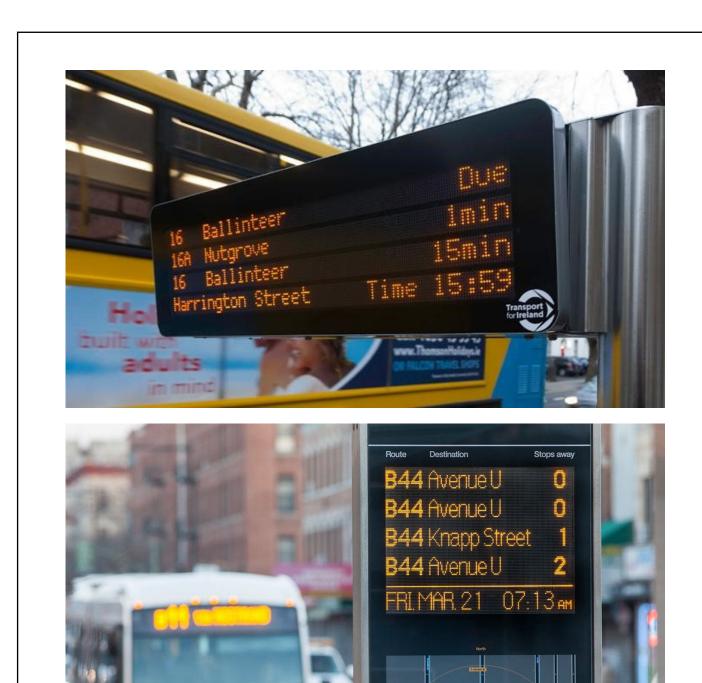


Example of low-maintenance bus shelters with seating and lighting.



Real-time bus arrival information

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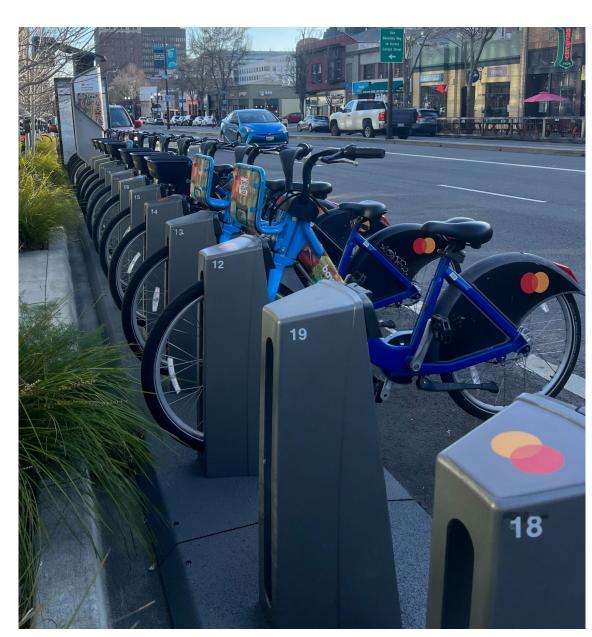




Example of real-time bus information.

