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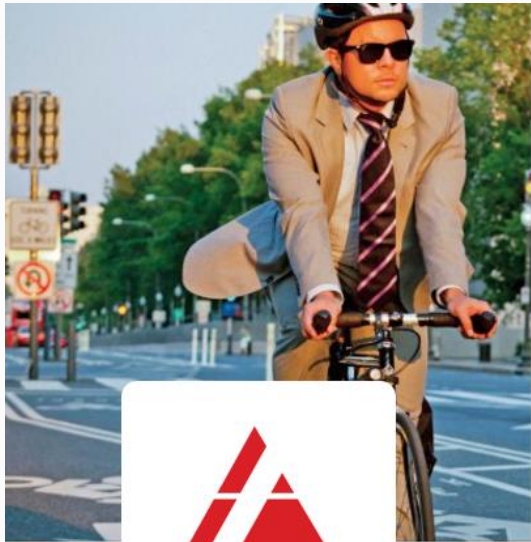
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Phase two of the [#CapitalCityBikeway](#) starts construction this week!



PlacesForBikes @PlacesForBikes

I spy a new protected bike lane in downtown St Paul, MN
[#TFNSTPAUL](#)

2018 AASHTO Bike Guide Author

2015 MassDOT Design Guide Author

Designer 300+ miles of streets, trails, & bikeways

Westlake Protected Bike Lane Design, Seattle

Commonwealth Avenue Protected Bike Lane Design, Boston

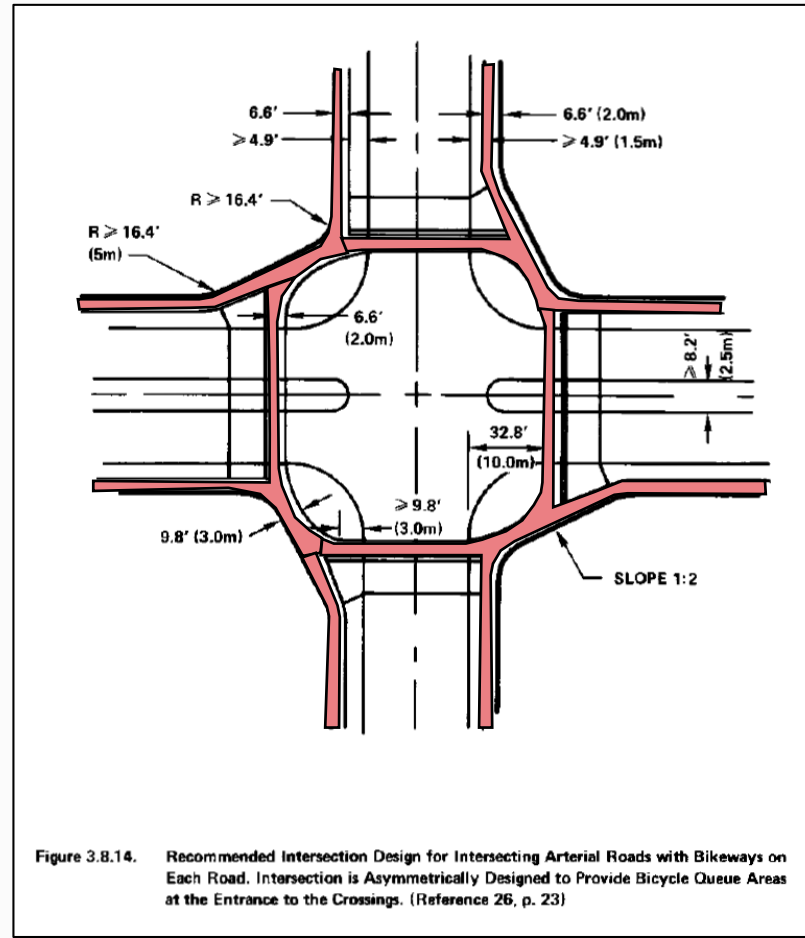
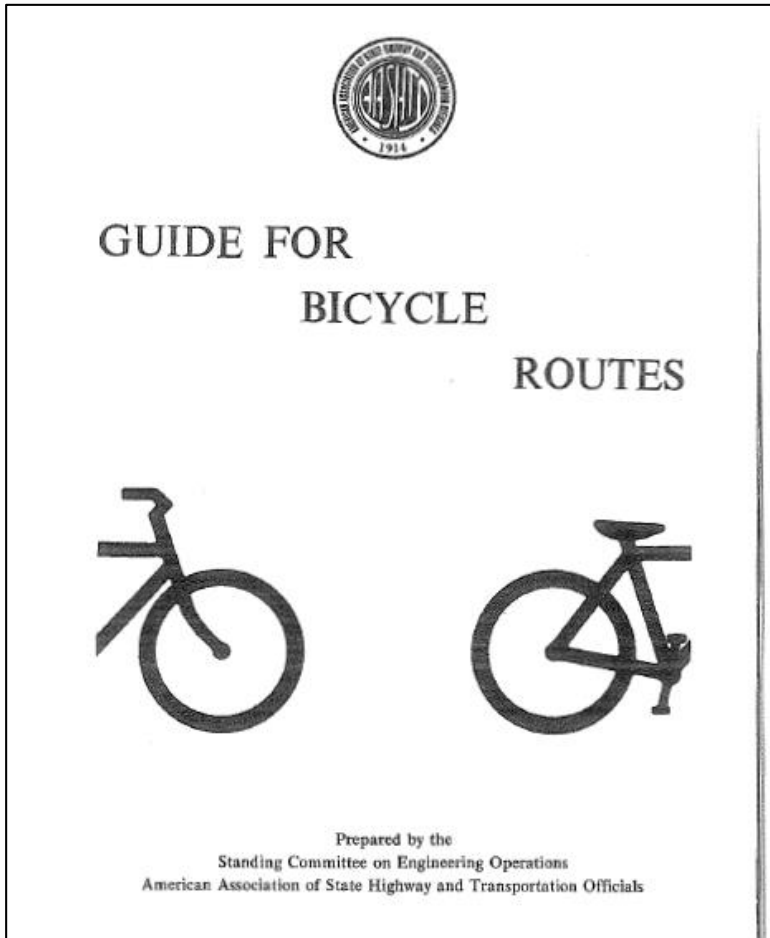
Pennsylvania Avenue Bike Lane Design, Washington DC

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A long time ago in a galaxy far,
far away...

1974 AASHTO Bike Guide



Protected Bike Lanes & Intersections

Davis, California 1967



“Vehicular cycling...Is faster and more enjoyable, so that the plain joy of cycling overrides the annoyance of even heavy traffic.” - john forester

Bike Lanes

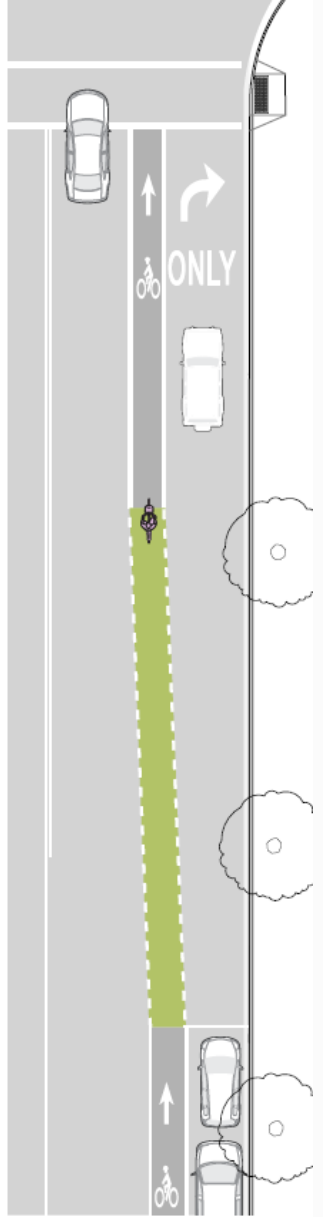


**SPEED
LIMIT
40**



Bike Lane

Sidewalk

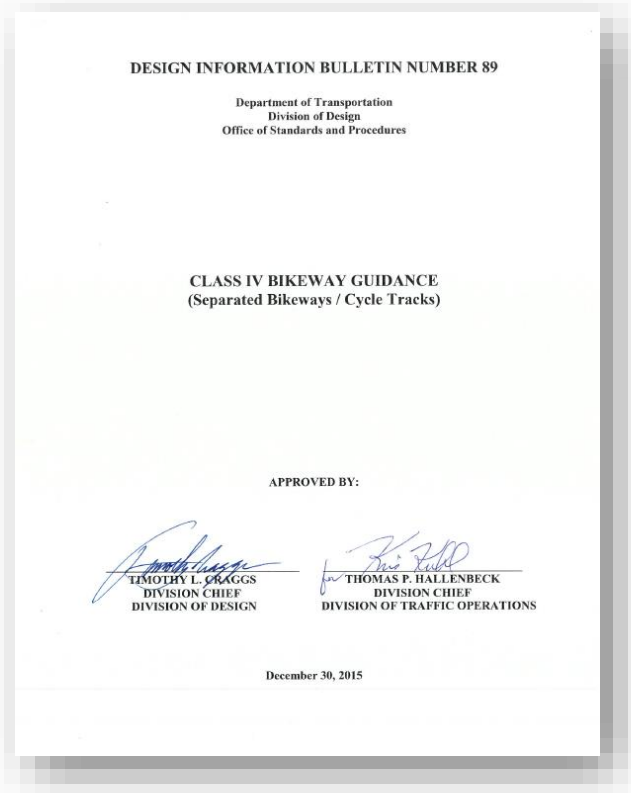


Standard Bike Lane Intersections

Washington, DC



State DOT Guidance



Caltrans



MassDOT



We all have a stake in A+B

The MnDOT Bikeway Facility Design Manual is being updated

For additional information, please also see:

1. AASHTO's *Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities*

NOTE:

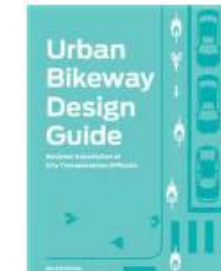
- Available to MnDOT staff at: <http://ihub/library/ASTM-Portal.html>
- If outside MnDOT: guide available [for purchase](#)

2. NACTO's *Urban Bikeway Design Guide*

3. FHWA's *Separated Bike Lane Planning and Design Guide*



Cover image:
AASHTO Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities



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Revised AASHTO Chapter Outline



1. Introduction
2. Bicycle Operation & Safety
3. Planning
- 4. Facility Selection**
- 5: Elements of Design**
- 6 Shared Use Paths
- 7. Separated Bike Lanes**
- 8. Bicycle Boulevards**
9. Bike Lanes & Shared Lanes
- 10. Traffic Signals and Active Warning Devices**
- 11. Roundabouts, Interchanges, and Other Intersections**
- 12. Rural Area Bikeways**
- 13. Structures**
- 14. Wayfinding**
15. Maintenance & Operations
16. Parking & End of Trip Facilities

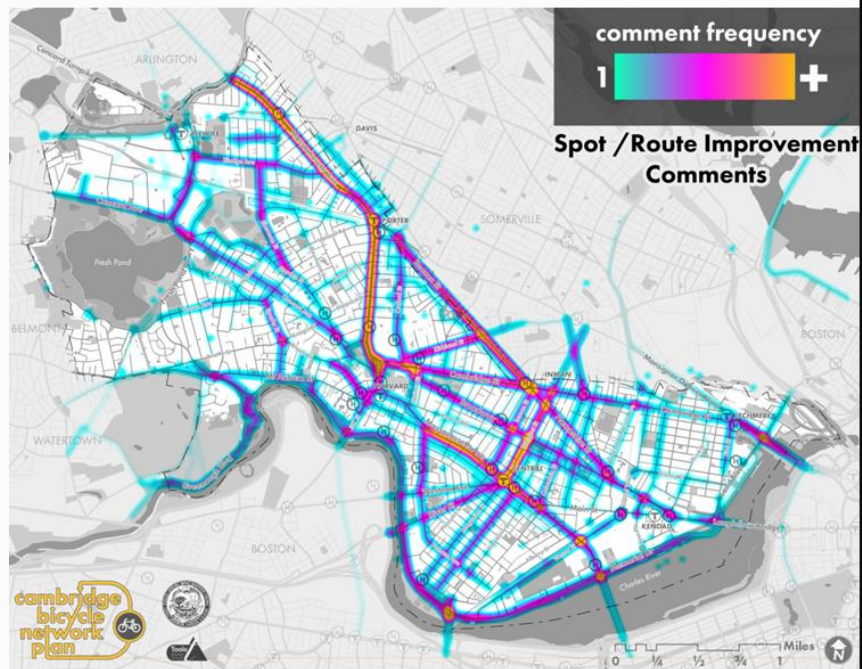
Chapter 2 - Bicycle Operation & Safety



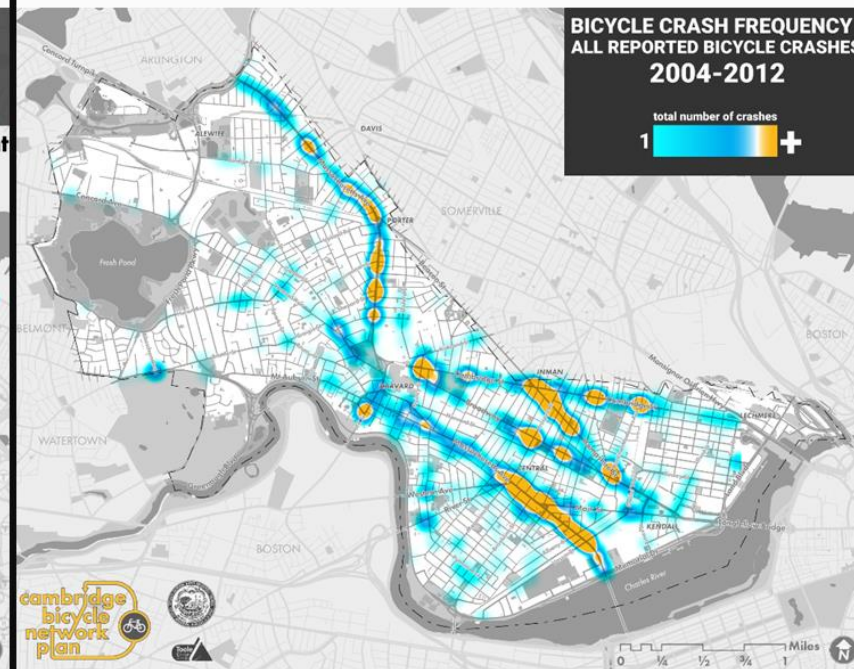
Crashes and Near Crashes

Both crash and near-crash experiences influence perceived bicycling safety and comfort (Lee et al., 2015; Sanders, 2015; Aldred & Crossweller, 2015)

perceptions



reported crashes



Chapter 2 - Bicycle Operation & Safety

Preferred Design User for AASHTO Guide



4 - 7%



Experienced & Confident Cyclist
AASHTO 2012

51 - 56%



Interested but Concerned Cyclist
AASHTO 2018

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Chapter 4 – Facility Selection

