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# EDUCATION & EVALUTION: SAFE STREETS SF

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#### **VISION ZERO EDUCATION: SAFE STREETS SF**



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Create a traffic safety culture for city residents, workers & visitors

As people make mistakes while using our streets the result is not serious injury or death



#### PROGRAM PARTNERS









#### **Community Partners**

- MEDA
- Chinatown CDC
- SOMCAN





#### SAFE STREETS SF

#### Reducing driver violations of pedestrian right-of-way



- 64% of all collisions between people walking and driving are "driver at fault" (SFPD citations)
- 2013 saw over 800 collisions, including over 100 severe and fatal collisions
- 6% of streets in San
   Francisco account for 60%
   of all severe/fatal
   pedestrian collisions



#### **MULTI-PRONGED APPROACH**

#### Educational marketing program

- Identify the issues that need relearning
- Set up expected behavior

#### High visibility Enforcement

- SFPD: 24 Traffic Awareness Days
- Citations for not meeting expectations



SF Conservation Corp Outreach on Kearney



#### **EVALUATION**

- Project Duration: 43 weeks
- Outcome: Driver yielding to pedestrian right-of-way
- Data Collection: Field staff recorded driver yielding behaviors weekly for 2 ½ hours at intervention and control sites

Weekly observations	Intervention Phase
July 1 - Aug 30, 2014 (9 weeks)	Pre Test:
	Pre-Intervention observations
	(weekday during peak-time hours)
Aug 31 - Sept 27, 2014 (4 weeks)	Bus-only Media:
	60 ads on buses (out of 800 City
	buses)
Sept 28 - Nov 1, 2014 (5 Weeks)	Mass media + Enforcement:
	Coordinated police enforcement of
	driver yielding and mass media
	education campaign (posters, ads)
Nov 2, 2014 - Jan 3, 2015 (9 weeks)	Enforcement Only:
	Police enforcement of driver
	yielding at intervention sites
Jan 4 - Mar 28, 2015 (12 weeks)	Enforcement + Grassroots Outreach:
	Education campaign involving 3
	community groups (pamphlets and
	in-person education), plus
	coordinated police enforcement
Mar 29 - Apr 25, 2015 (4 weeks)	Post-test:
	Observation period following
	interventions



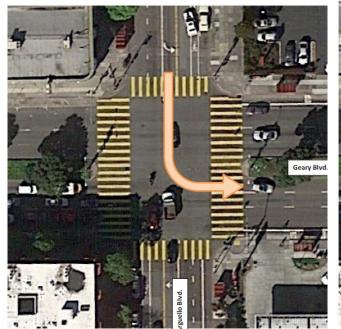
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#### **Vehicle Yielding Behavior During Walk and Countdown Crossing Phases**





N/S Phase - Geary at Arguello

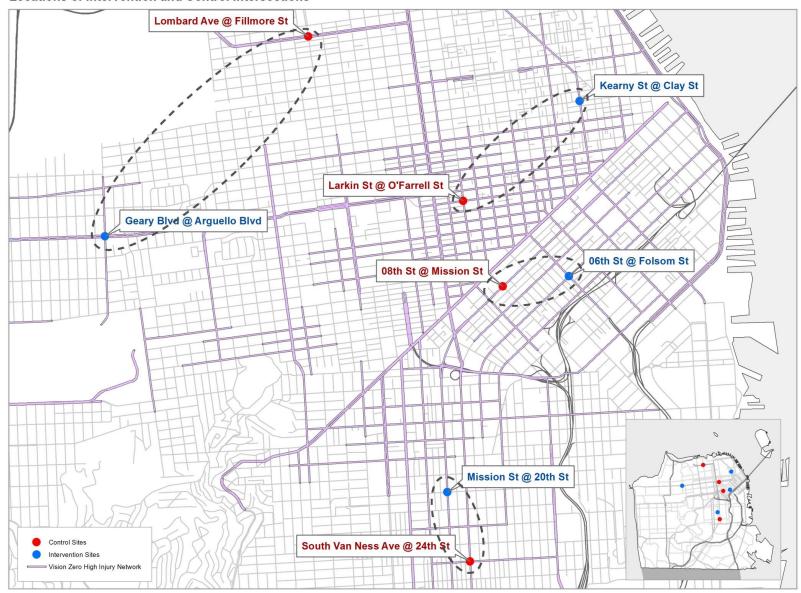


E/W Phase - Geary at Arguello



#### **VISION ZERO EDUCATION: SAFE STREETS SF**

#### **Locations of Intervention and Control Intersections**



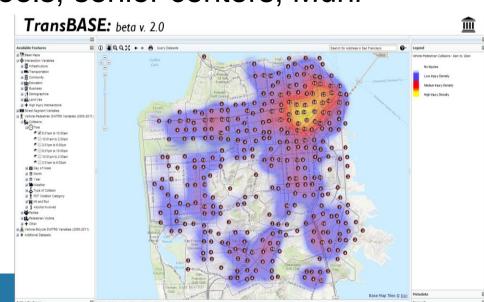


#### SELECTING CONTROL INTERSECTIONS

- Lane directions
- Signalization
- Supervisor district
- Number of lanes
- Estimated street width
- Number of street legs at intersection
- Proximity to parks, clinics, schools, senior centers, Muni