Bikeshare, bike parking, wayfinding, and lighting

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Bikeshare station

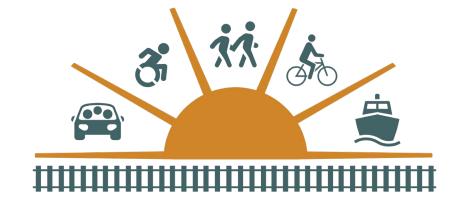


Wayfinding



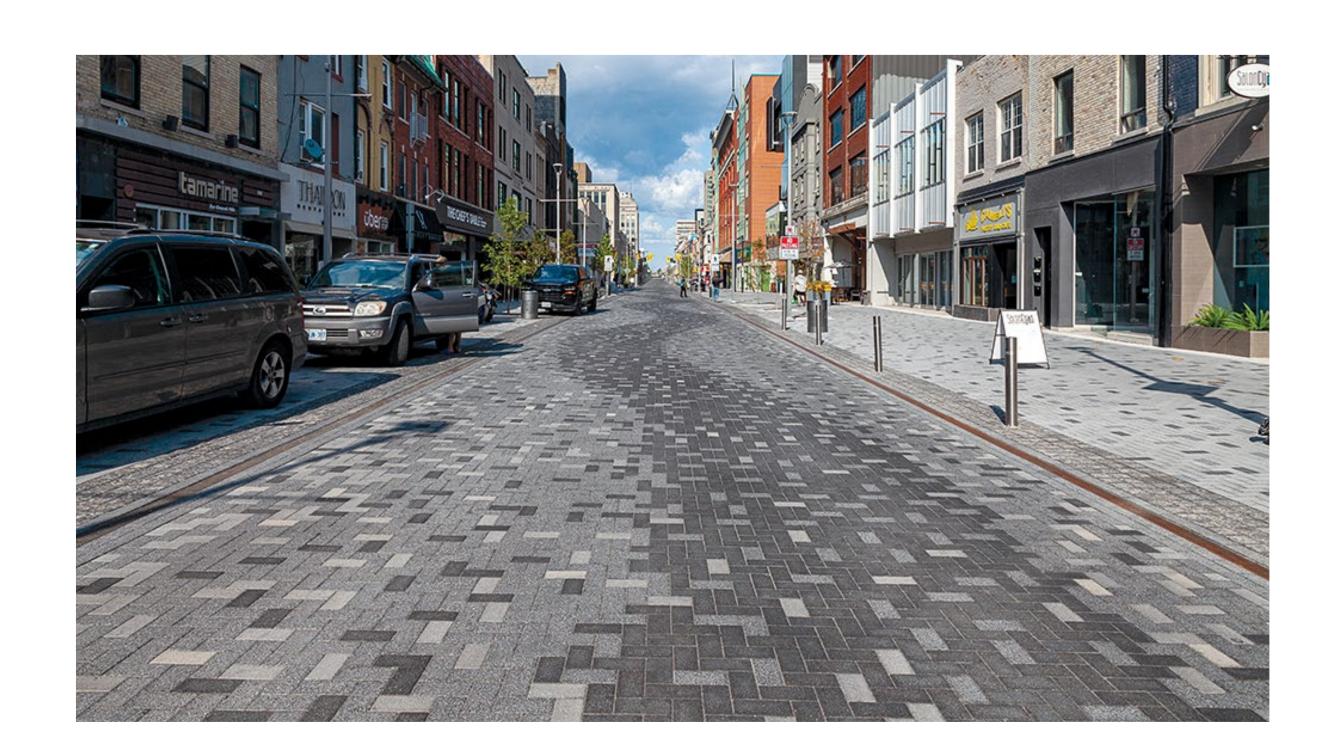
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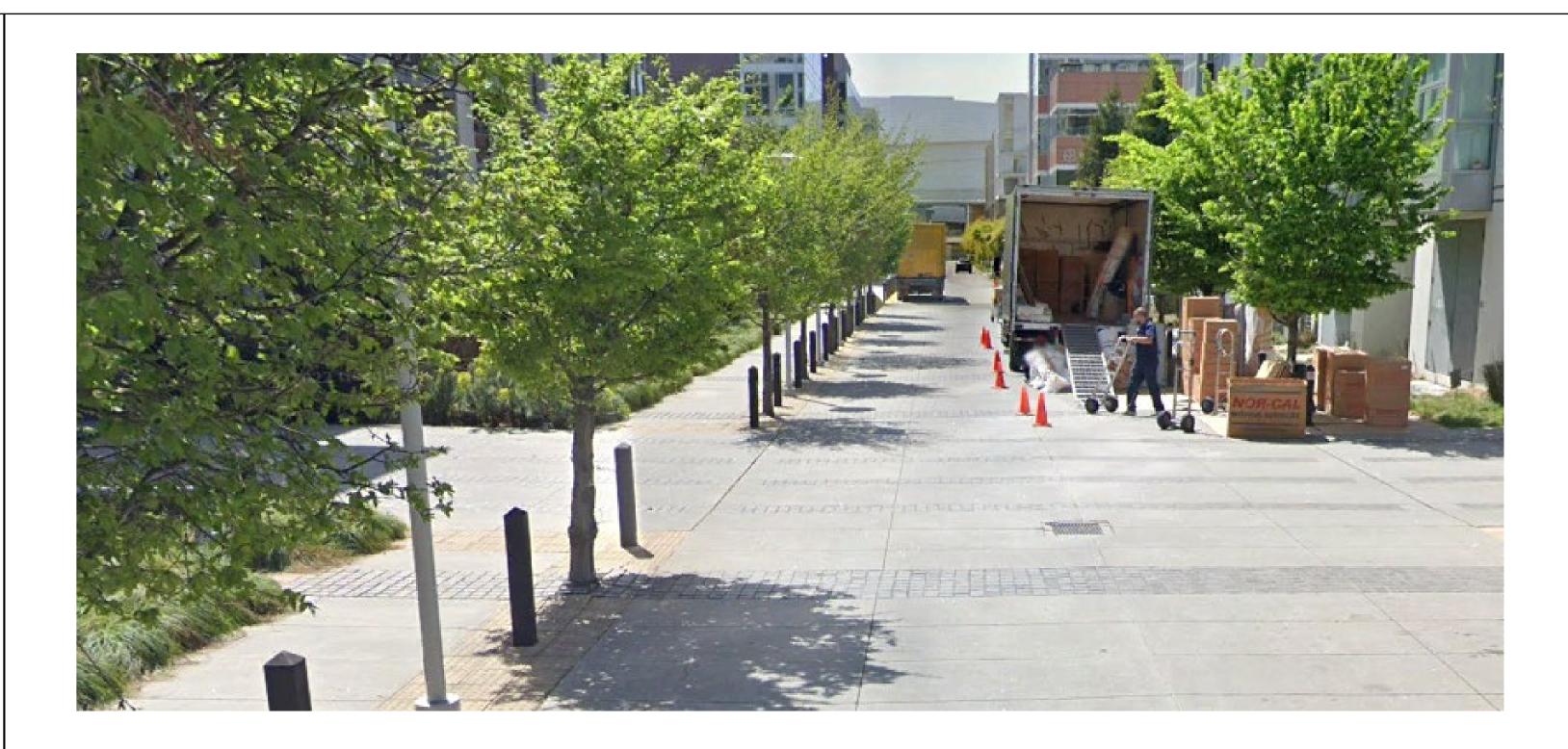