AASHTO 2018

Shared Lanes

- Max volume = 3,000 ADT
- Max speed = 25 mph

Bike Lanes

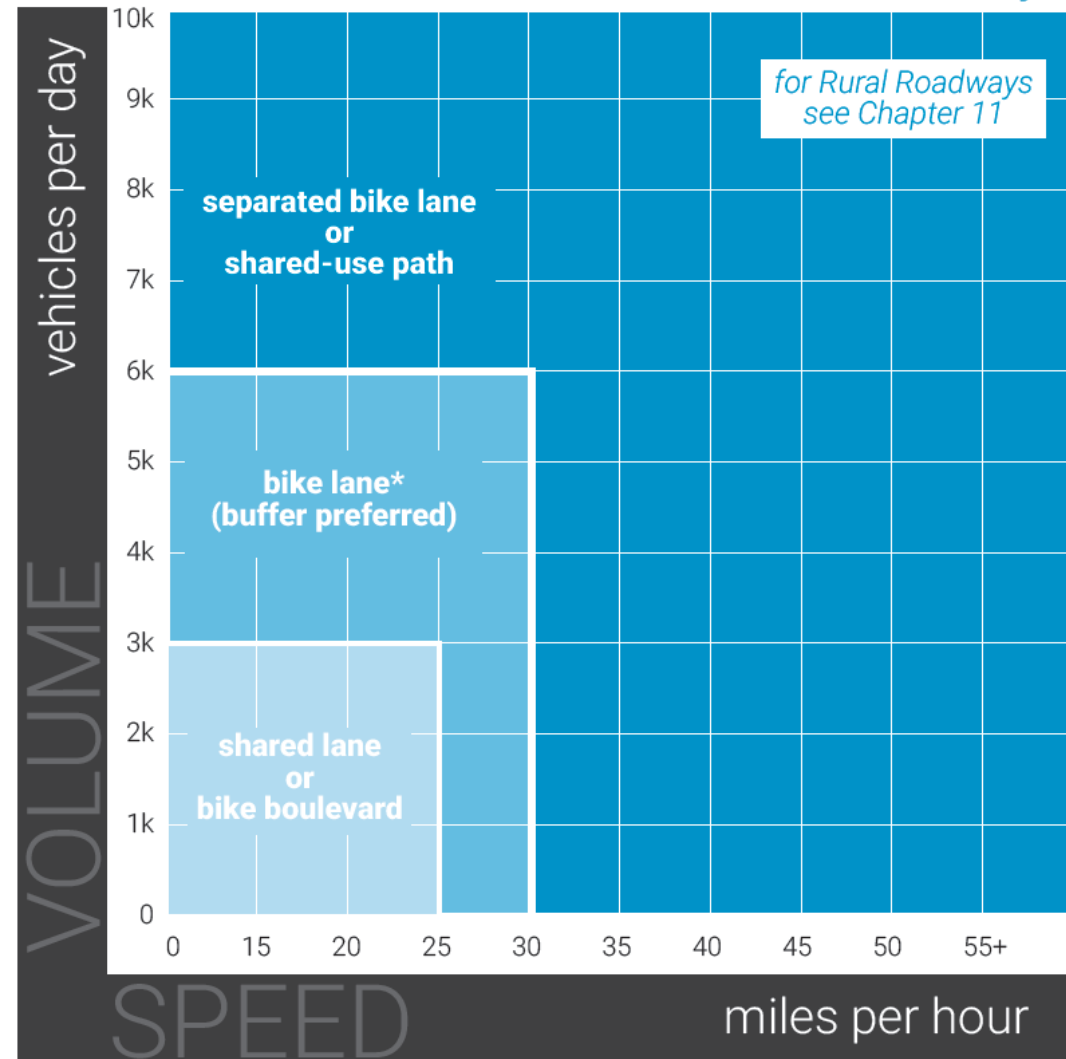
- Max volume = 6,000 ADT
- Max speed = 30 mph

Separated Bike Lanes

- More than 6,000 ADT
- Speed over 30 mph

Bicycle Facility Selection Chart

Urban and Suburban Roadways



*advisory bike lanes may be an option where traffic volume < 4K ADT



Chapter 2 – Bicycle Operation SBL Safety Research Summary

Reduced injury risk compared to shared lanes (Lusk et al., 2013; Lusk et al., 2011; NYCDOT, 2014; Winters et al., 2013)

SBL preferred over striped or shared lanes by both cyclists and motorists (Monsere et al., 2014; Monsere et al., 2012; Sanders, 2014)

One-way generally safer than two-way (Schepers et al., 2011; Thomas & DeRobertis, 2013)

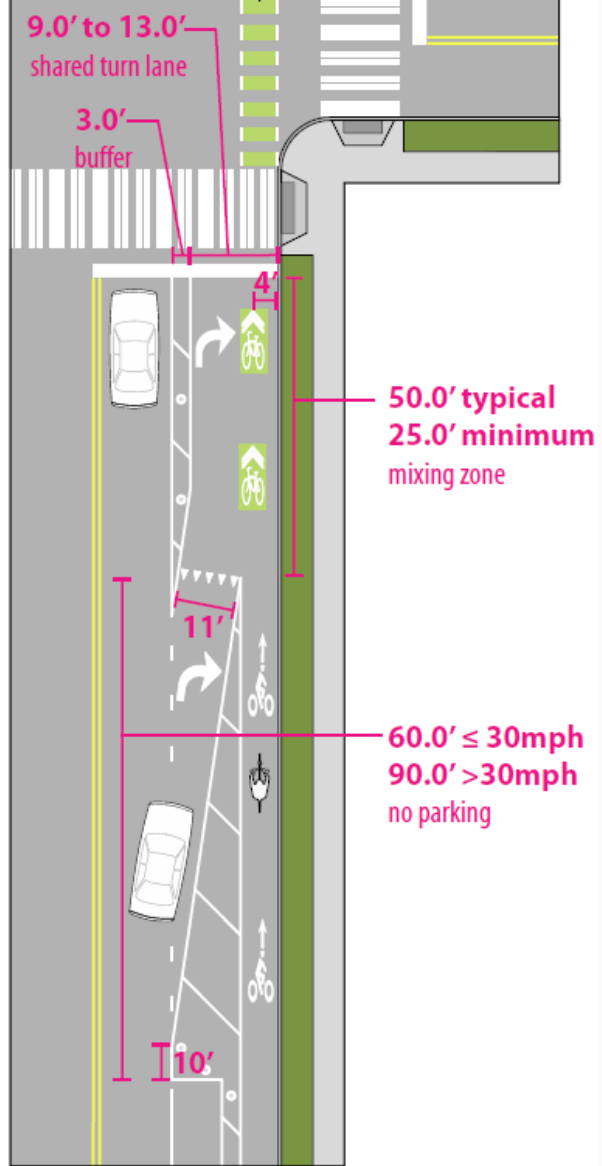
Two-way SBLs on one-way roads, preferable on right side (Schepers et al., 2011; Zangenehpour et al., 2015)





Mixing Zones – Shared Right Turn Lanes

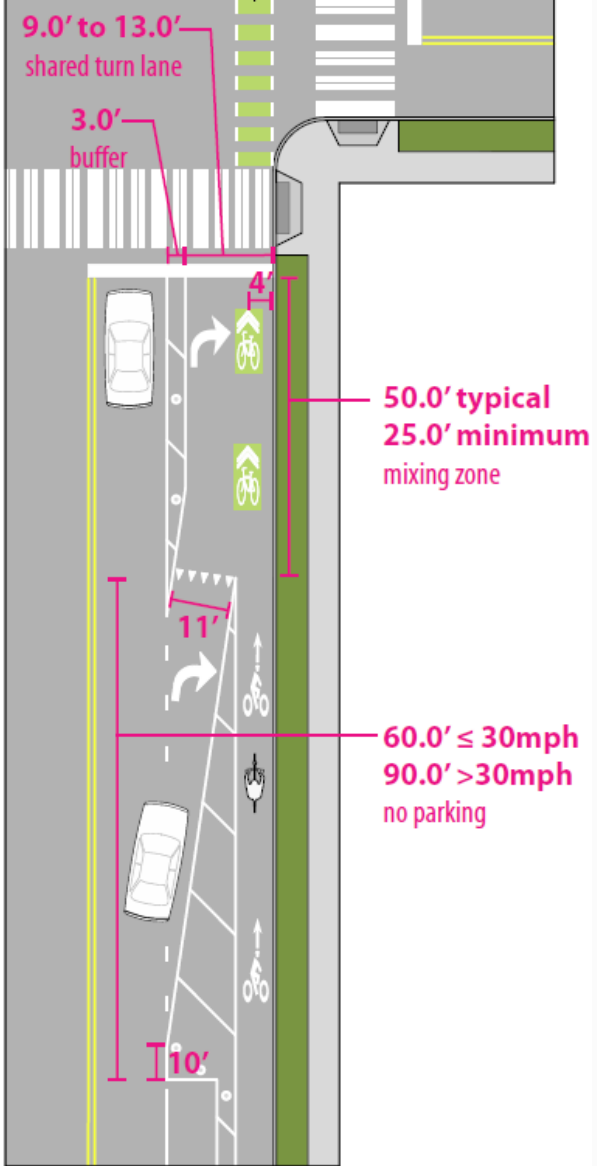
New York City – Photo NACTO



Mixing Zone Intersection Shared Space Option

New York City Video Courtesy of Jonathon Fertig - @rightlegpegged

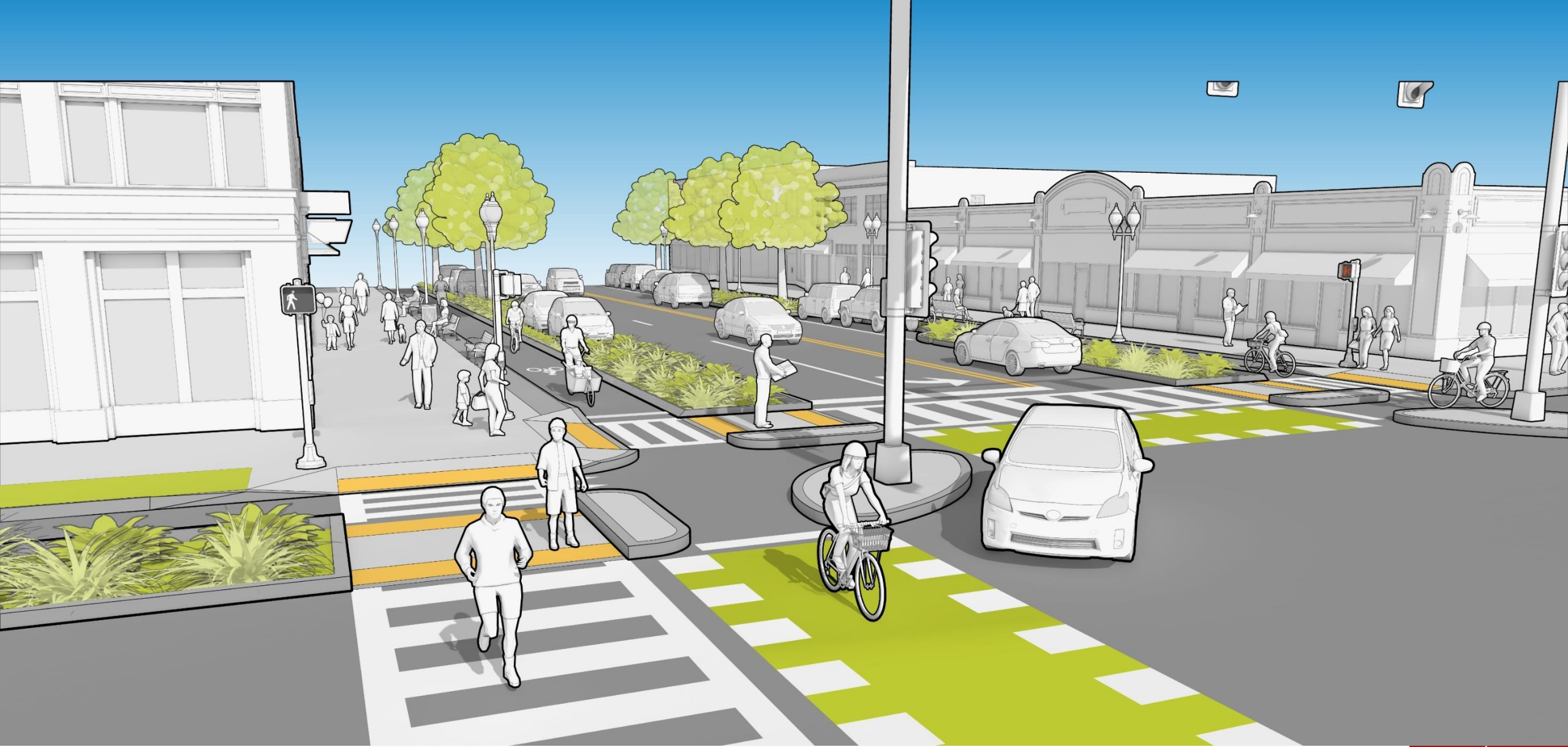




Mixing Zone Intersection Shared Space Option

New York City





Protected Intersections

MassDOT Separated Bike Lane Guide



Visibility at Conflict Points



protected intersection



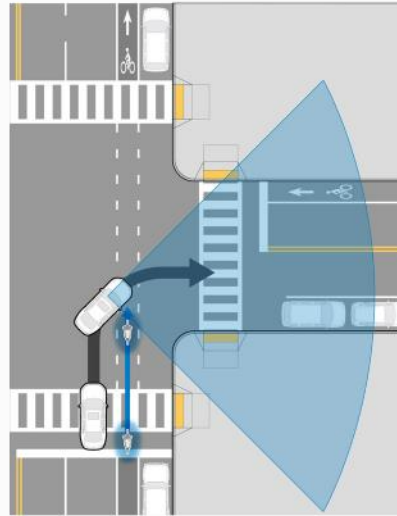
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conventional bike lane

