

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WAY STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS



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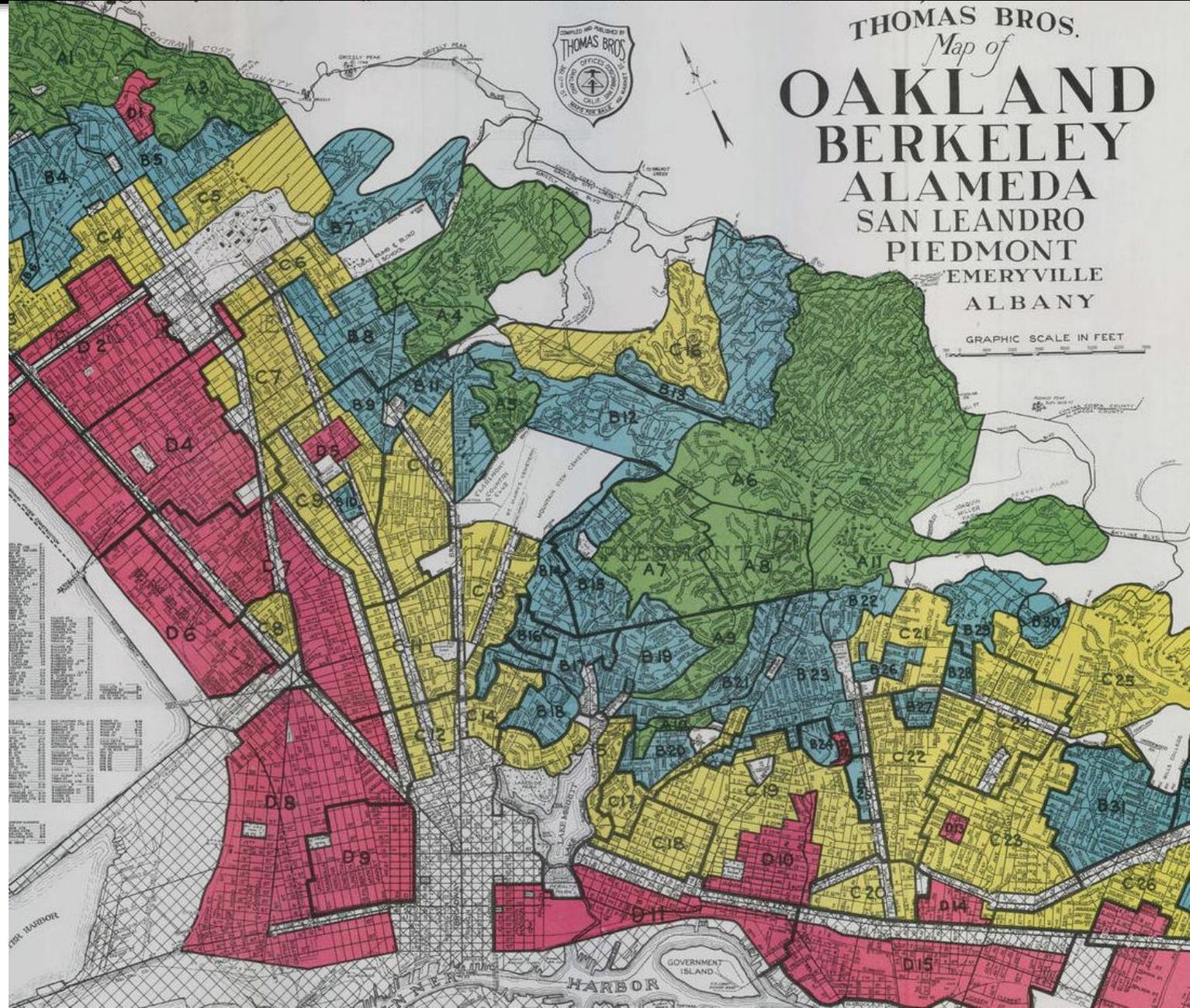
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MLK JR. WAY STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS: HISTORY

MLK Jr. Way once represented the dividing line between neighborhoods where Black and Brown Oaklanders could and could not live or buy property.