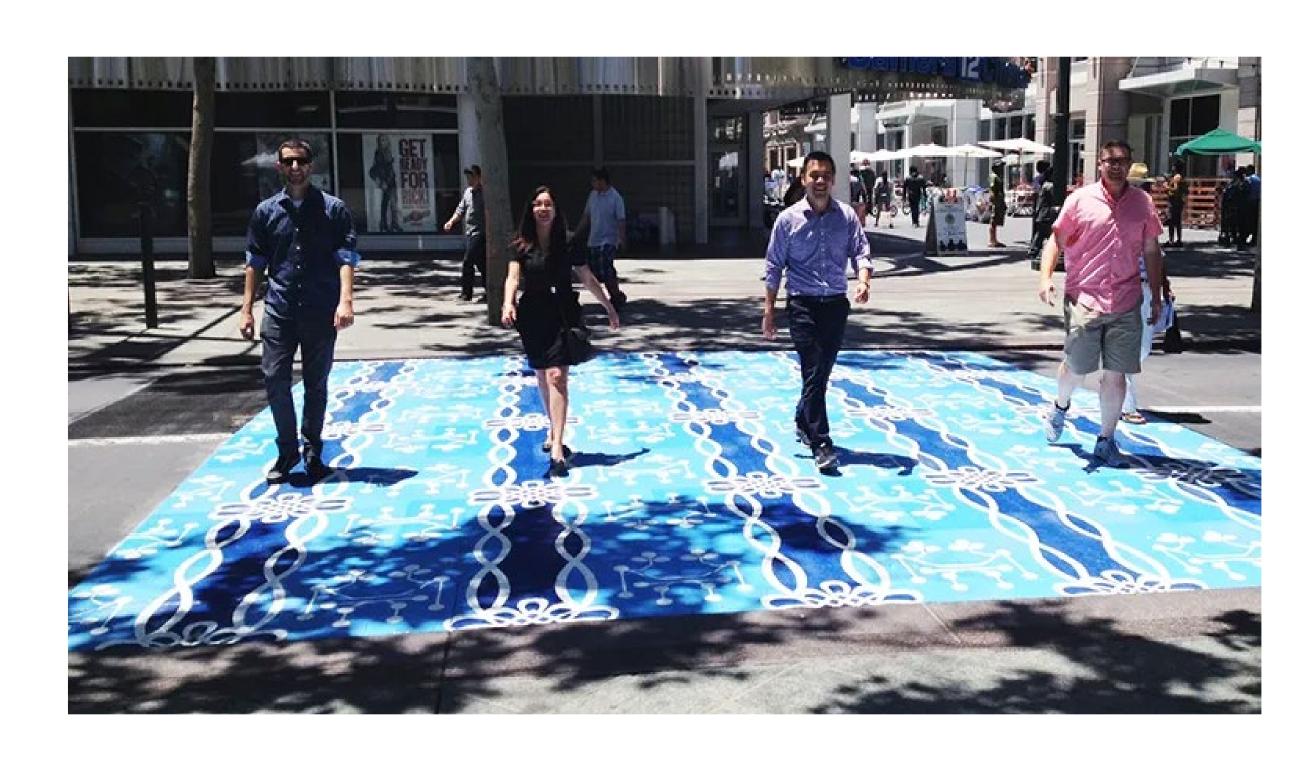


Examples of Shared Streets

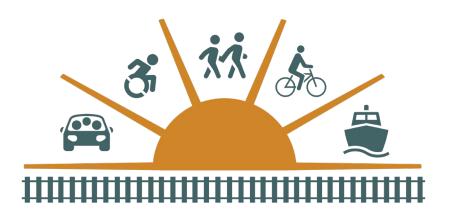
What do you like about them? What do you not like about them?











Examples of Public Seating

Which style do you like the best?

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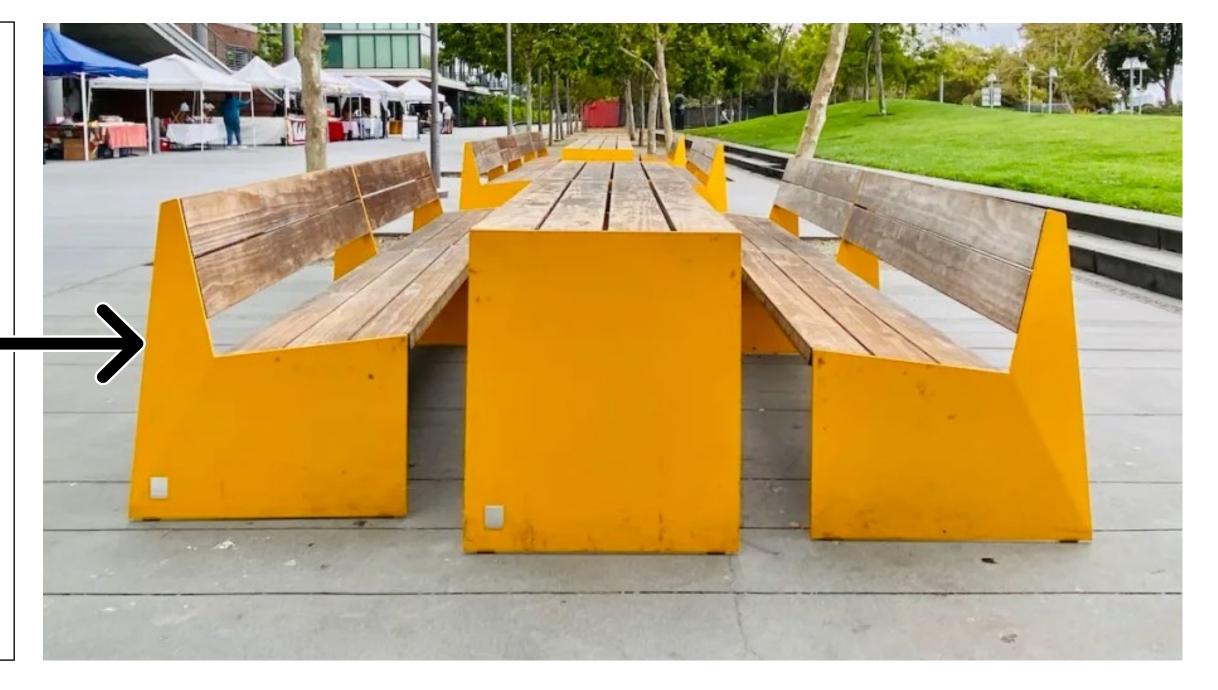
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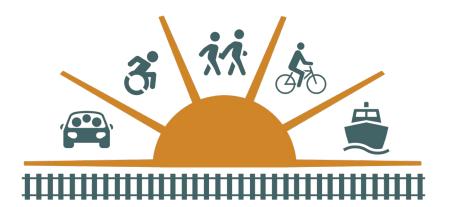