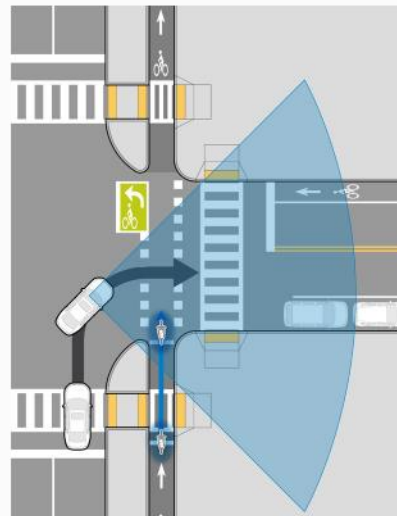


Visibility at Conflict Points

motorist's view at
conventional bike lane

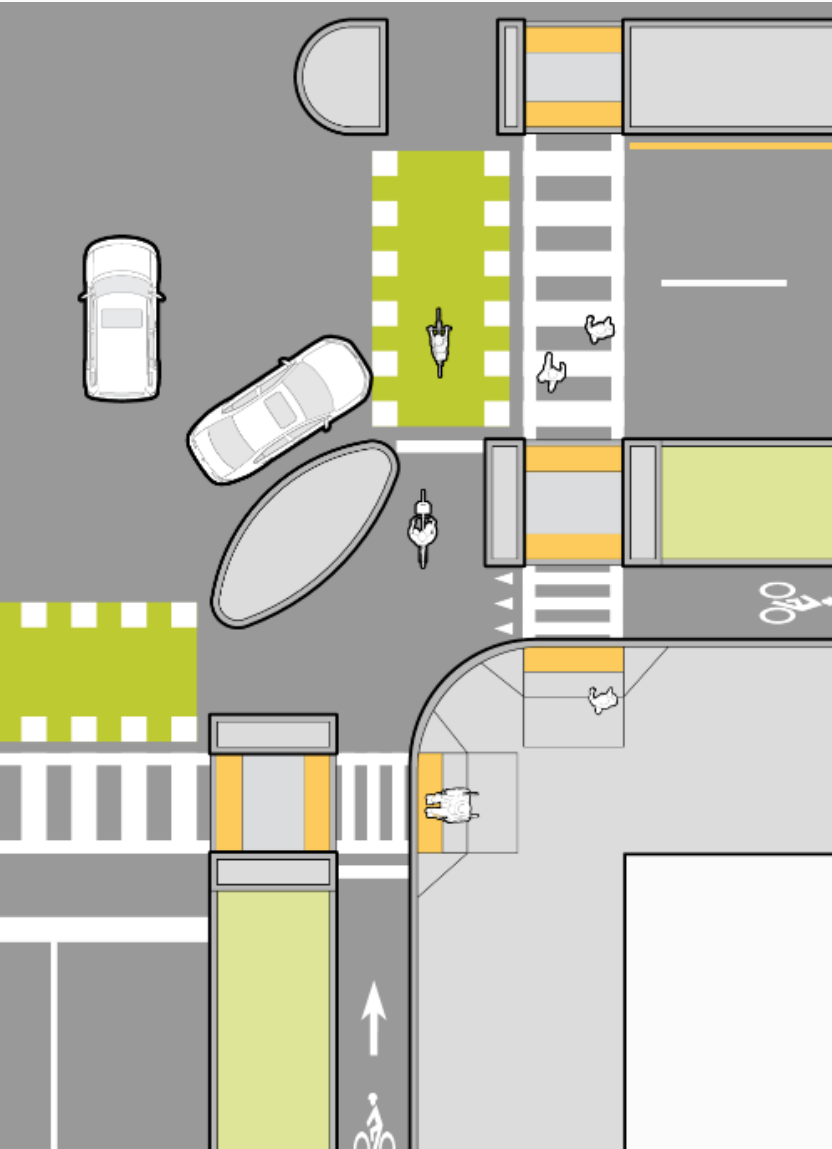


motorist's view at
separated bike lane





Protected Intersection



TURNING VEHICLES 
YIELD TO 




300 S


BICYCLE

DOWNTOWNSLC.ORG

NOW LEASING
801-320-44



Protected Intersections in the US



photo source: WBUR

photo source: People for Bikes



Accessibility Needs

Access
Warning
Guidance





Aids and techniques for obstacle and curb detection – White Cane



Support Cane

- Heavy
- Not for exploring surfaces

Probing Cane

- Lightweight
- Explores walking surface
- Identification

Only 2 - 8% of vision impaired people use white canes



Accessible Signals

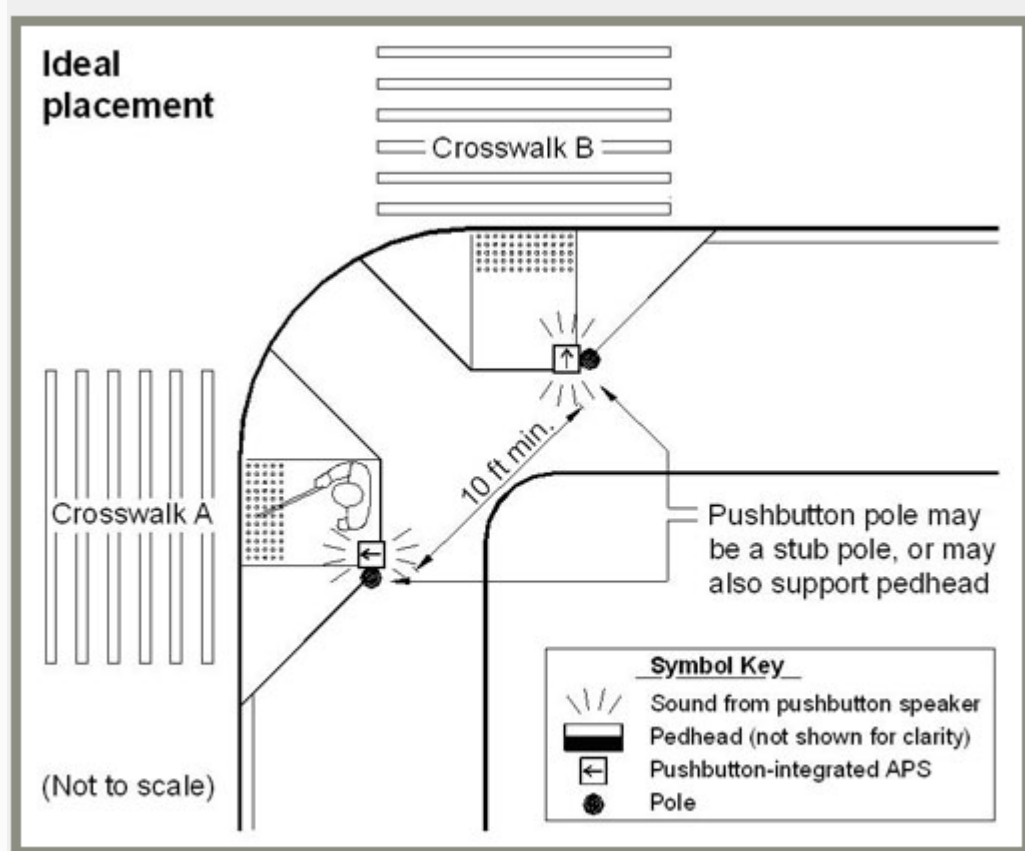
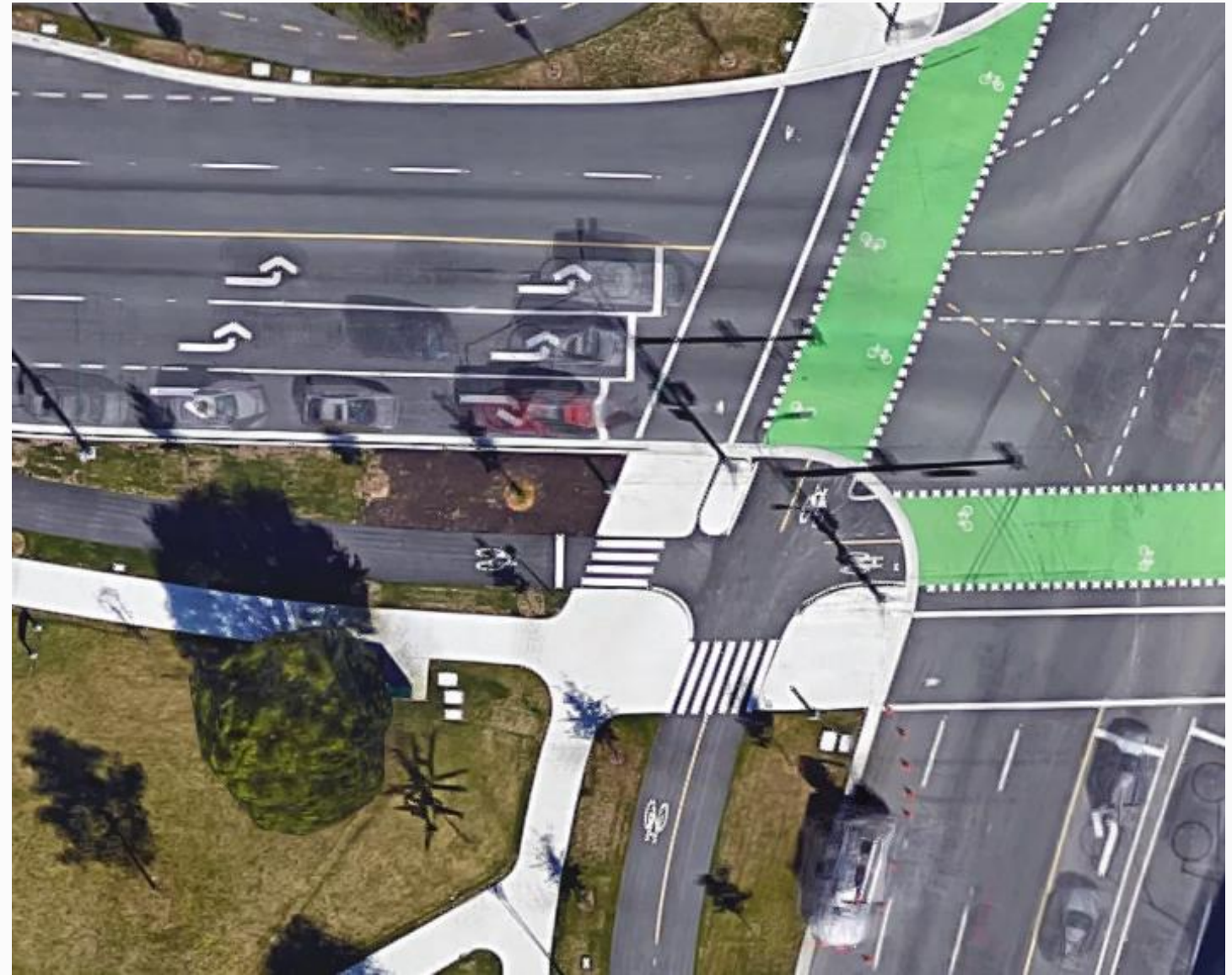


Figure 6-1. Optimal location of pushbutton-integrated APS (two pushbuttons on one corner, mounted on two separated poles " rapid tick WALK indication)



Protected Intersections Accessible Signals





Directionality Guidance and Warning

European Standard





Detectable Warnings and Green Surface

Moody Street – Portland, OR





Detectable Warnings, Guide Strip and Crosswalks

Westlake – Seattle, WA





Detectable Warnings, Guide Strip and Crosswalks

Westlake – Seattle, WA





Detectable Vertical Elements

Western Avenue – Cambridge, MA





Intermediate Level, Curb Separated

Mercer Street - Seattle, WA





Sloped Curb Design

- Can't cause wheelchair user to fall out of chair
- Needs to serve as detectable edge
- Can't be trip hazard to people walking



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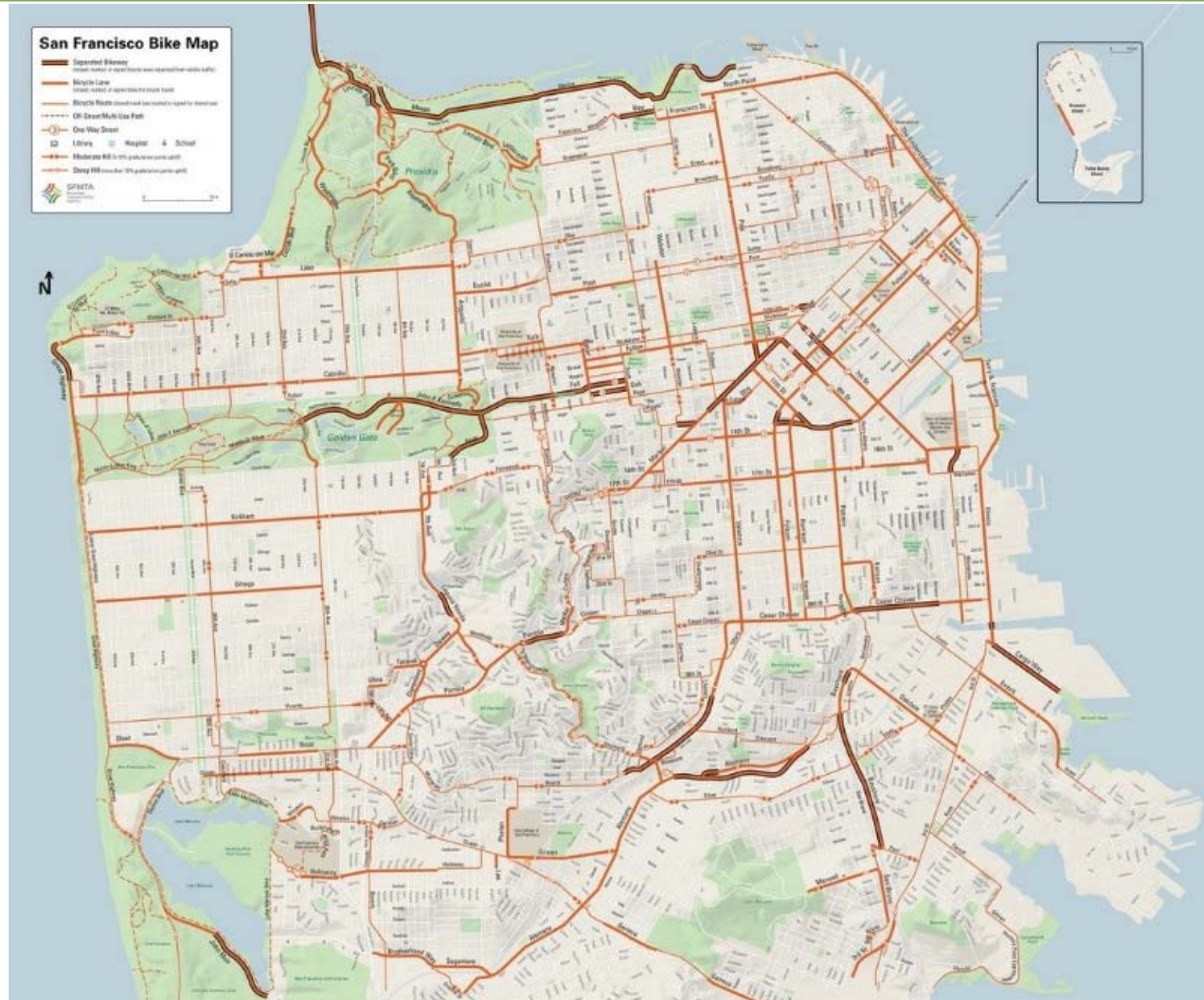