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MLK JR. WAY STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS: EXISTING CONDITIONS

MLK Jr. Way is a **truck** route, **bike** route, and **bus** route.



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MLK Jr. Way is also a **wide, 4-lane** street, with **no bike lanes**.



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Several plans and programs have called for improvements on MLK Jr. Way:

- 2017 Pedestrian Plan
- 2019 Bike Plan
- 5-Year Paving Plan
- West Oakland Community Action Plan
- Downtown Oakland Specific Plan
- Draft Howard Terminal Transportation Plan
- Capital Improvement Program



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Through years of engagement, key themes have emerged



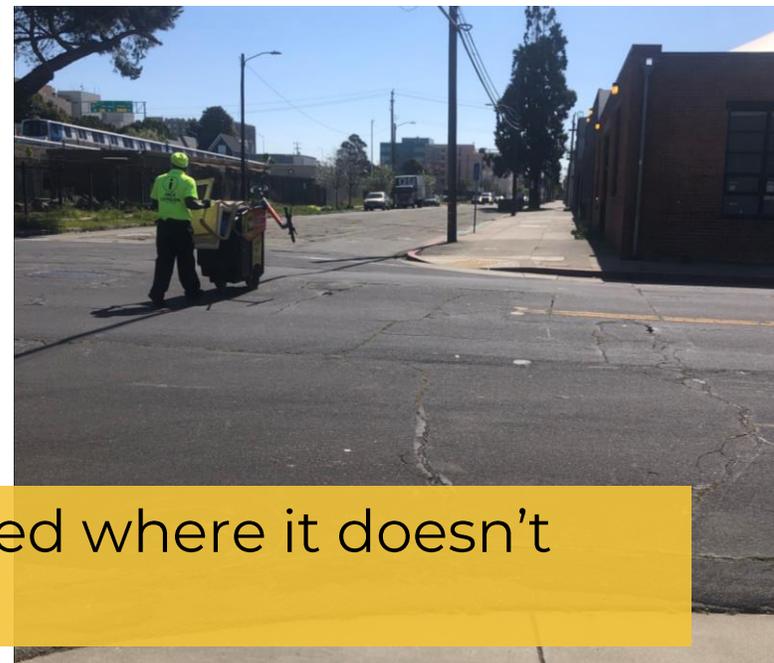
Pedestrian countdowns are needed at traffic signals