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Examples of Railroad Fencing

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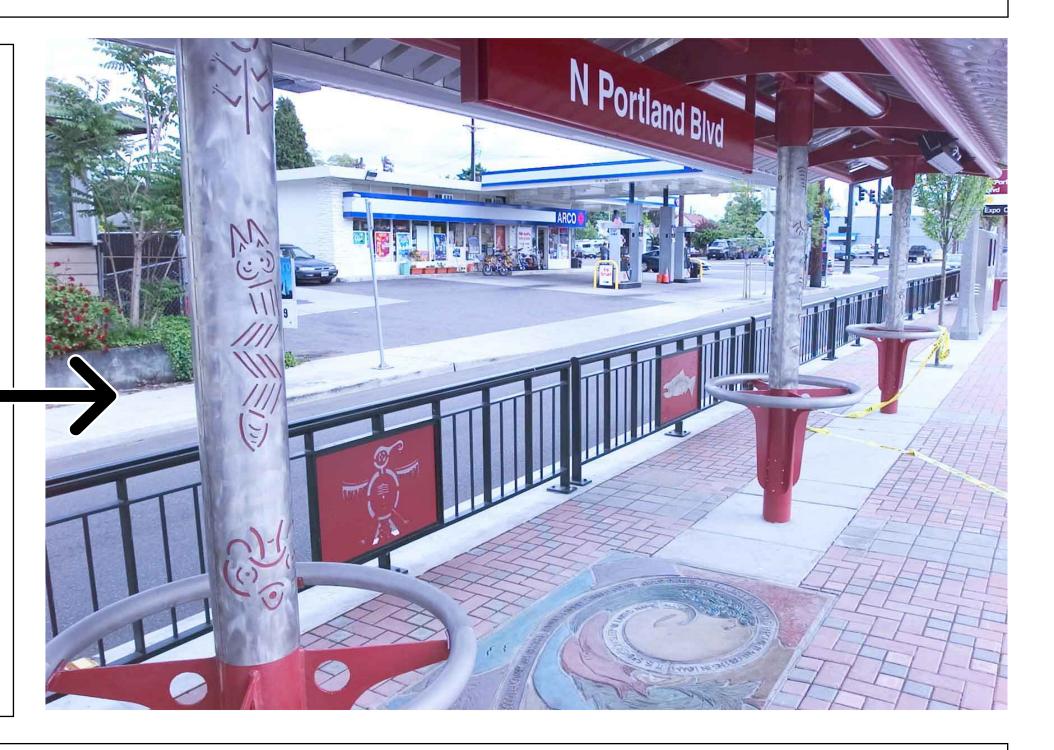
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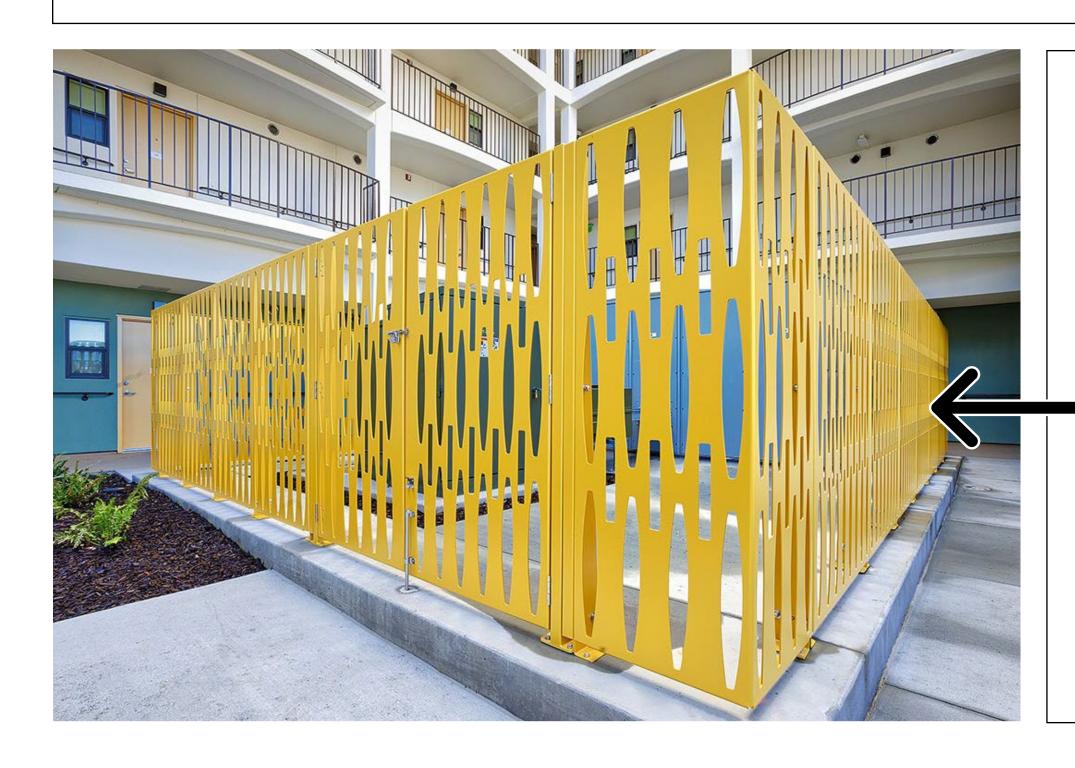




