

GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENTS

Vision Zero: Proposed General Plan Amendments

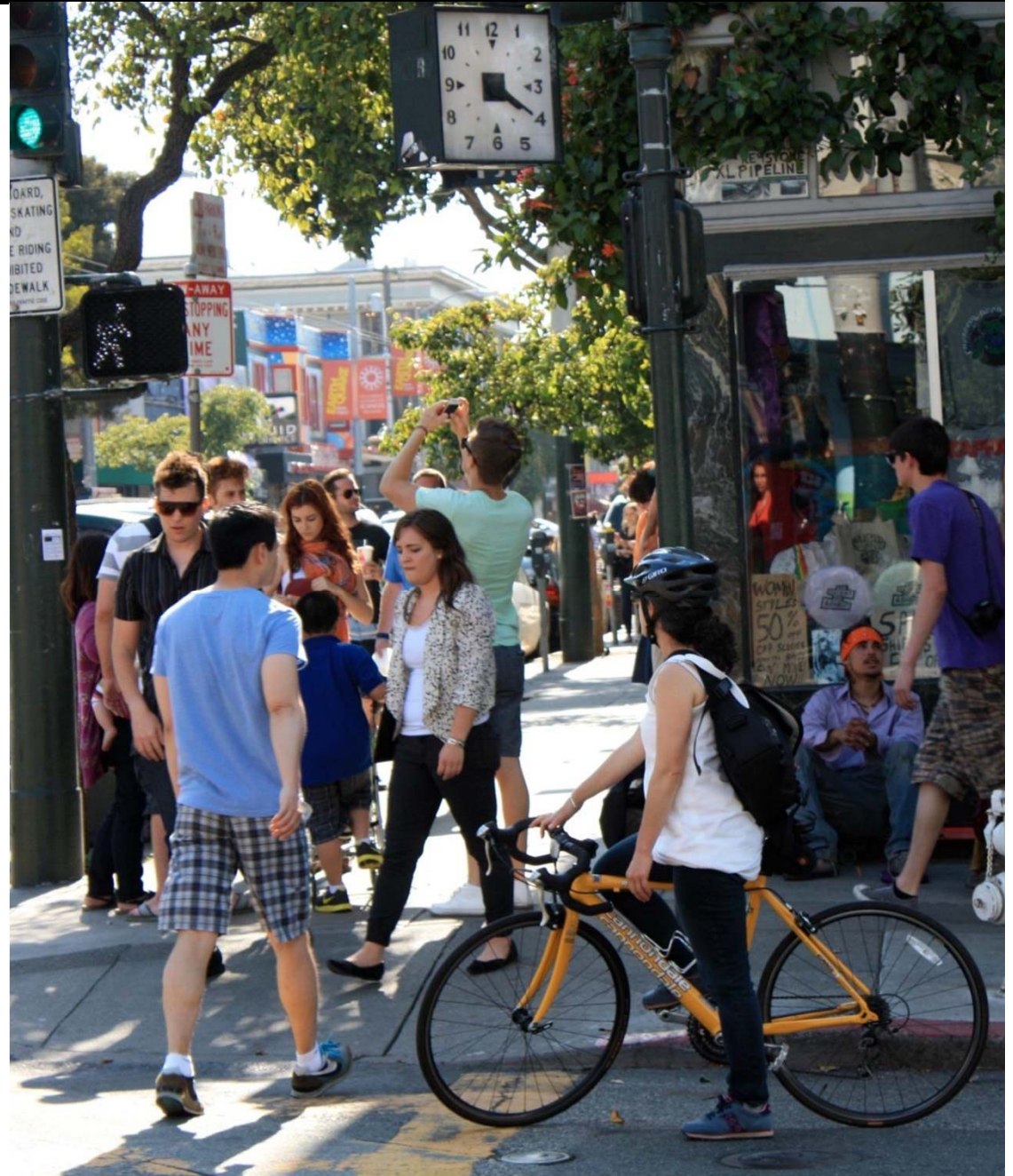
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Today's Presentation

- Overview of Vision Zero
- Overview of the General Plan
- Project Background
- Proposed General Plan updates in support of Vision Zero



Vision Zero

- The City and County of San Francisco adopted Vision Zero as a policy in 2014
- The goal is to create a culture that prioritizes traffic safety and to ensure that mistakes on our roadways don't result in serious injuries or death
- The City is working to achieve Vision Zero by
 - building better and safer streets
 - educating the public on traffic safety
 - enforcing traffic laws
 - adopting policy changes that save lives



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Planning Commission Resolution, June 2014

GENERAL PLAN

Include the Vision Zero goal in near term and long term planning documents, including the General Plan, as appropriate

GENERAL PLAN REFERRALS

Review General Plan Referrals against the Policies and Objectives of the General Plan related to pedestrian and bicycle safety.

COMPLETE STREETS PROCESS

Continue to work with other City Departments to implement a complete streets process.

STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS

Review development projects with an understanding of the impacts to pedestrian and bicycle safety, and encourage project sponsors to design projects to maximize pedestrian and bicycle safety.

When streetscape improvements are required (Planning Code Section 138.1), incorporate pedestrian and bicycle safety measures wherever feasible particularly on high injury corridors and intersections.