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Implementing Better Bikeways

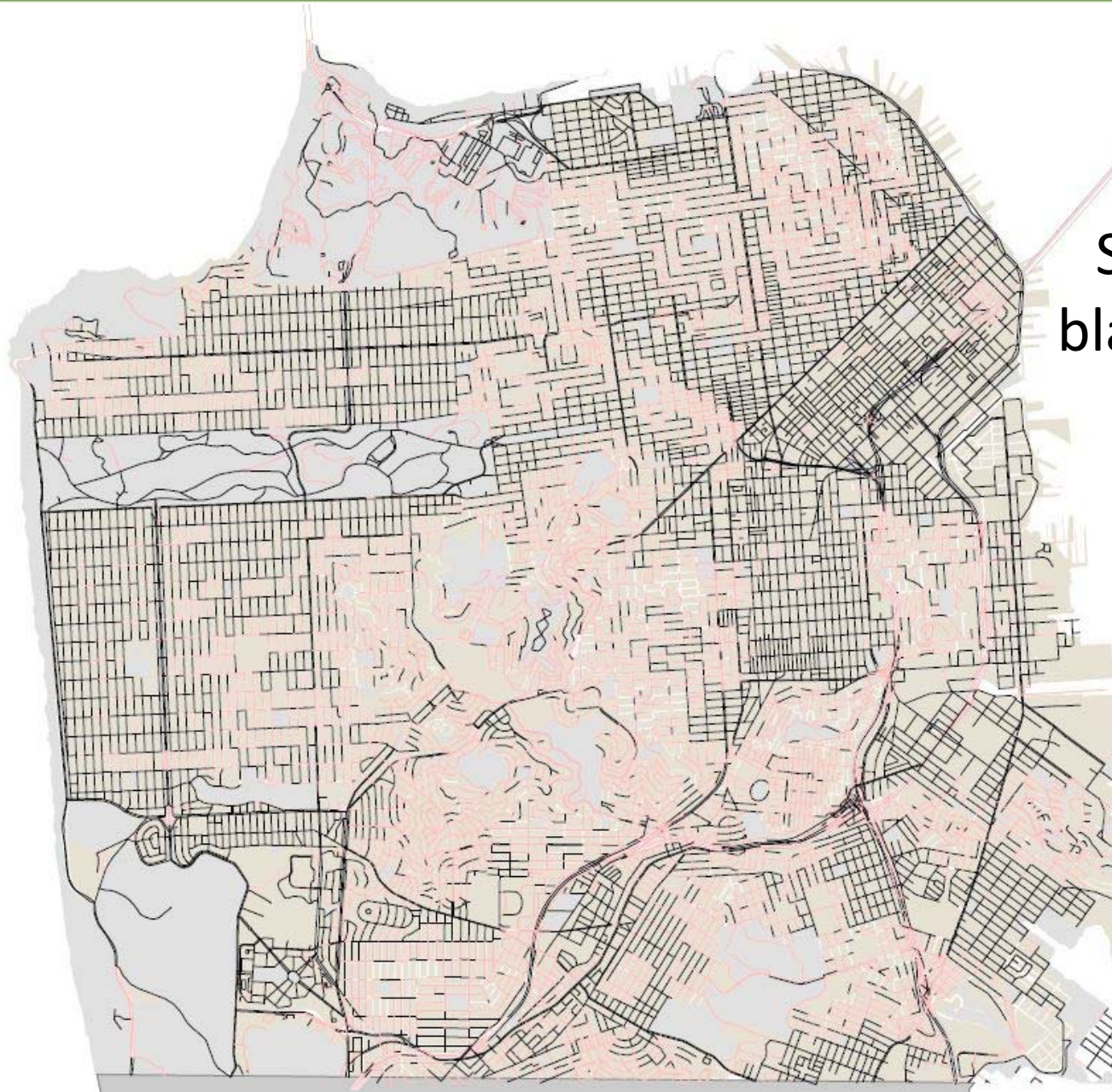


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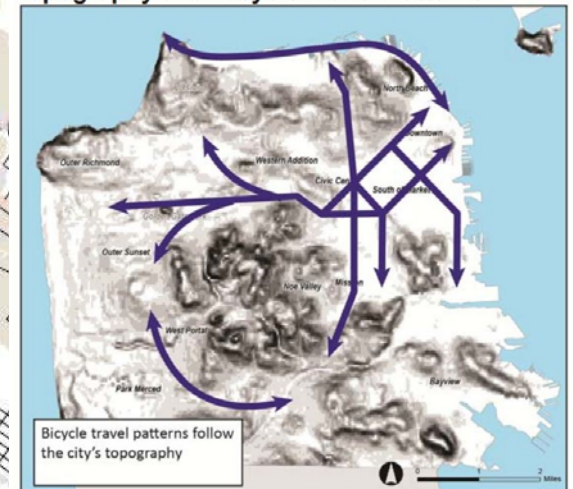


Flat Routes through a Hilly City

Streets shown in black are 5% or less

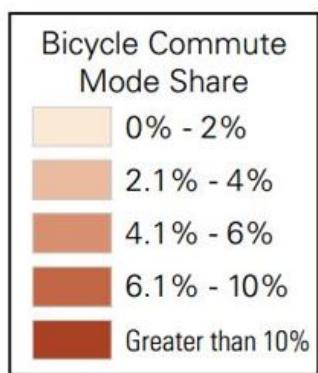
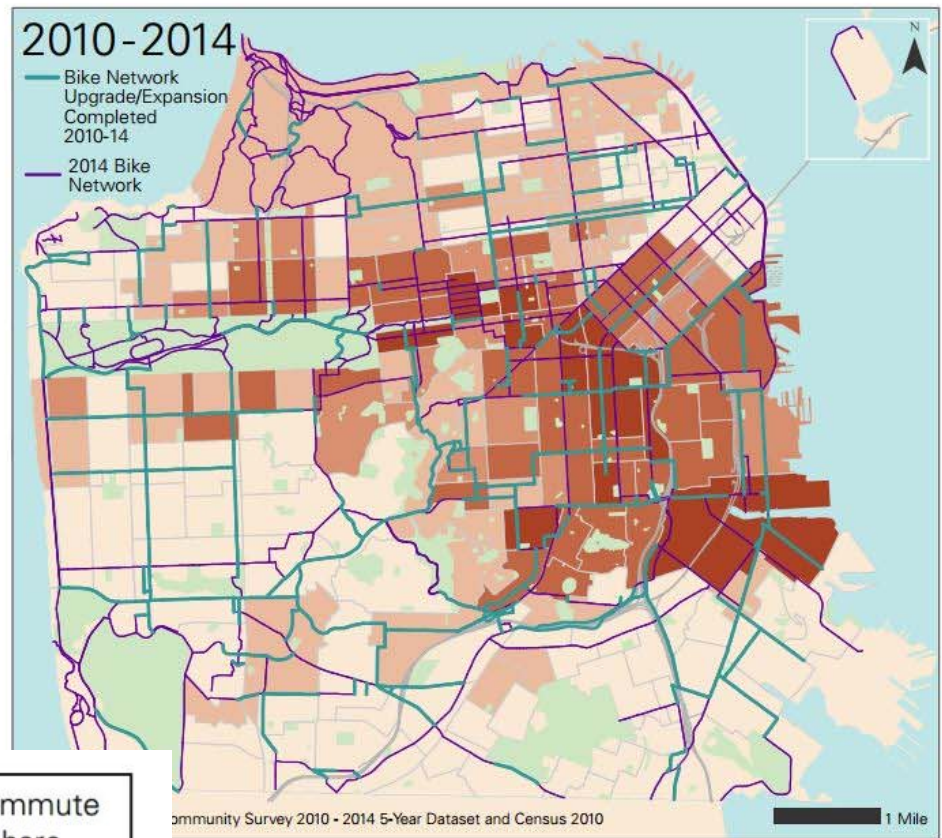
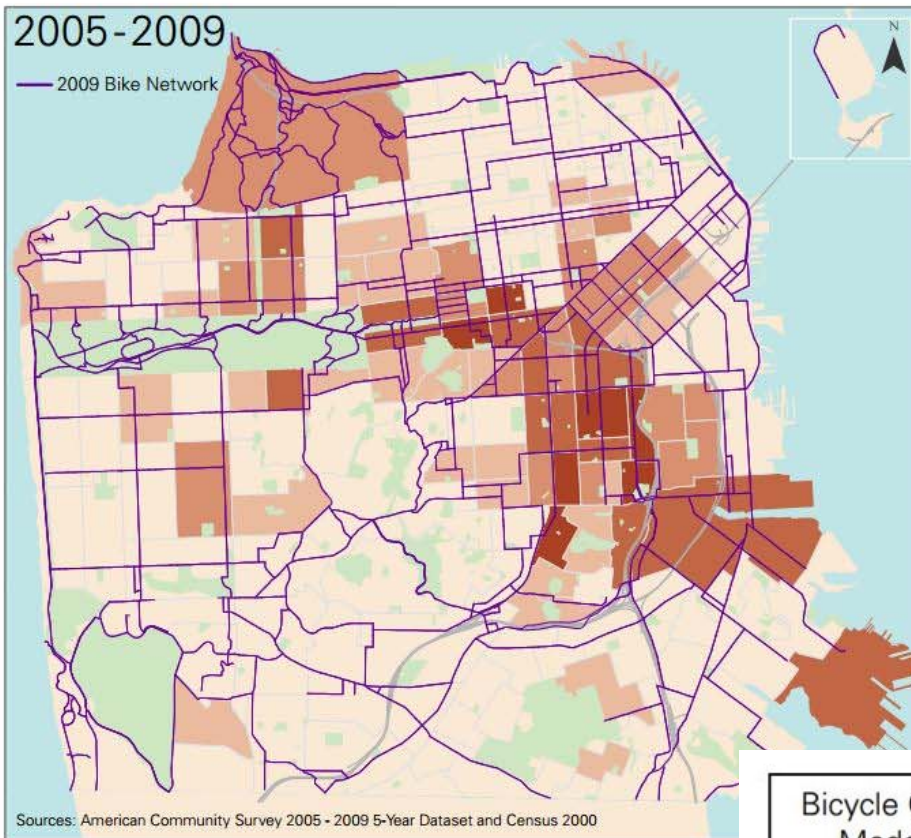


Topography and Bicycle Travel Patterns



Rates of Cycling to Work by Census Tract

Bike Commute Mode Share 2005 – 2014

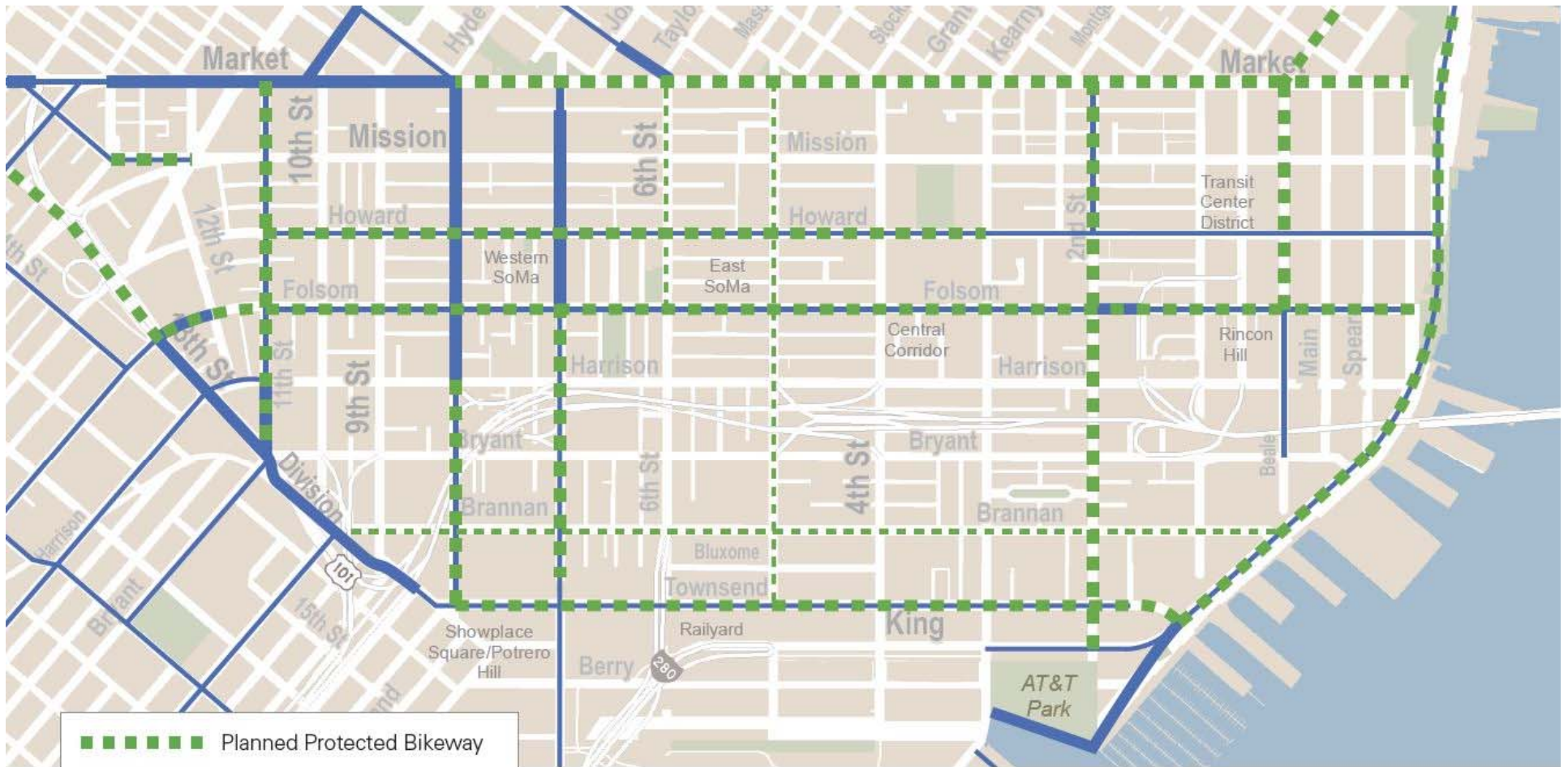


Annual Bicycle Count Report 2015

3.9% of trips to work by bike (2016)

Biking has surged across the city, with many neighborhoods exceeding a 10% bike commute mode share.