stops

- Nearby land uses
- Estimated pedestrian volume
- Estimated vehicle volume





#### **EVALUATION ANALYSIS**

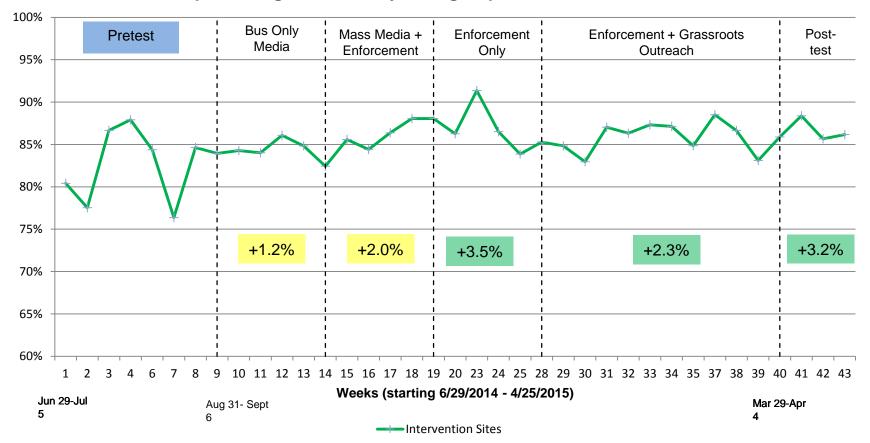
- 1) Intervention Site Phase vs Intervention Pretest compared to Control Site vs Control Pretest
- 2) Intervention Site Phase vs Control Site Phase Changes from Pretest