What is the General Plan

- The General Plan is the City's guiding document to shape decisions
- Serves as a basis for decisions that affect all aspects of our everyday lives from where we live and work to how we move around the City
- Contains objectives and polices for ten specific topics that apply Citywide (*housing, transportation, urban design, etc.*)
- Implementation decisions can direct the allocation of public resources and shape private development
- Adopted by the Planning Commission and approved by the Board of Supervisors

Why update the General Plan?

- The General Plan is not up to date to reflect current thinking around road safety
- When reviewing capital improvements and development applications, the Planning Department makes consistency findings with the General Plan
- The Planning Commission passed a resolution in June 2014 to support Vision Zero. This General Plan update is an implementation action of the Resolution

Proposed Changes

- Add two new objectives
- Update two existing objectives
- Add Map of Key Walking Streets
- Minor text edits associated with Vision Zero & WalkFirst



Proposed Objectives

New Objective:

Achieve street safety for all

New Objective:

Employ a multi-disciplinary approach to improving pedestrian safety

Updated Objective:

Design every street in San Francisco for safe and convenient walking

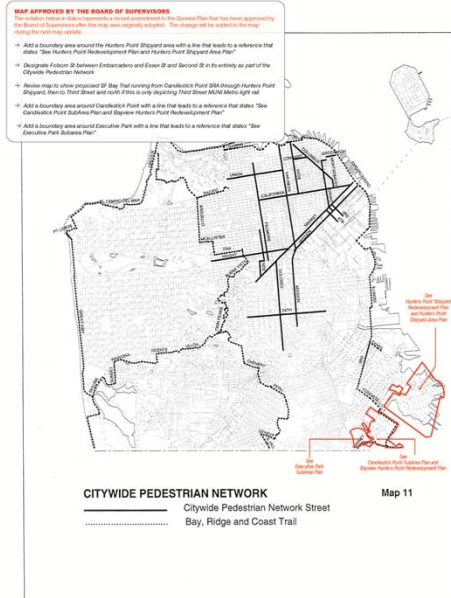
Updated Objective:

Maintain a system of Key Walking Streets



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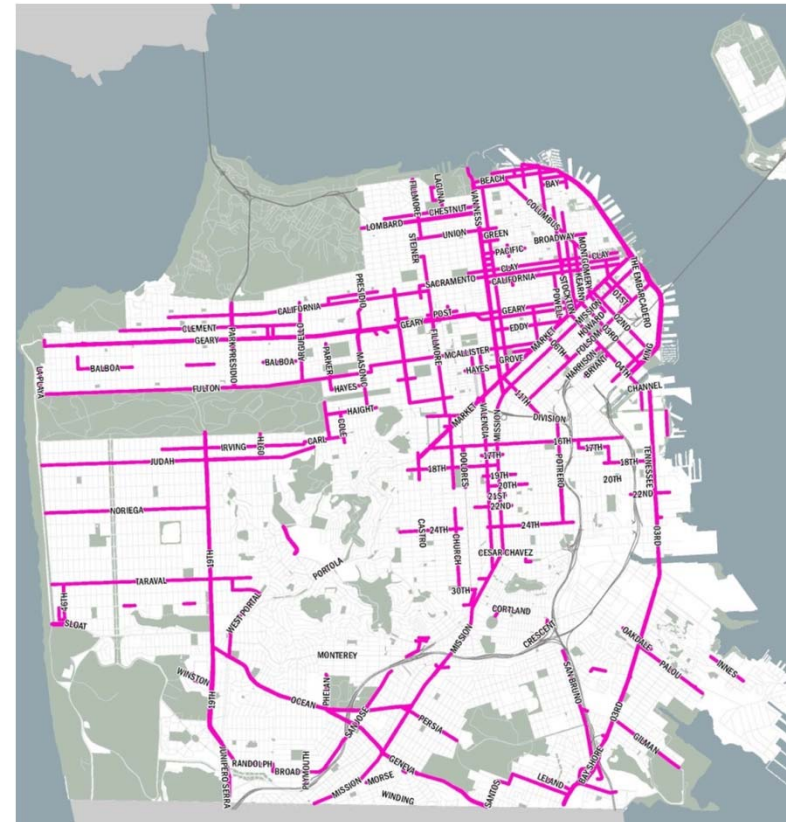
Update Map of the Pedestrian Network



**Existing Map 11
 Citywide
 Pedestrian
 Network**



**Existing Map 12
 Neighborhood
 Pedestrian
 Streets**



**Proposed Map of Key
 Walking Streets**

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Timeline

OCTOBER 2011

Policies first drafted as part of the WalkFirst Project, informed by citywide outreach

JUNE 2014

Planning Commission passes Vision Zero Resolution

JANUARY–JULY 2016

Prepare General Plan amendments and outreach to Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee, Vision Zero Task Force, Bicycle Coalition, Walk San Francisco, SFMTA and Department of Public Health

JULY 2016

Planning Commission initiates changes to the General Plan

OCTOBER 2016

Planning Commission recommends approval of the General Plan Amendments to the Board of Supervisors

JANUARY 2017

Board of Supervisors rejects General Plan Amendments

JANUARY 2017–PRESENT

Outreach to members of the Board of Supervisors, Vision Zero Task Force, Vision Zero Coalition and Walk San Francisco

APRIL 13, 2017

Planning Commission hearing to initiate Amendments

SUMMER 2017

Board hearings

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Thank You



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