South of Market Bikeways



-  Planned Protected Bikeway
-  Planned Bike Lane
-  Existing Protected Bikeway
-  Existing Bike Lane

7th and 8th St: Before

Typical of streets in
South of Market



8th St

~250 cyclists/
peak hour

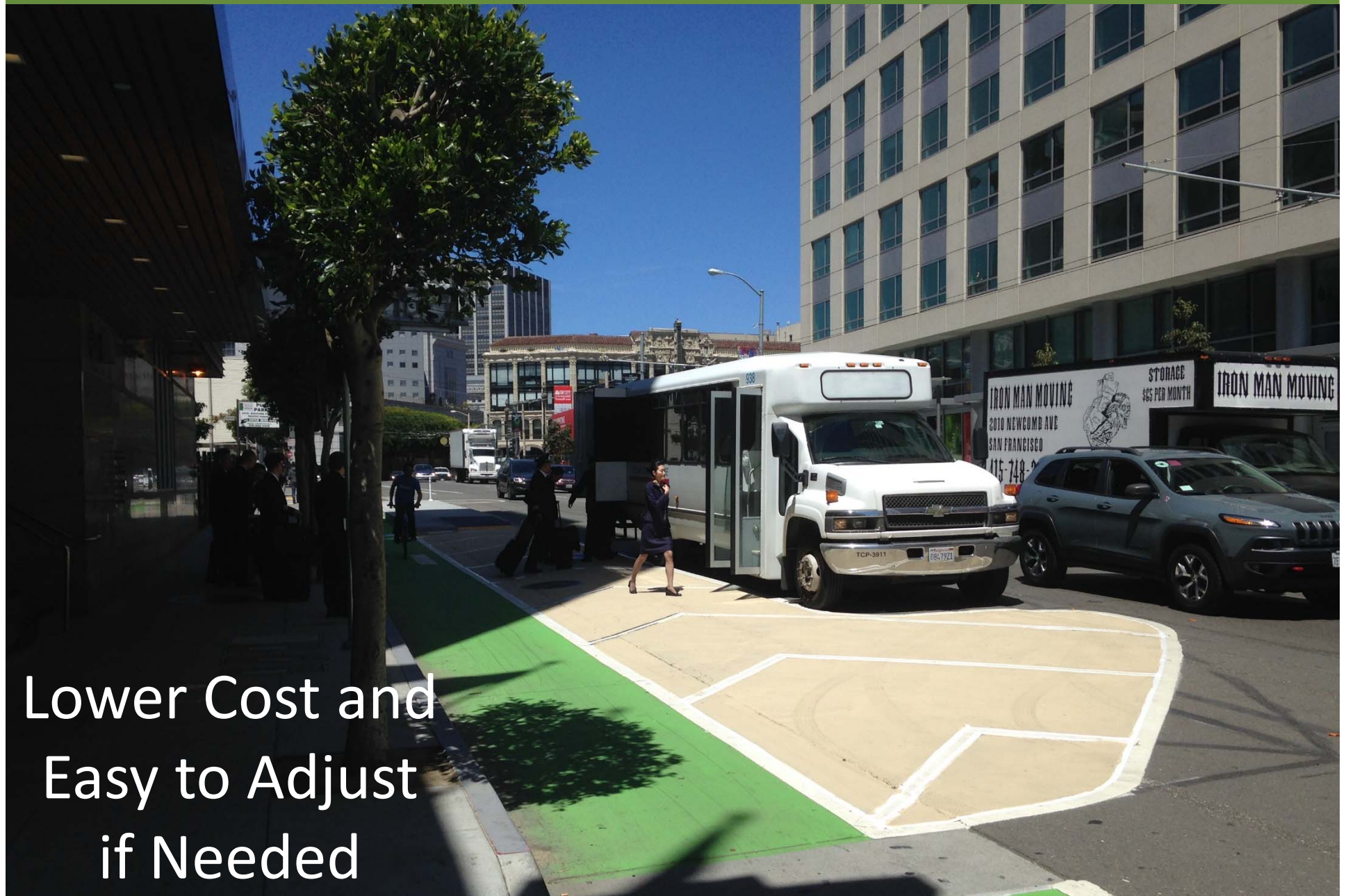
7th Street - After



Completion in Months Rather than Years

- Identify Processes that can be Overlapped
- Strong Foundation to Start Work
- Supporting Policies and Directives
- Intermediate Design Elements
- Regular Check-Ins and Meetings
- Smart Public Outreach
- Impermanence of Design
- Effective Use of In-House Resources for Construction



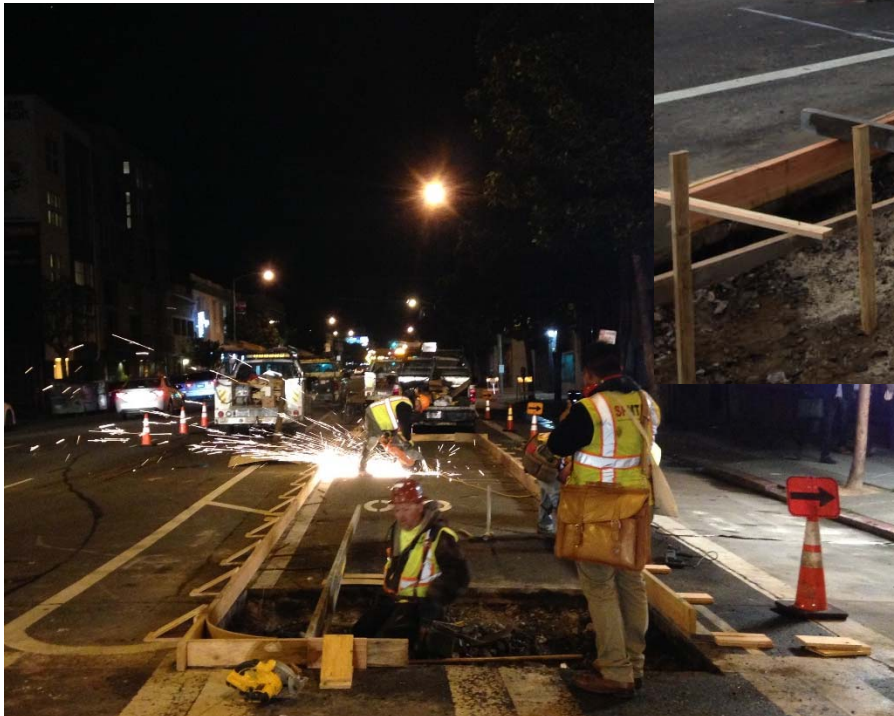




Bus-Bike Conflict Removed



Transit Boarding Islands



Transit Boarding Island



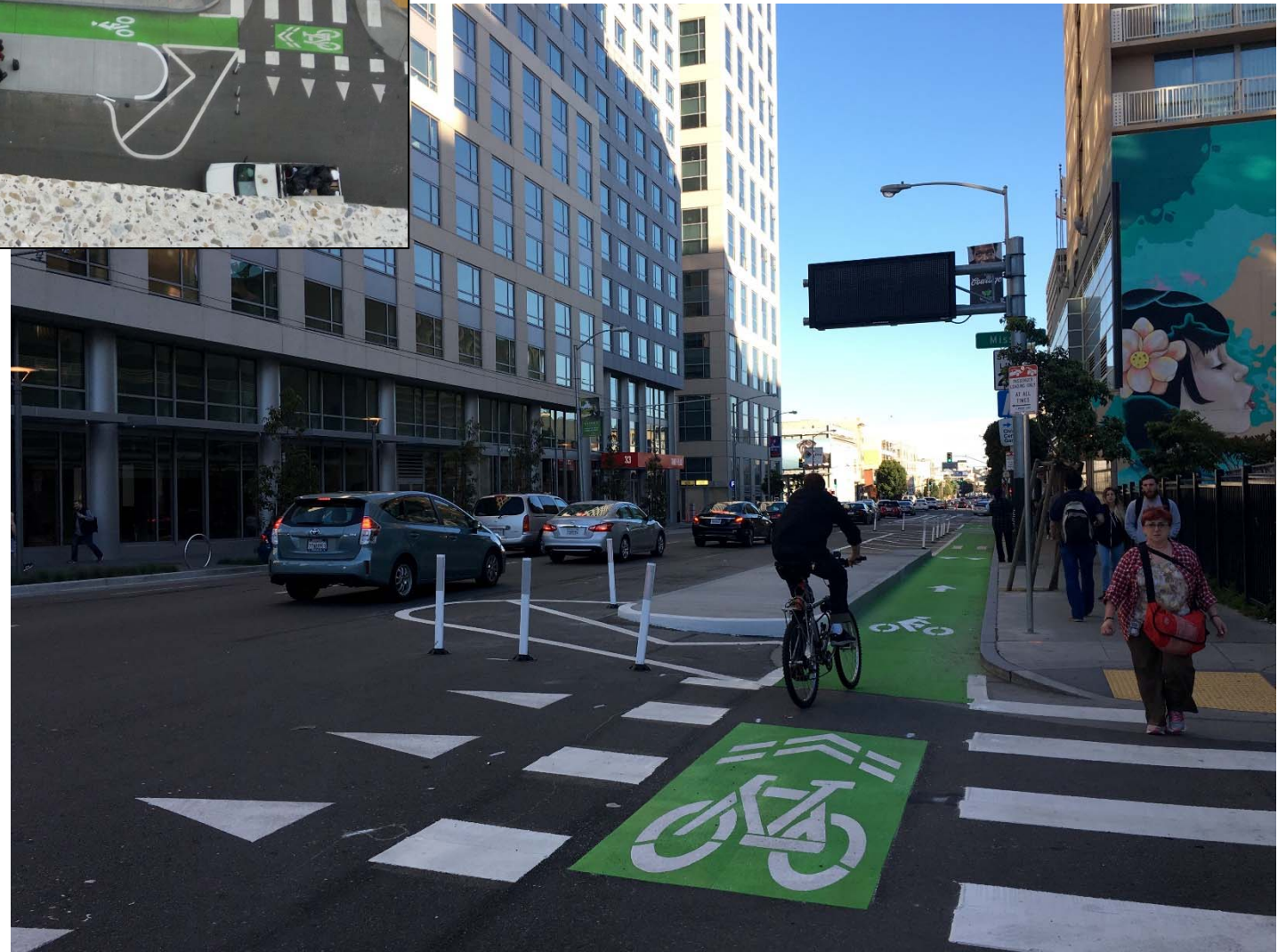
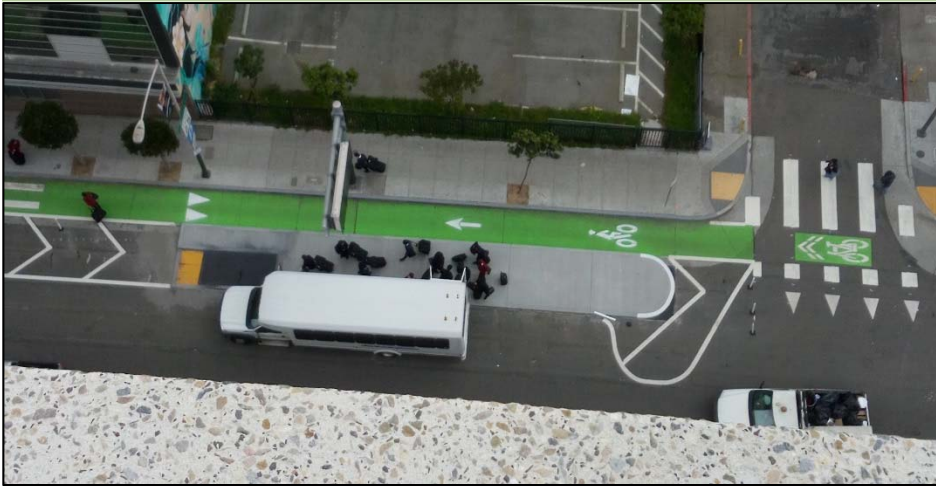
Navigation Bars for Sight Impaired





Approx a dozen built or under construction
with more to come

Markings and Signs at Alleys



Typical Bikeway Intersection Designs



Dashed Bike Lane

Right turning vehicles enter bike lane prior to turn

Typical bike lane treatment, especially where turn volumes are lower

Confusion among drivers and cyclists about correct use



Mixing Zone

Similar to combined turn lane but entry for motorists into lane delineated more specifically and with yield triangles/teeth

Motorists and cyclists expected to be single file, but can be challenging to achieve given angles of entry

Many markings in a small space

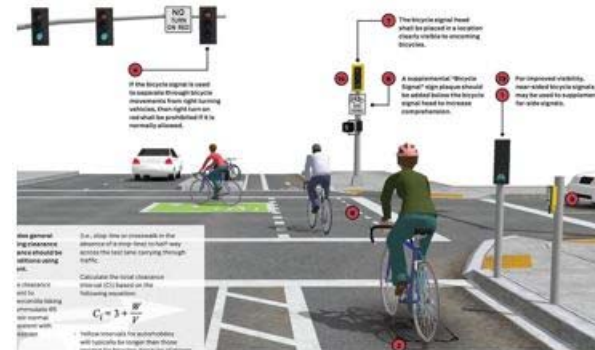


Through Bike Lane

Right turning vehicles have own lane and must merge across bike lane

Typical treatment where RT volumes are higher

Parking removal needed, truck/bus turns from curb lane can be problematic



Signal Separation

Through bikes have separate phase from turning vehicles

Higher level of protection but results in additional delay/less green time for people on bikes