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Port of Oakland, Truck Trips, & Overweight Trucks

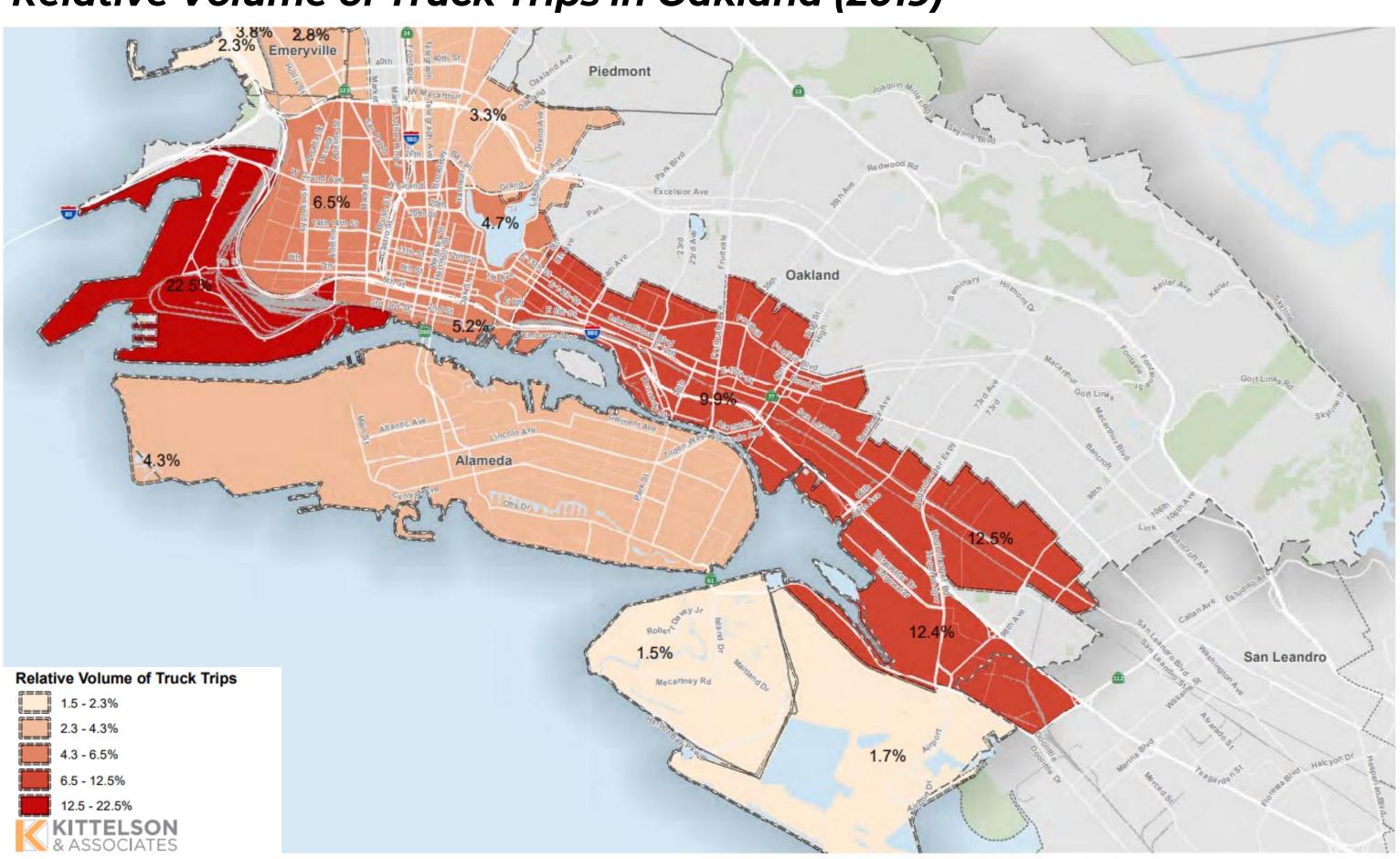
Port of Oakland & Volume of Truck Trips

The Port of Oakland is important to our local and regional economy.

- The Port loads and discharges more than 99% of the containerized goods moving through Northern California.
- Oakland is the 9th busiest container port in the United States (based on 2023 data)
- Oakland ranks among the four largest Pacific Coast ports for container cargo.

The Port of Oakland and eastern portion of Oakland are the largest generators of truck trips within Northern Alameda County.

Relative Volume of Truck Trips in Oakland (2019)