Sidewalks are too narrow

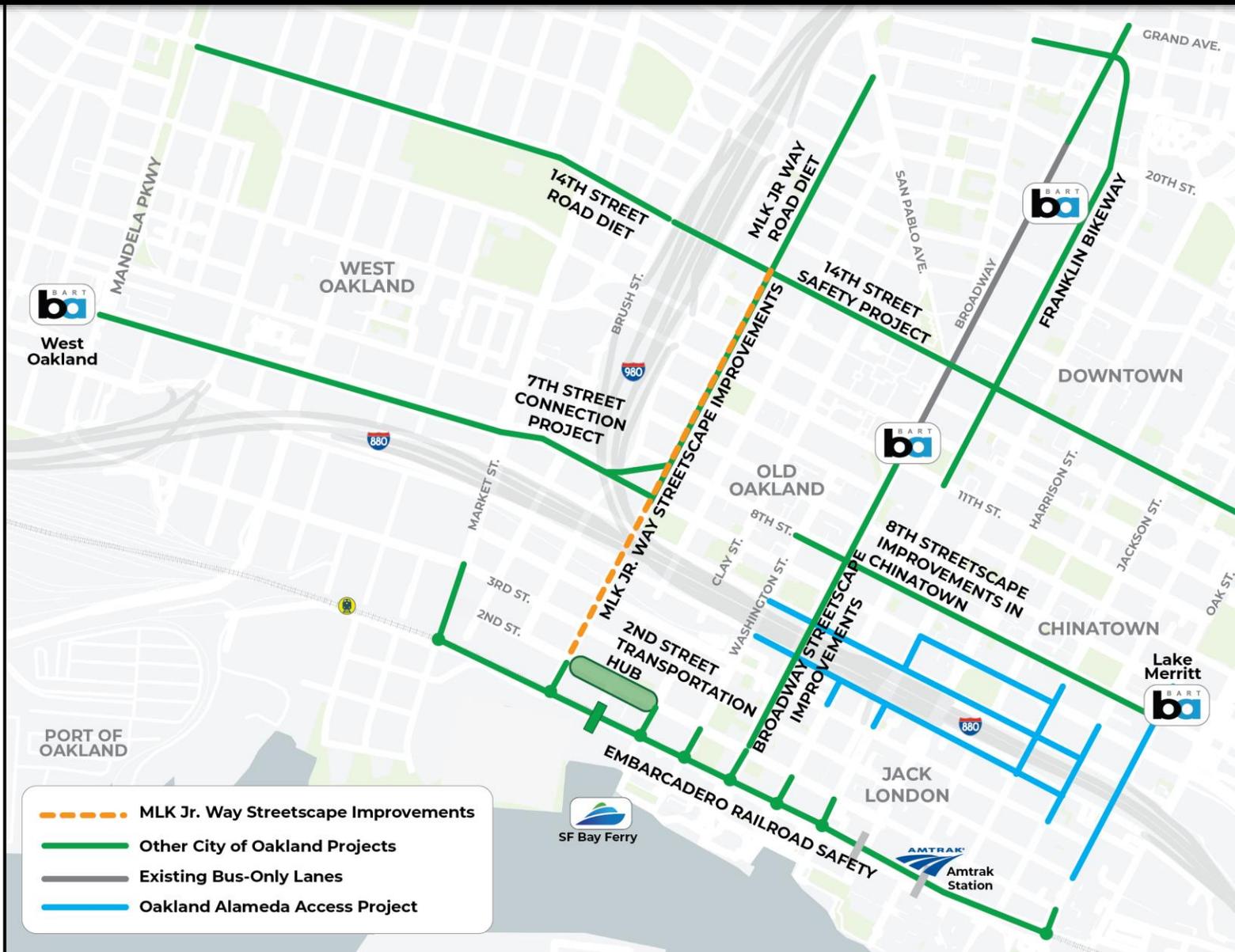


Crosswalk striping is needed where it doesn't exist today



MLK JR. WAY STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS: PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed project is located on **Martin Luther King, Jr. Way** from **2nd Street** to **14th Street**, connecting to other existing and planned transportation projects, which will create a more complete network.