Requires signal modification which can be costly

Design works best with a right turn lane for motorists



Combined Turn Lane

Right turns and through bikes share same lane

Cyclists positioned to left or middle of lane to discourage "right hook" collisions

Bikes/vehicles generally expected to be single file

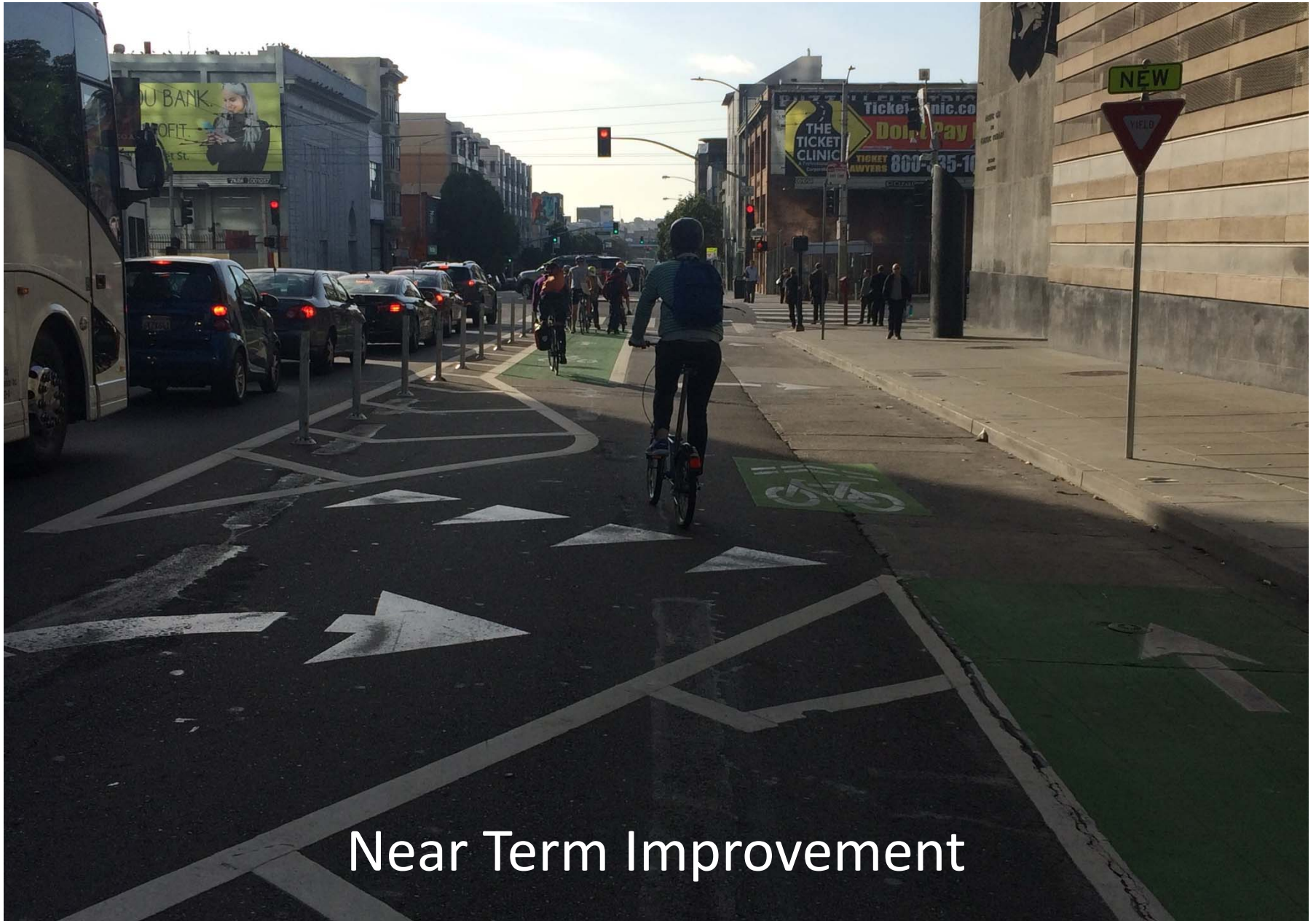


"Dutch-style" Intersection

Consists of "crossbikes" alongside crosswalks, requires turning motorists to yield at crossbike/walk

Island in intersection adds protection for cyclists but must be designed for truck turns

Promising design for cycletracks that have wide separation or parking protection to get proper 16' setback of bike+ped crossing in intersection



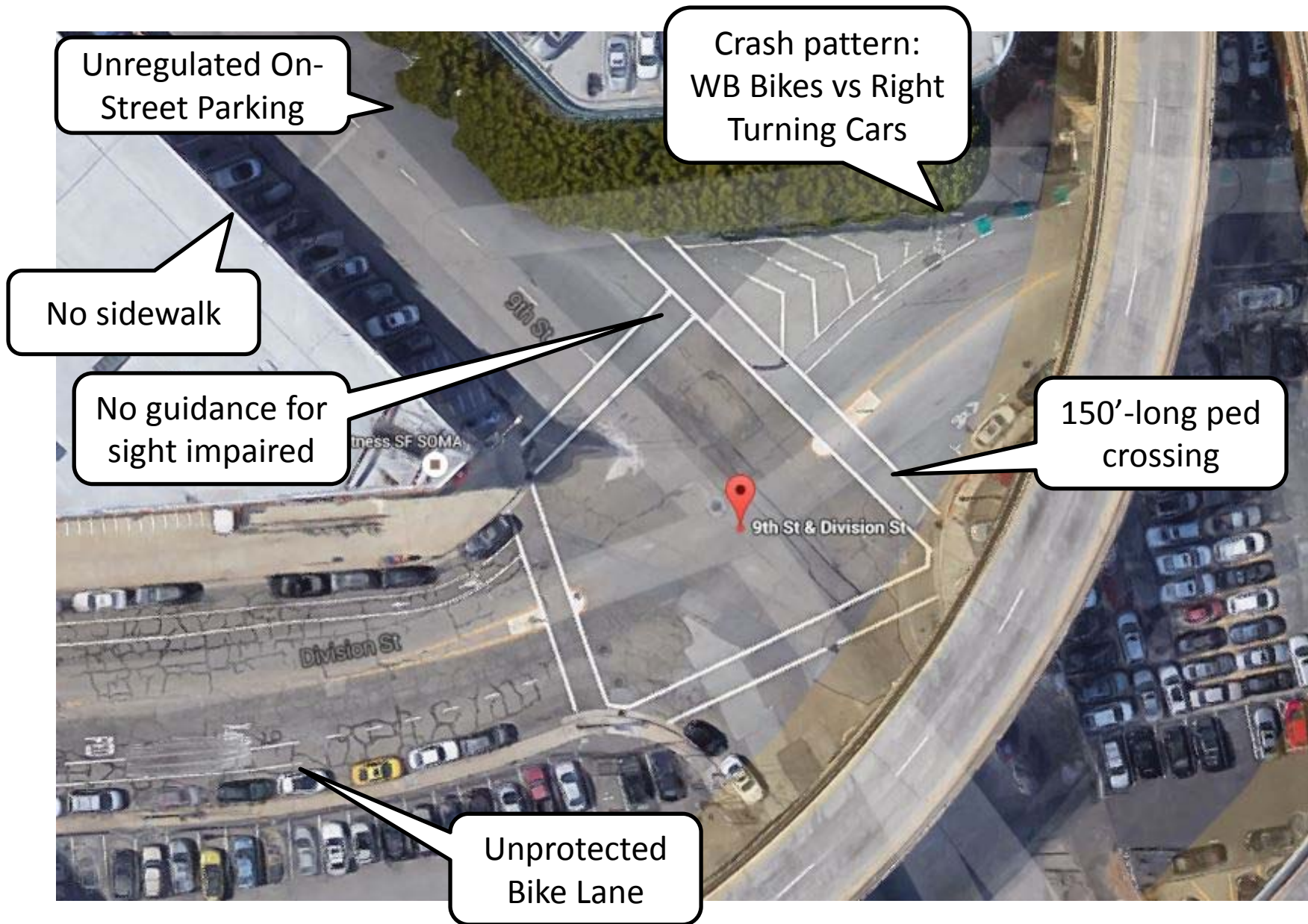
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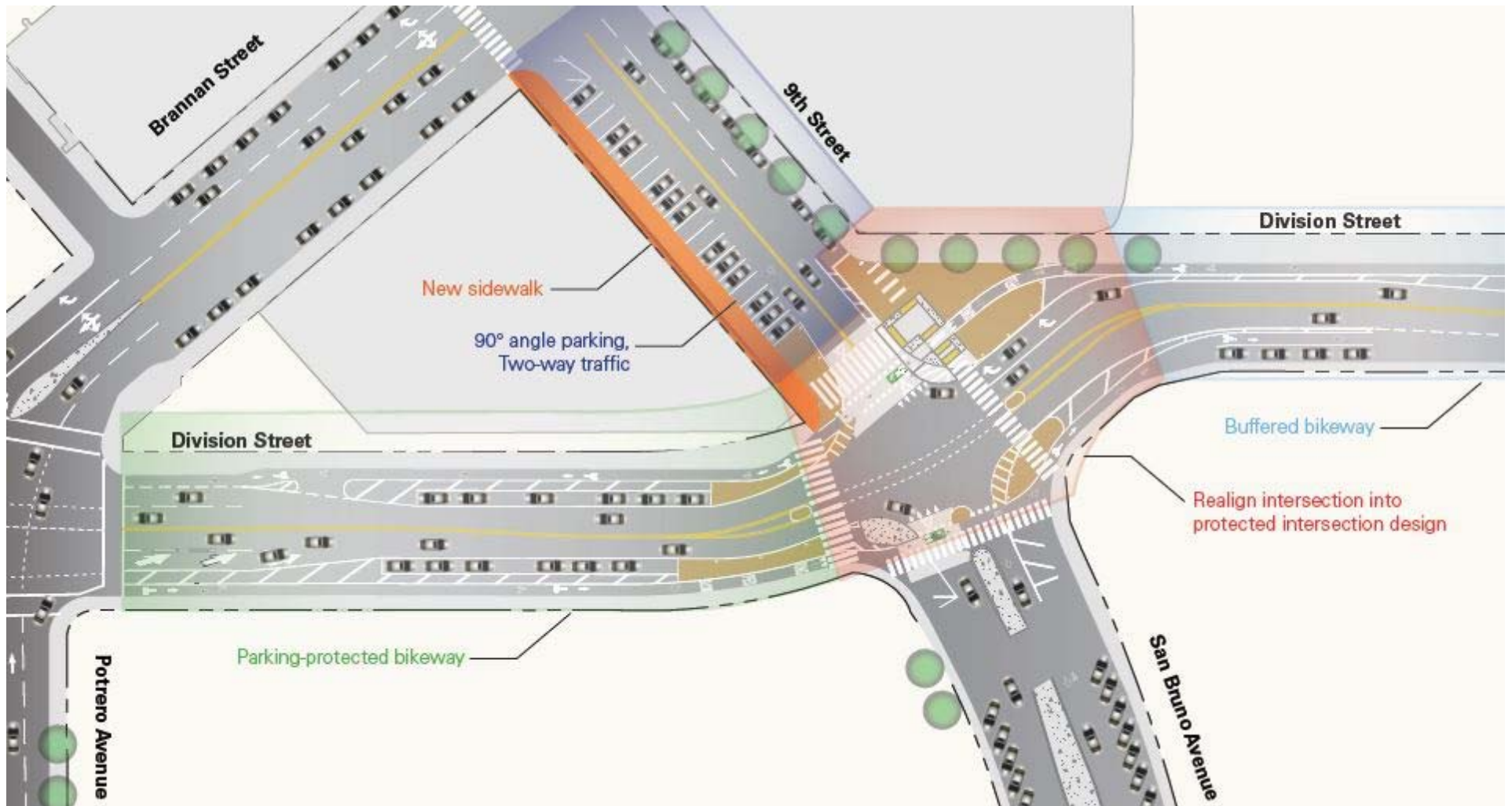


Signal Separation: Market/Valencia



Unprotected Intersection: 9th/Division - Before





Protected Intersection, Parking Protected Bikeway, Raised Crosswalks, and New Sidewalk via Construction Coordination

9th/Division - Before



9th/Division - After



9th/Division Protected Intersection





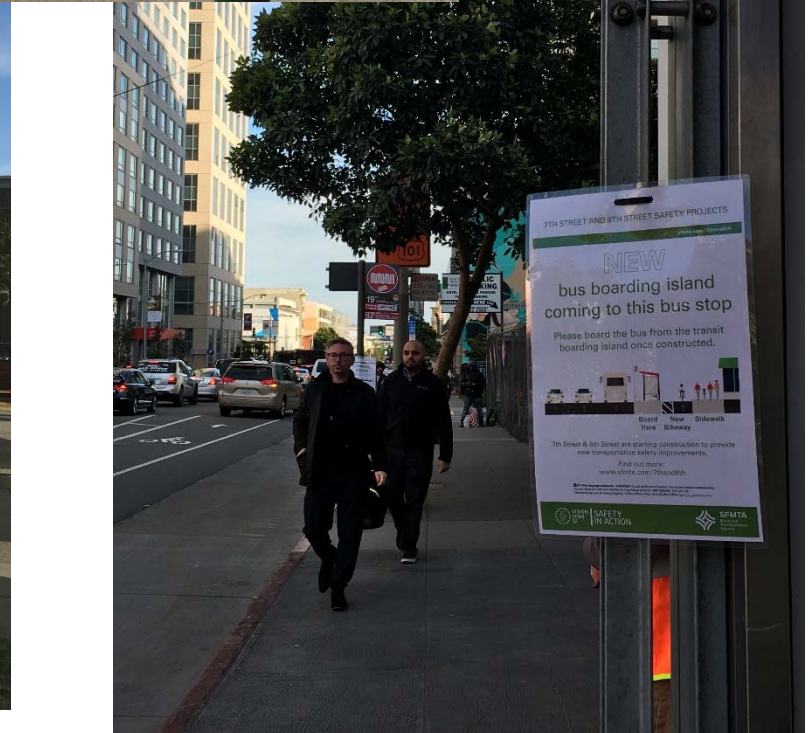
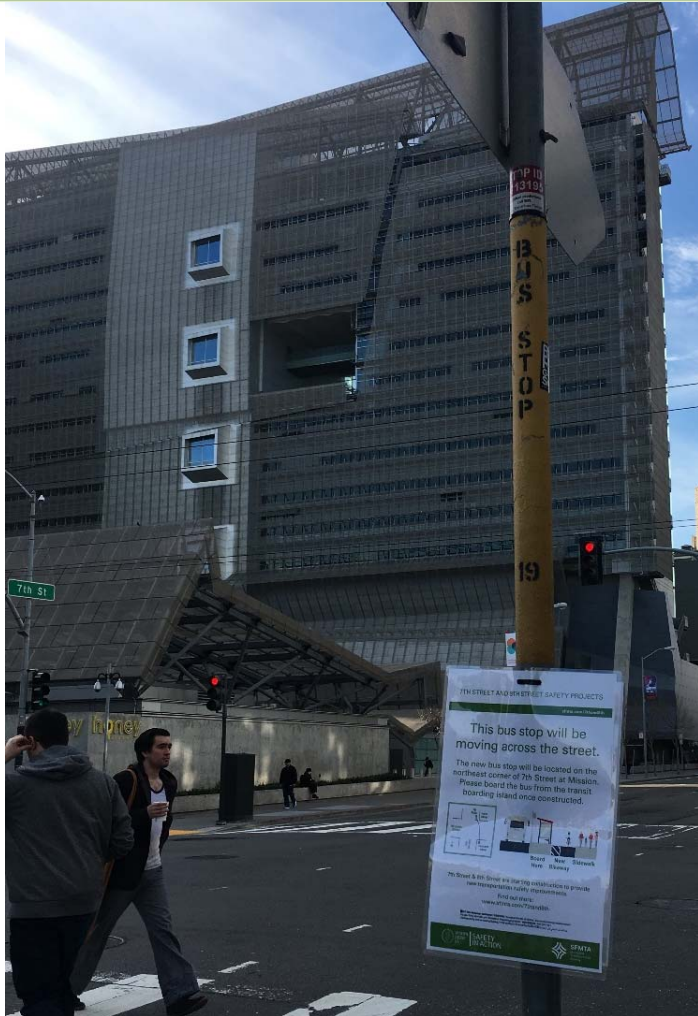
13th Street - after