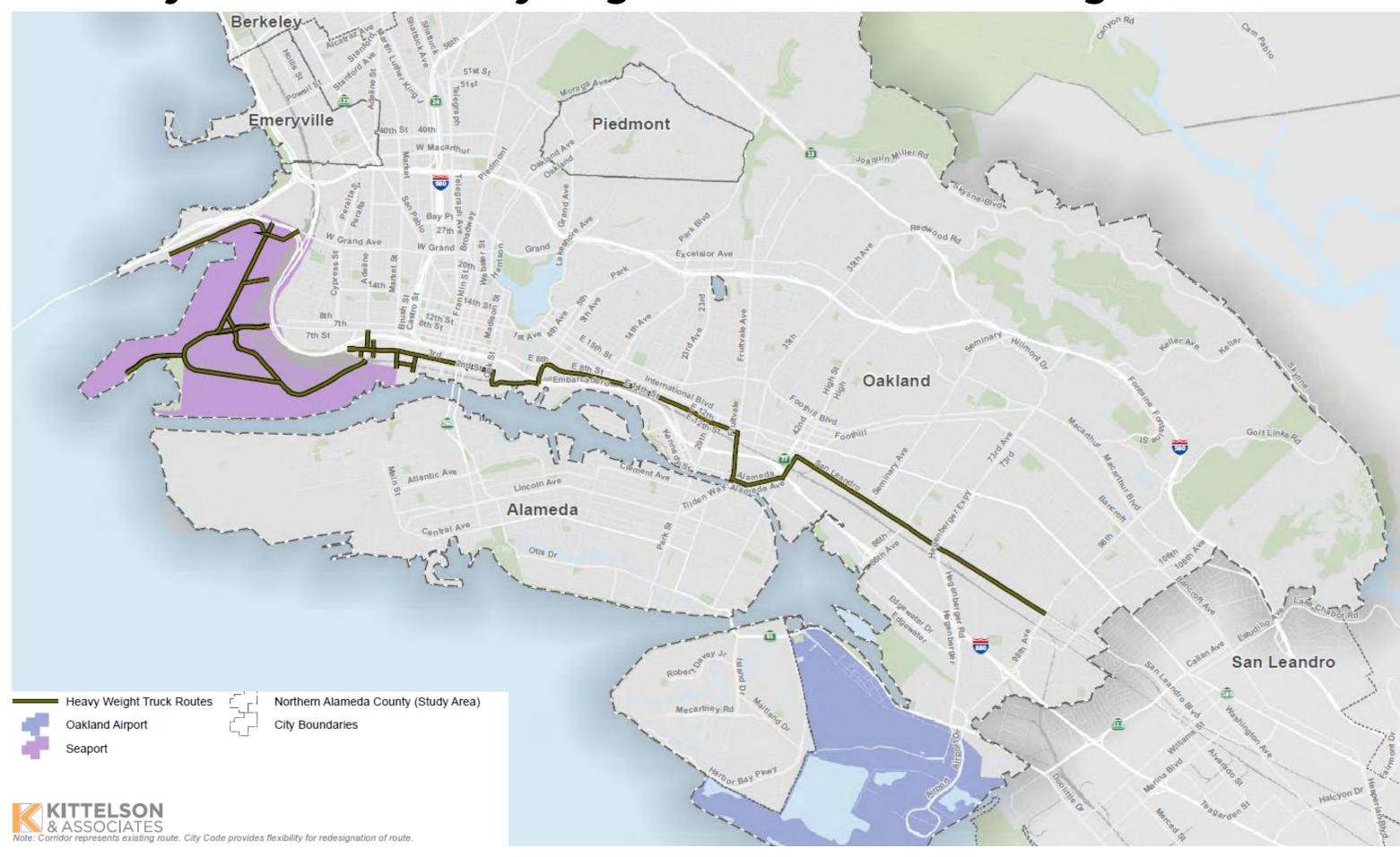


Overweight Trucks in Oakland

Trucks are restricted from using Caltrans state legal truck routes if they exceed 80,000 pounds or are greater than 65 feet long.

The City of Oakland and Port of Oakland maintain the joint Port-City of Oakland Heavyweight Container Permit Program, which allows vehicles up to 95,000 pounds to travel between the Port of Oakland and East Oakland on city roads.

Port-City of Oakland Heavyweight Container Permit Program Routes





Timeline for Development of Overweight Corridor

2021

In February 2021, overweight trucks were required to bypass the Adeline Bridge due to identified weight restrictions. Overweight trucks were re-routed to 7th Street in West Oakland to get to/from the Port.