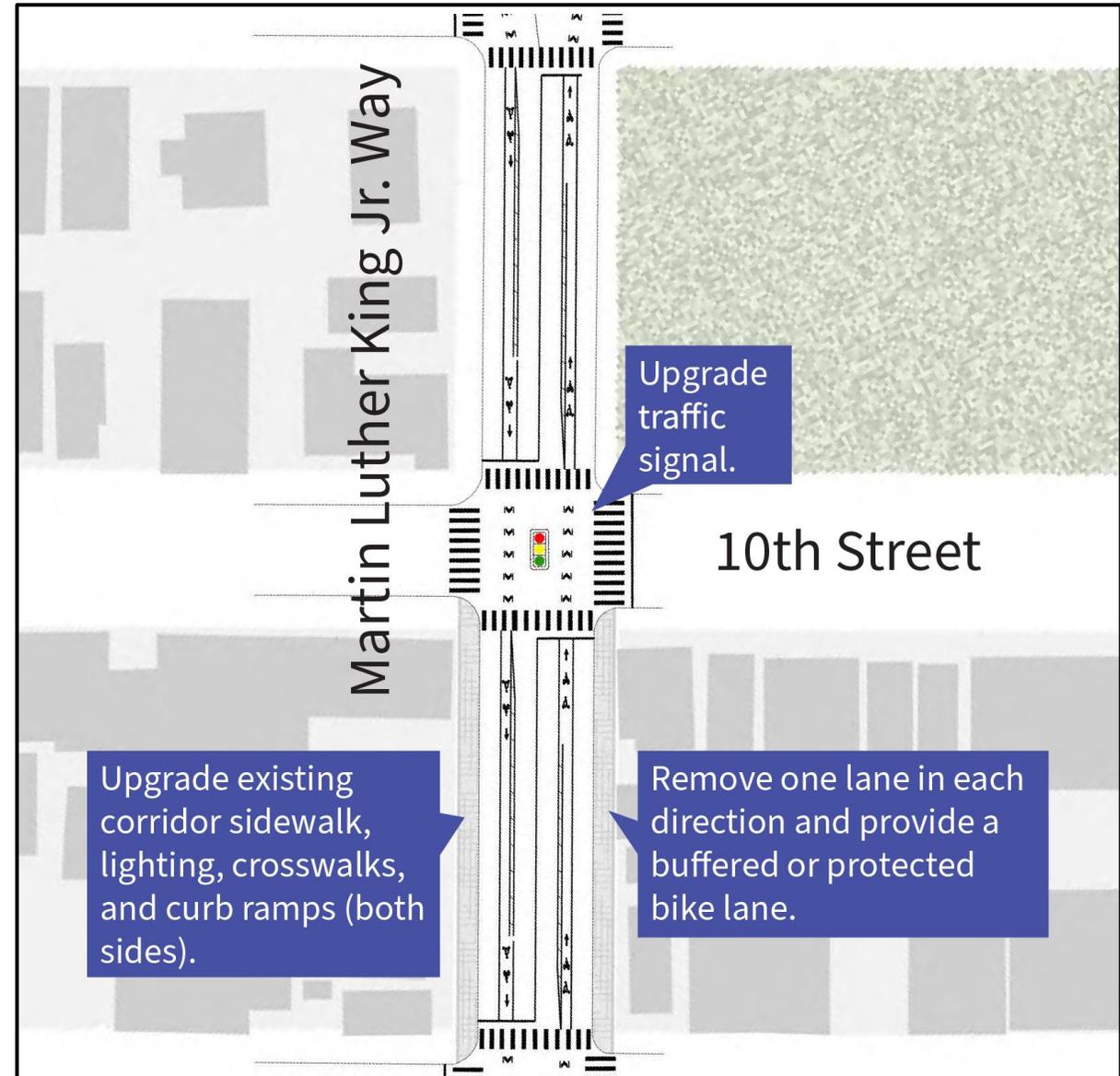


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MLK JR. WAY STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS: PROJECT SCOPE

Project Scope:

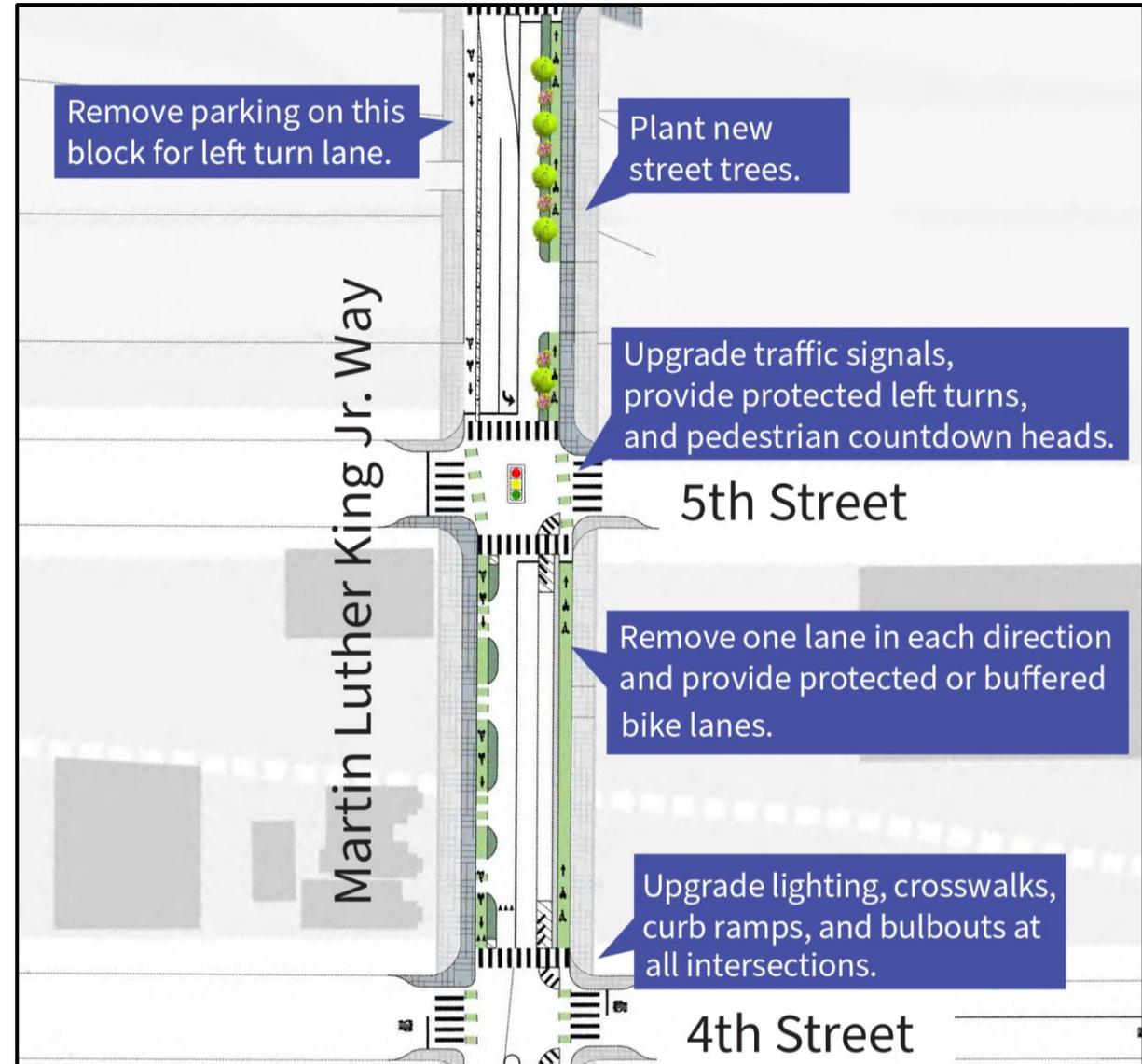
- Pedestrian access and safety improvements, including:
 - ADA curb ramps
 - High visibility crosswalks
 - Bulb outs
 - New lighting
 - Traffic signal upgrades
 - Pedestrian countdown heads
- New street trees



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Project Scope (continued):

- Buffered bike lanes from 14th Street to San Pablo.
- Buffered **or** protected bike lanes from 14th Street to 2nd Street.



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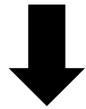
The project improves accessibility, safety, and climate resiliency in **high and highest Priority Equity** census tracts.