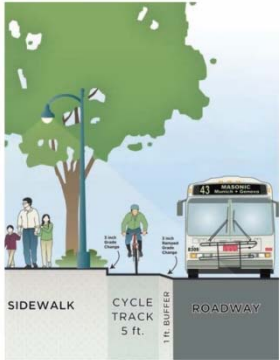




Promote and Celebrate Teamwork



Masonic Avenue



Section showing typical cycle track layout



Proposed "Bus Bulb Plaza" seeks to reduce conflict between bikes and buses at bus stops



Mansell Street



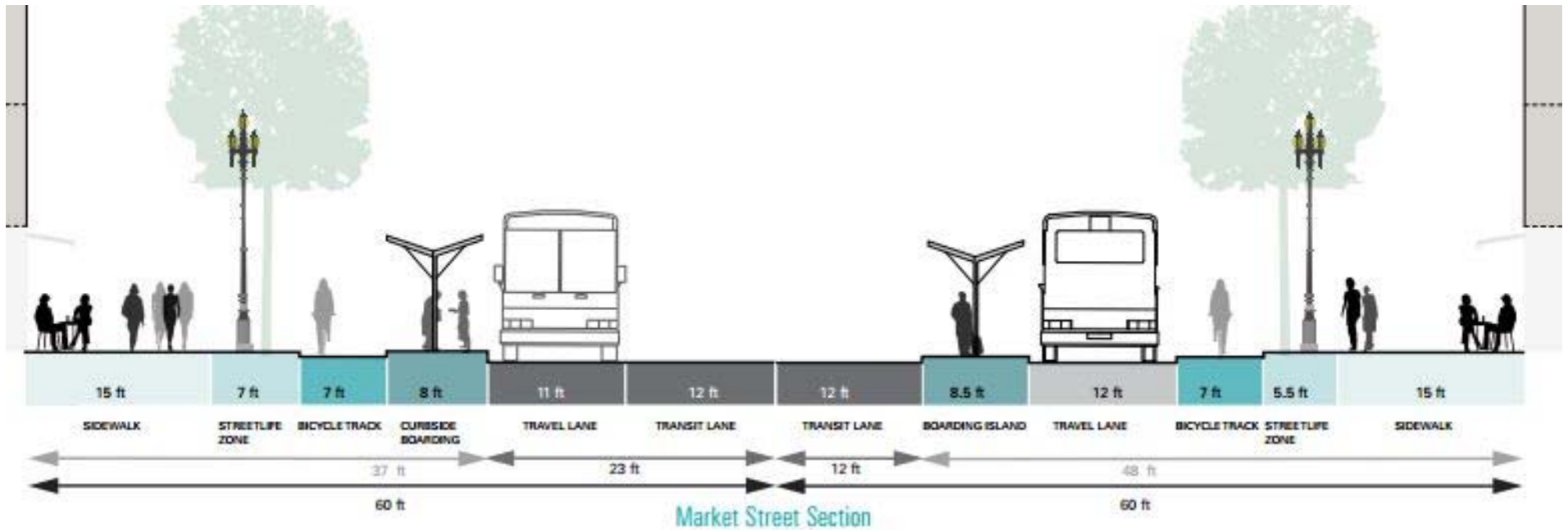
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Polk Street

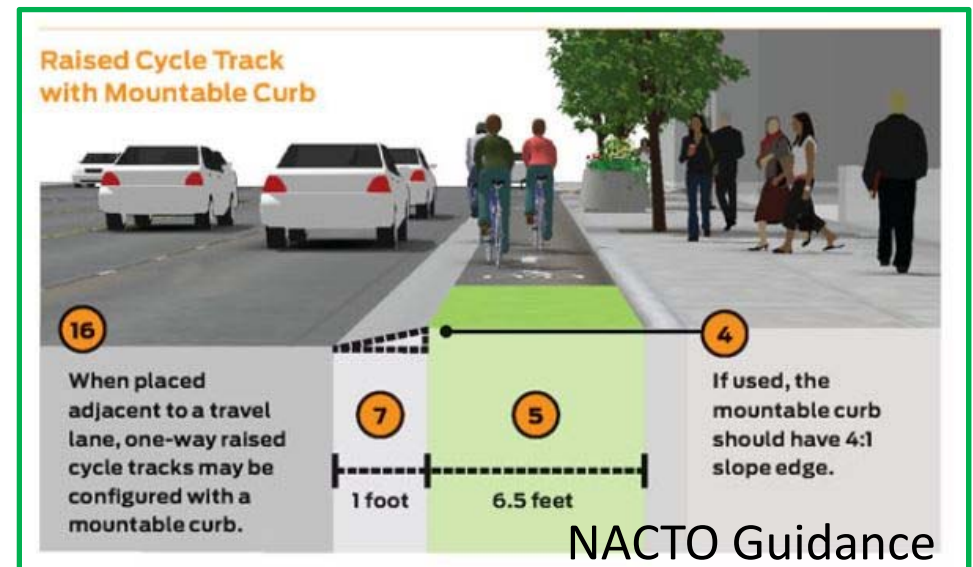
Folsom Street

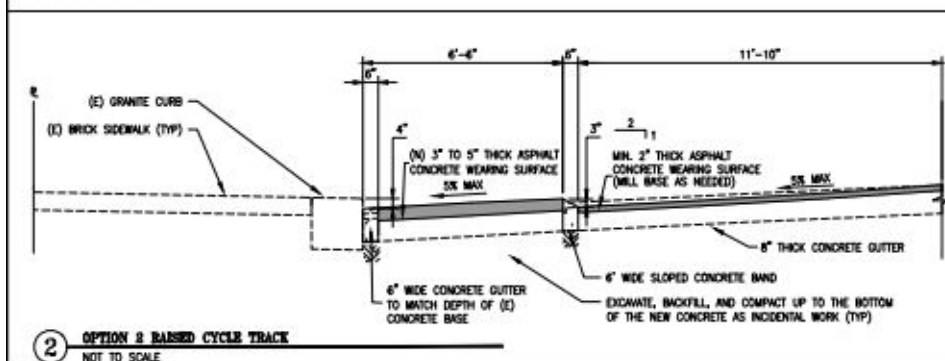
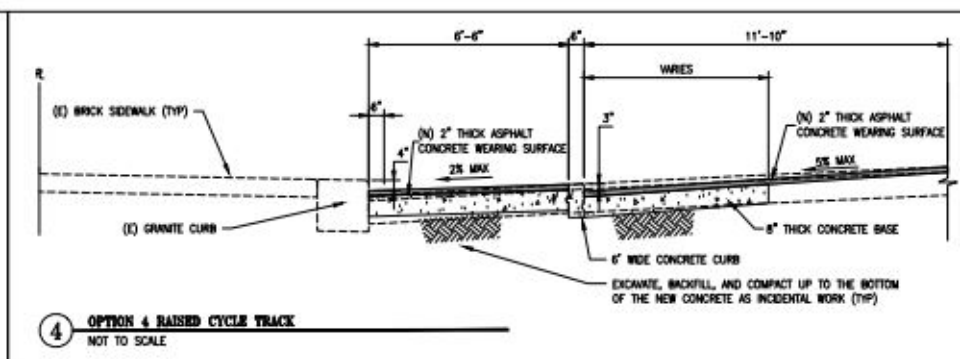
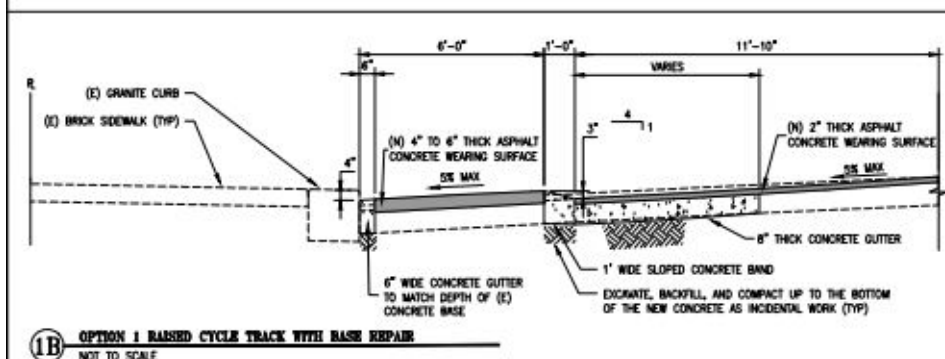
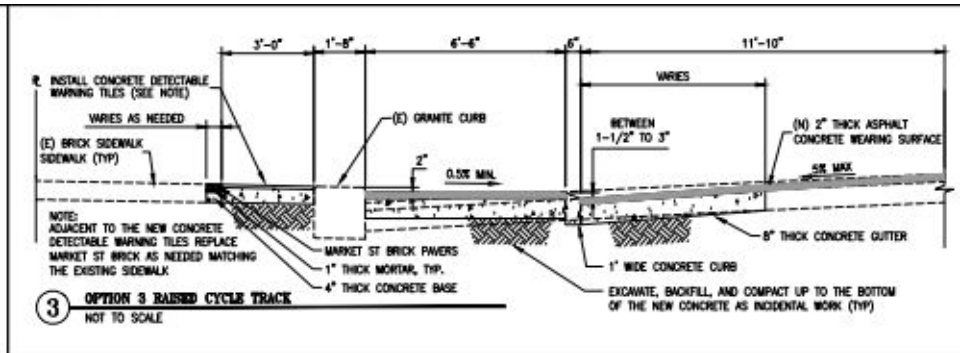
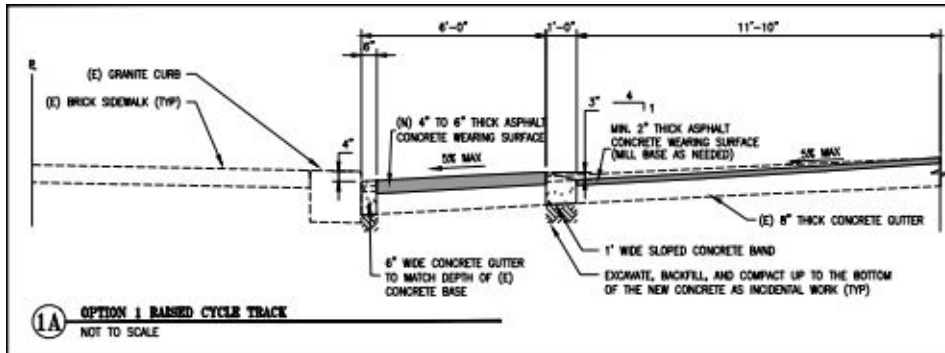


Better Market Street Project



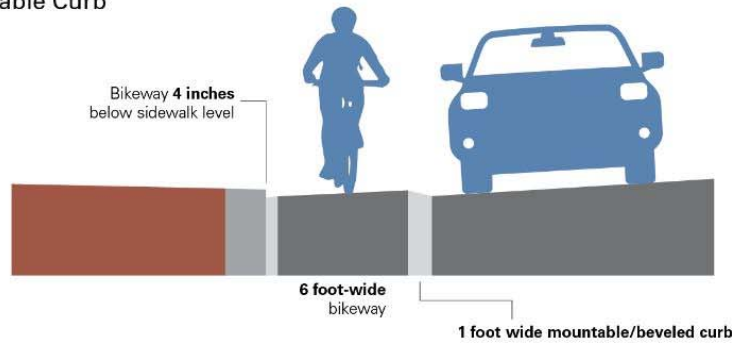
Original Option with Bikeway had 7' wide raised bike lane immediately adjacent the road