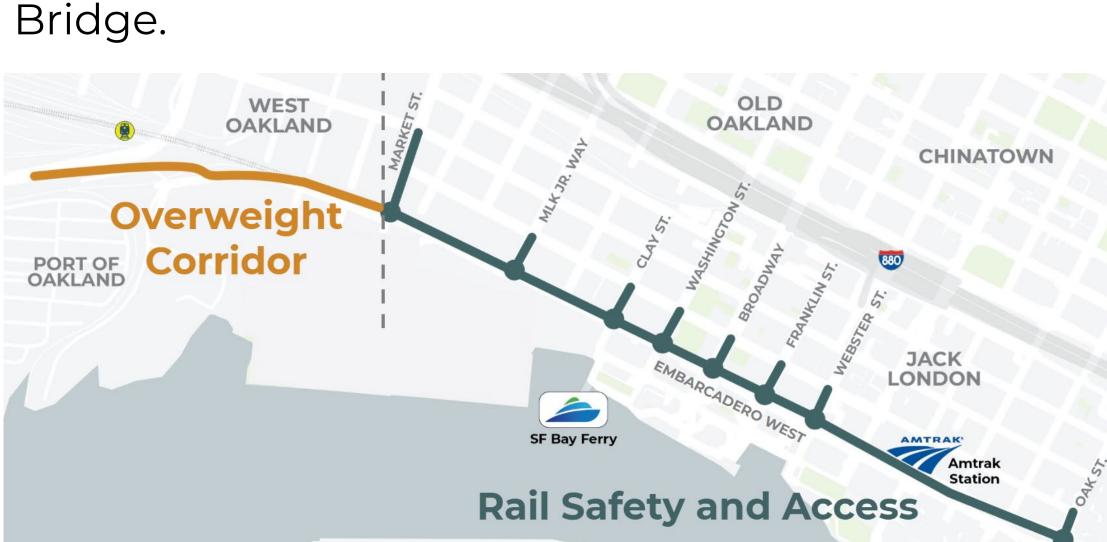
Quick solutions to relocate the overweight route were deemed infeasible without major capital investment.

2024

Design begins on an interim roadway on Port property for overweight trucks. No public access is permitted on this road. Emergency access is permitted.

This overweight vehicle corridor will be on **Embarcadero West** from Market Street to Adeline Street/Middle Harbor Road.

Project staff start to evaluate options for retrofitting or replacing the Adeline Street Bridge.



2025/2026

Construction on the overweight corridor is expected to commence.

2030

Construction on overweight corridor is complete.

TBD

In the future, there will be a permanent fix for the Adeline Street Bridge. The bridge will either be retrofitted or replaced.