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Existing Disparity

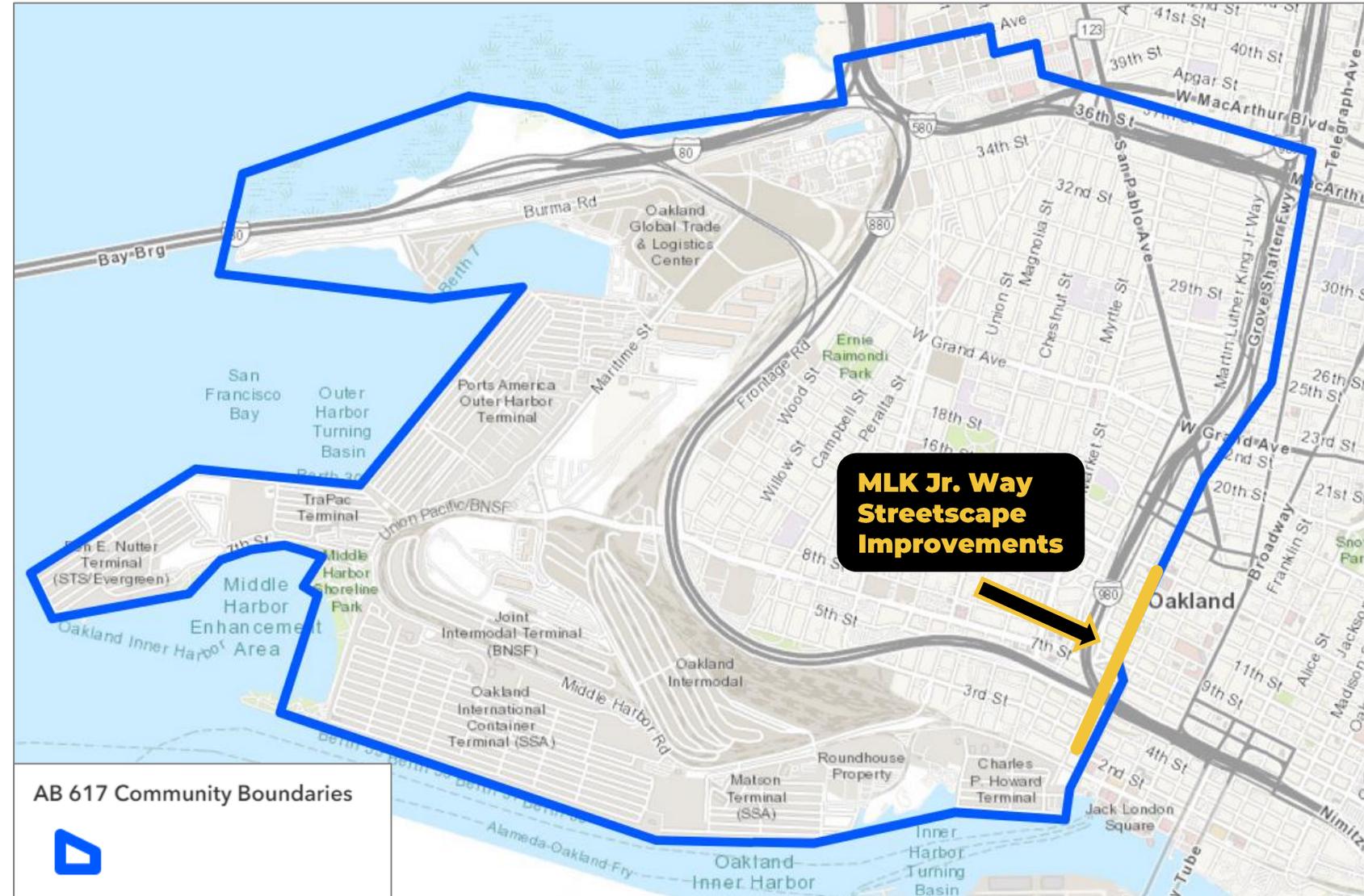
Project is in a **community most impacted by air pollution.**



How Project Addresses Disparity

Project aims to improve air quality by:

- Promoting transportation options to reduce emissions
- Tree planting



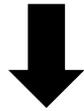
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Existing Disparity

43% of crash victims on MLK Jr. Way were Black, yet only 22% of Oakland's population is Black.