#### INTERVENTION RATES VS PRE-INTERVENTION RATES

#### **Aggregate Intervention Yielding rates**

#### Mean percentage of drivers yielding to pedestrians across all sites

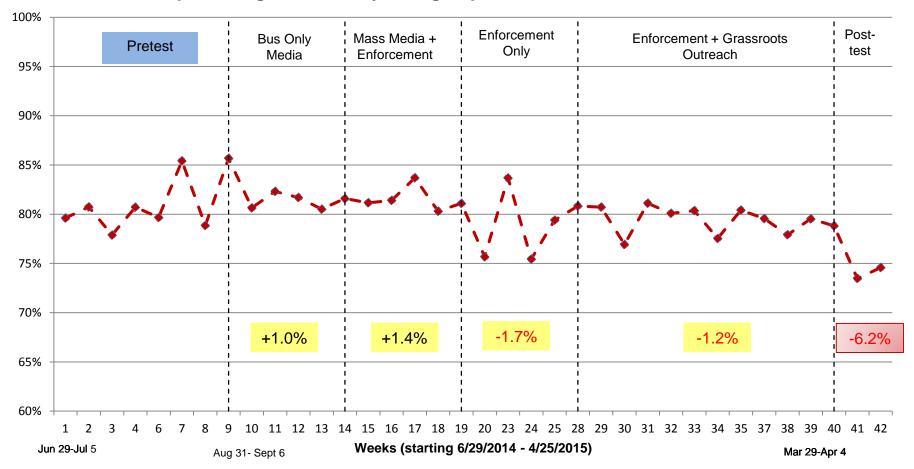




#### CONTROL RATES VS CONTROL PRE-INTERVENTION RATES

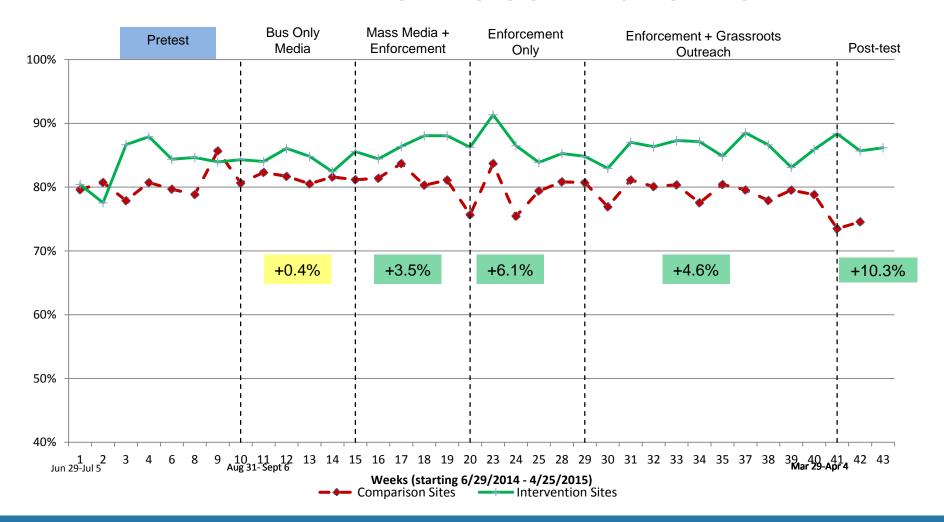
#### **Aggregate Control Yielding rates**

Mean percentage of drivers yielding to pedestrians across all Control sites





# CHANGES IN YIELDING RATES: INTERVENTION VS CONTROL SITES





#### **KEY TAKEAWAYS**

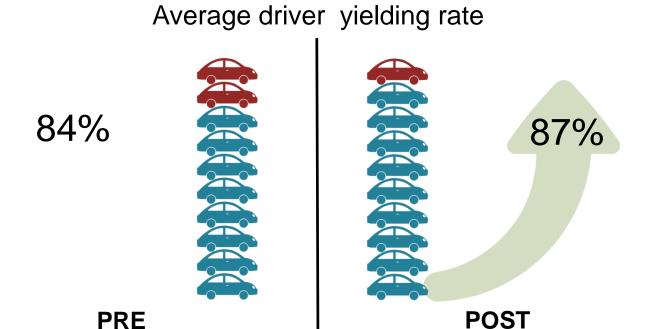
Overall, **modest benefits** were seen at all intervention sites.



- Comparing intervention sites to their pretest conditions, an overall <u>3-4% increase</u> in driver yielding was seen across intervention phases.
- Comparing intervention sites to control sites, driver yielding rate increases were significantly higher and in a positive direction relative to control sites, in all but the bus only phase.
  - The difference ranged from 4-10%, with the greatest difference at post-test.

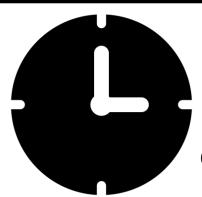


### FINDINGS: INTERVENTION SITES, OVERALL





#### WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?



1 HOUR



**60** opportunities for drivers to yield per crosswalk leg

@ 233 estimated crosswalk legs within the Pedestrian High Injury Network with at least 1 pedestrian injury due to pedestrian right-of-way violation (SWITRS 2008-2012).



13,980 opportunities for drivers to yield



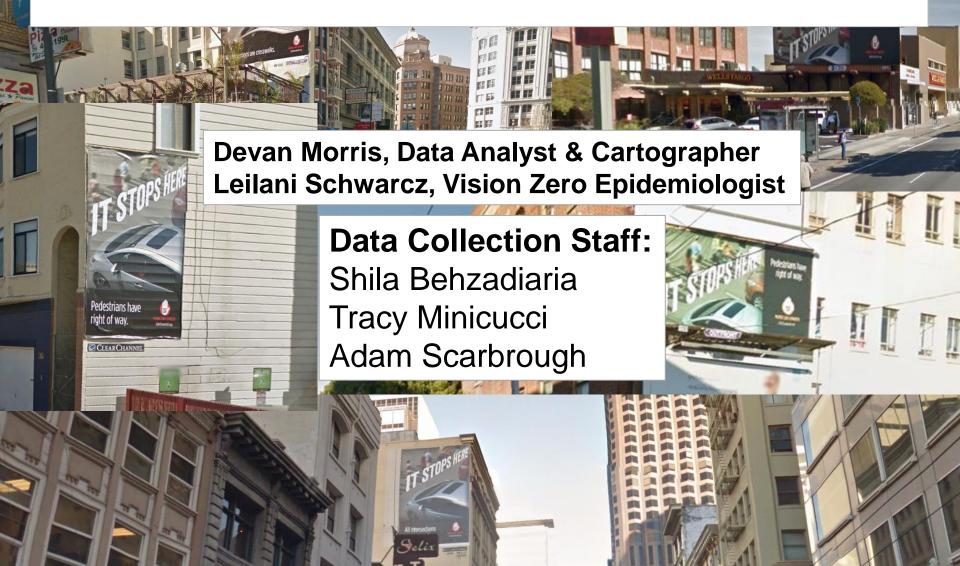
3% increase in yielding



~419 more drivers yielding/hour at peak commute







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