How Project Addresses Disparity

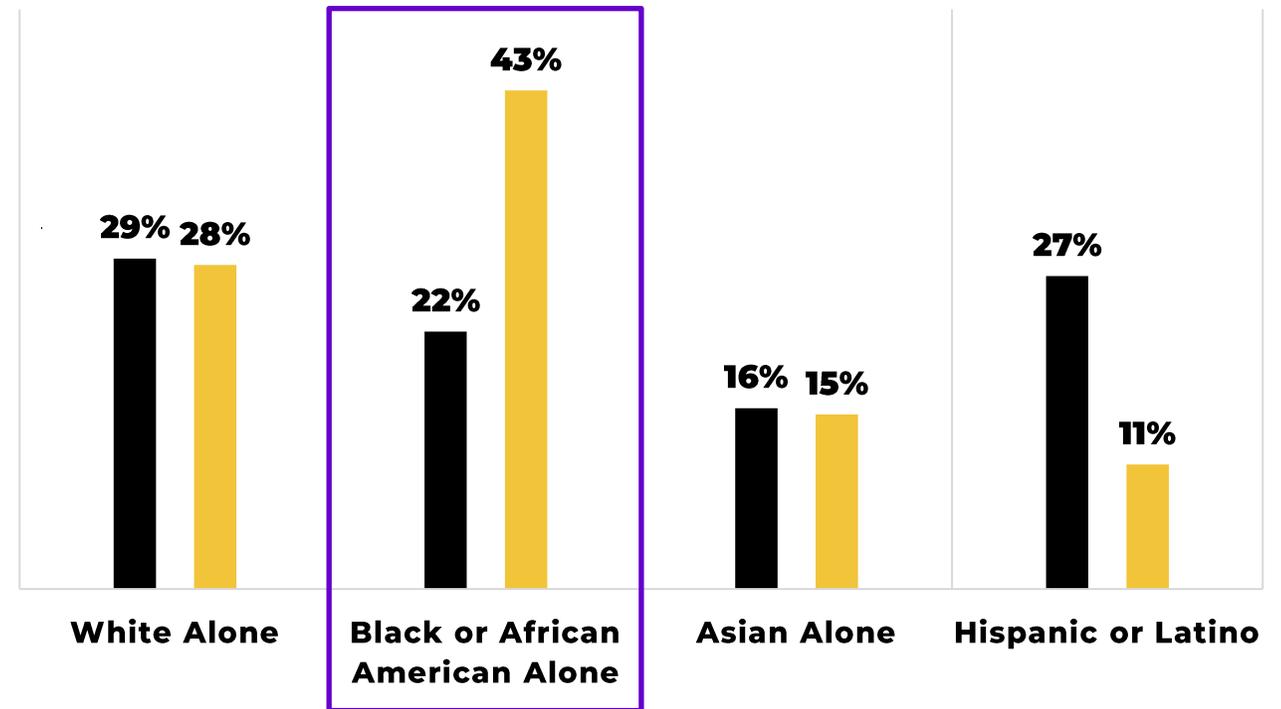
Project aims to improve safety through:

- Shorter crossings and pedestrian visibility
- Buffered/protected bike lanes
- Protected left turns

Race/ethnicity of MLK Jr. Way collision victims compared to Oakland population race/ethnicity

■ Oakland Population Race/Ethnicity

■ MLK Jr. Way Collision Victim Race/Ethnicity



Collision data source: Transportation Injury Mapping System (TIMS), *Safe Transportation Research and Education Center*, University of California, Berkeley. Analysis used 5 years of data (2016 – 2020). Population data source: American Community Survey (ACS) 2020 5-Year Estimates.

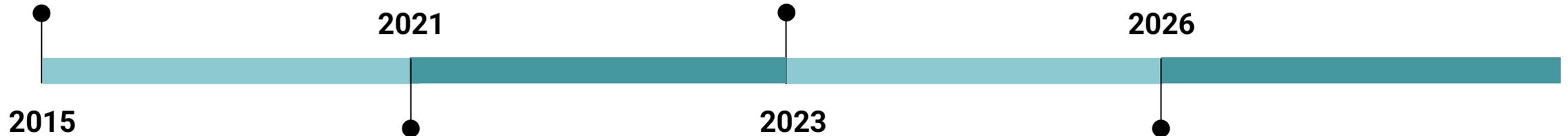
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Prior planning and engagement

Engagement and work begins to draft city and neighborhood plans. MLK Jr. Way is later identified as a priority.

Design and engagement

Engagement begins and informs design work.



Funding secured

\$14.5 million awarded from federal Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant

Construction

Construction likely to begin. Impacted residents and businesses continue to be informed.

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