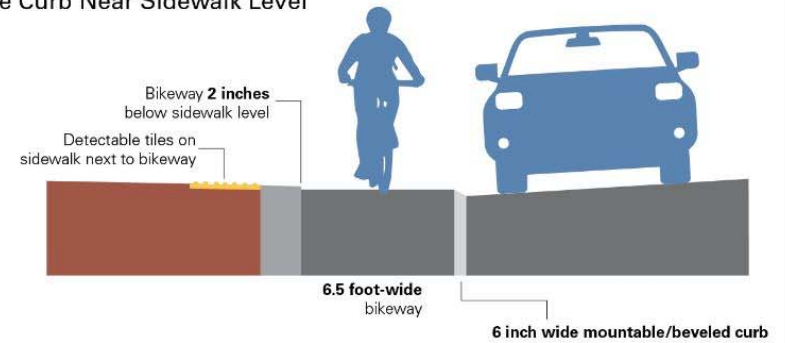


Test different variations prior to major investment

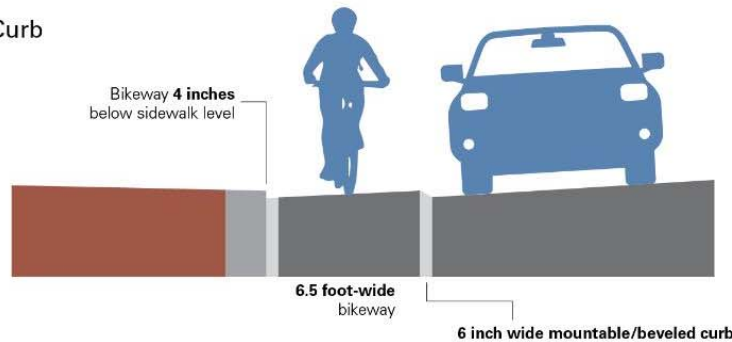
Option A
Wide Mountable Curb



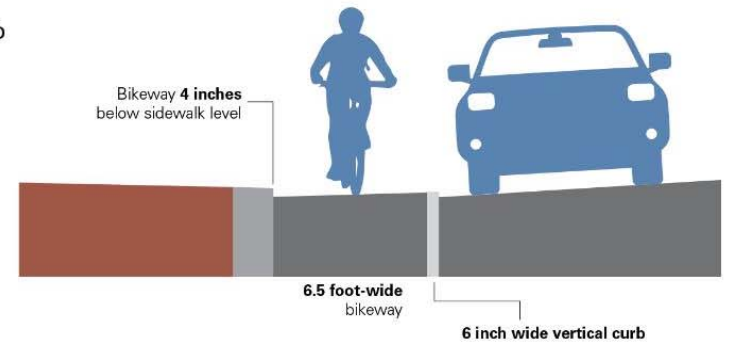
Option C
Mountable Curb Near Sidewalk Level



Option B
Mountable Curb



Option D
Vertical Curb



Evaluation

Cyclists, People with Disabilities, Sweepers,
Paratransit Vehicles, Design and Construction
Process, Drainage, Cost

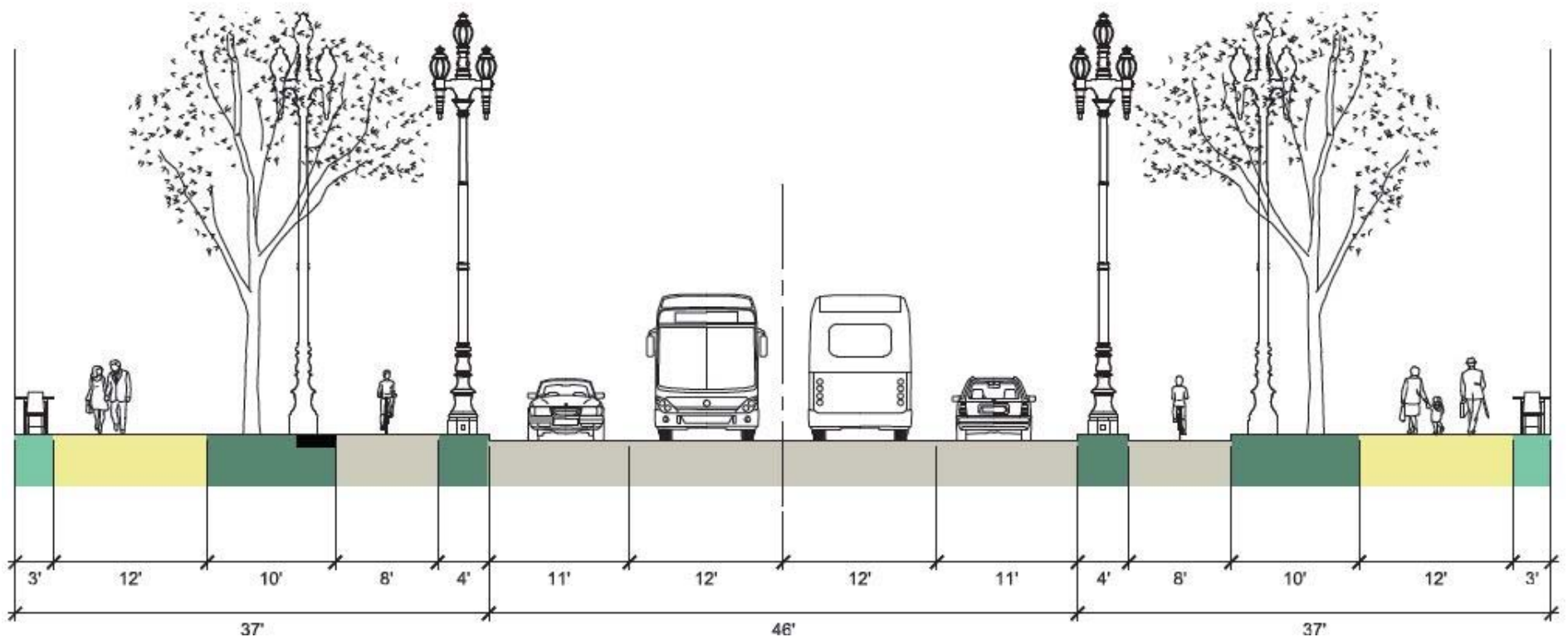
Vehicles are blocking
the bikeway!



Too narrow at 7' wide



Opinions divided between a vertical curb to deter vehicles versus mountable curbs that allow bicyclists to easily get into and out of the bikeway



Wider bikeway, sidewalk level, and
separated from roadway

Revised Design for Market Street

Benefits: Comfortable Continuous Bikeway, Ample Space for Pedestrians, Transit Improvements, Landscaping, Modifiable Design



Challenges: Intersections, Loading/Paratransit, Bottlenecks, Utilities, Overall Cost



STREET USER FAMILIES

PRIORITIZE PEDESTRIANS

CYCLISTS AS PART OF PUBLIC LIFE

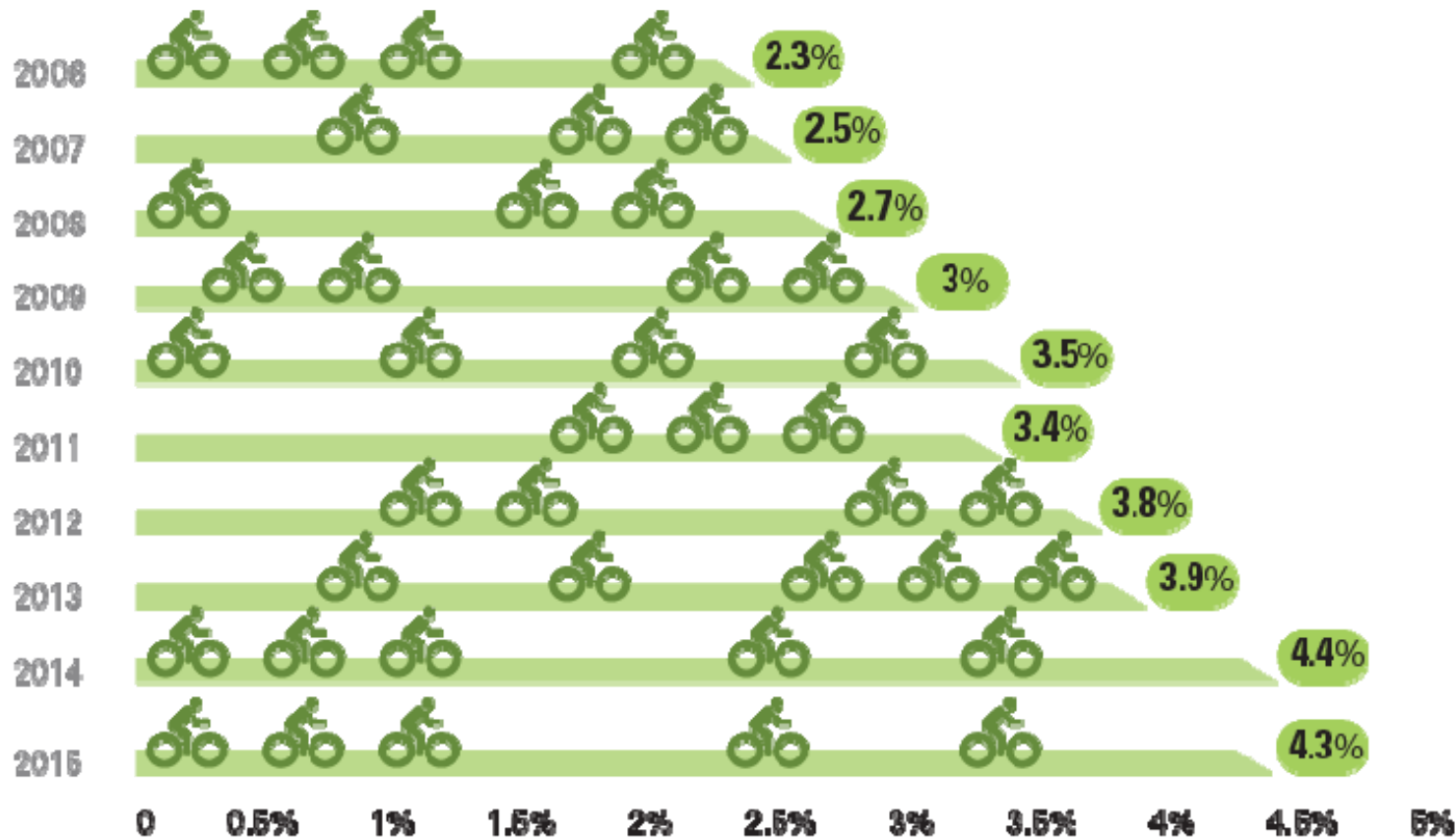
EVERYONE IS A PEDESTRIAN



VEHICLES/TRANSIT

PEDESTRIANS/CYCLISTS

Commuting Trends in SF



Source: American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

	Bike	Walk	Surface Transit	BART	Drive Alone	Caltrain	Carpool	Other
2016	3.9%	11.1%	23.7%	8.8%	33.7%	1.8%	6.7%	10.4%
2006	2.3%	9.6%	23.3%	6.1%	40.5%	0.8%	7.7%	9.7%

Recent Survey Results



51%



of SF residents enjoy biking.
Just 15% do not.

1/3



residents can bike, but
won't in San Francisco.

7 in 10



people cite safety concerns
as a major impact on their
decision to bike.

59%



believe that bike lanes and
paths should be **separated**
from cars.

55%



don't feel
safe riding
a bike near
traffic.

People know what
improvements are effective.

- 64% say physically separated bike lanes are effective
- 61% wanted clearer markings to better separate bikes and cars
- 60% want more green-painted bike lanes



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BICYCLING & WALKING

in the United States



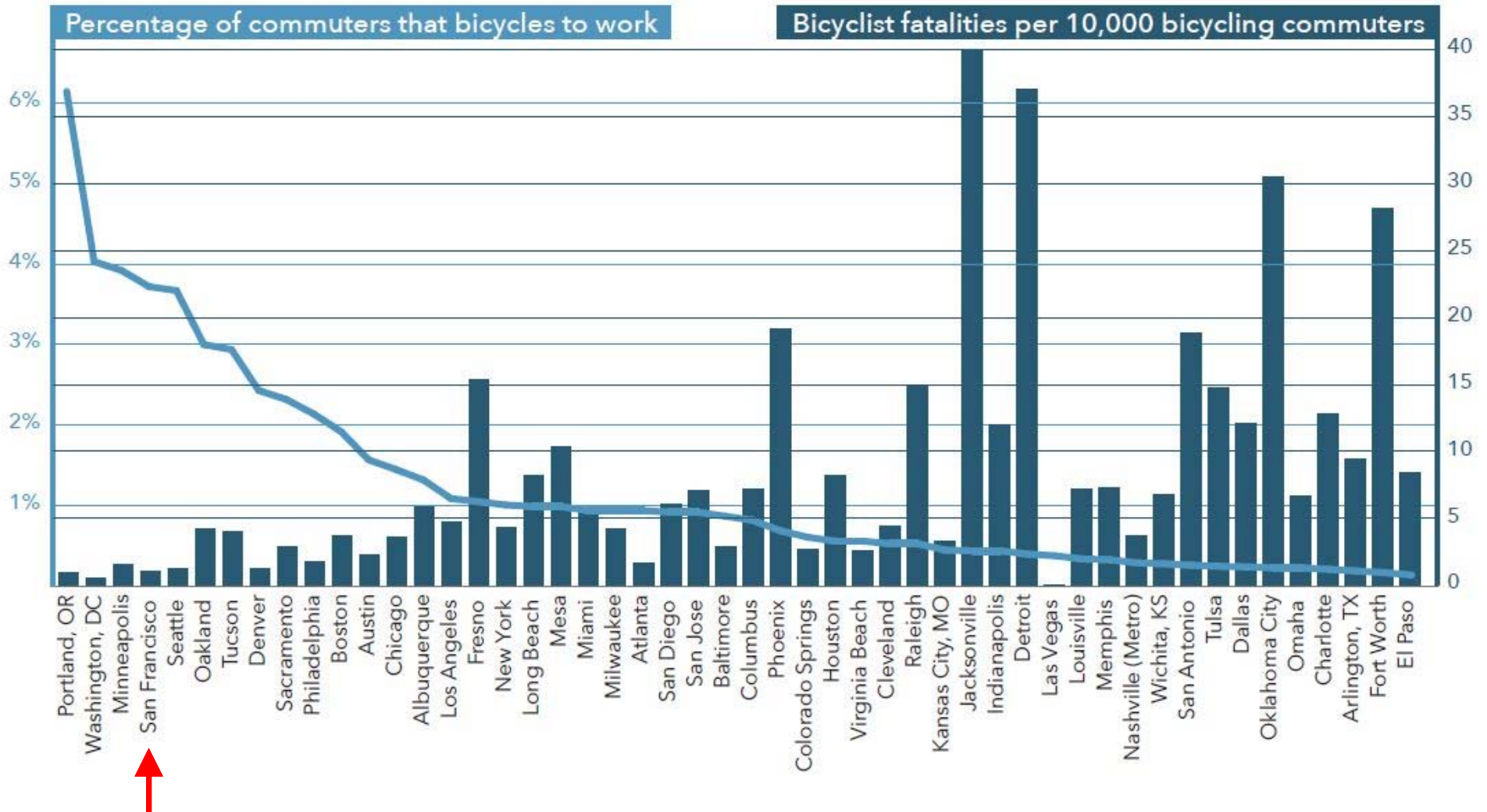
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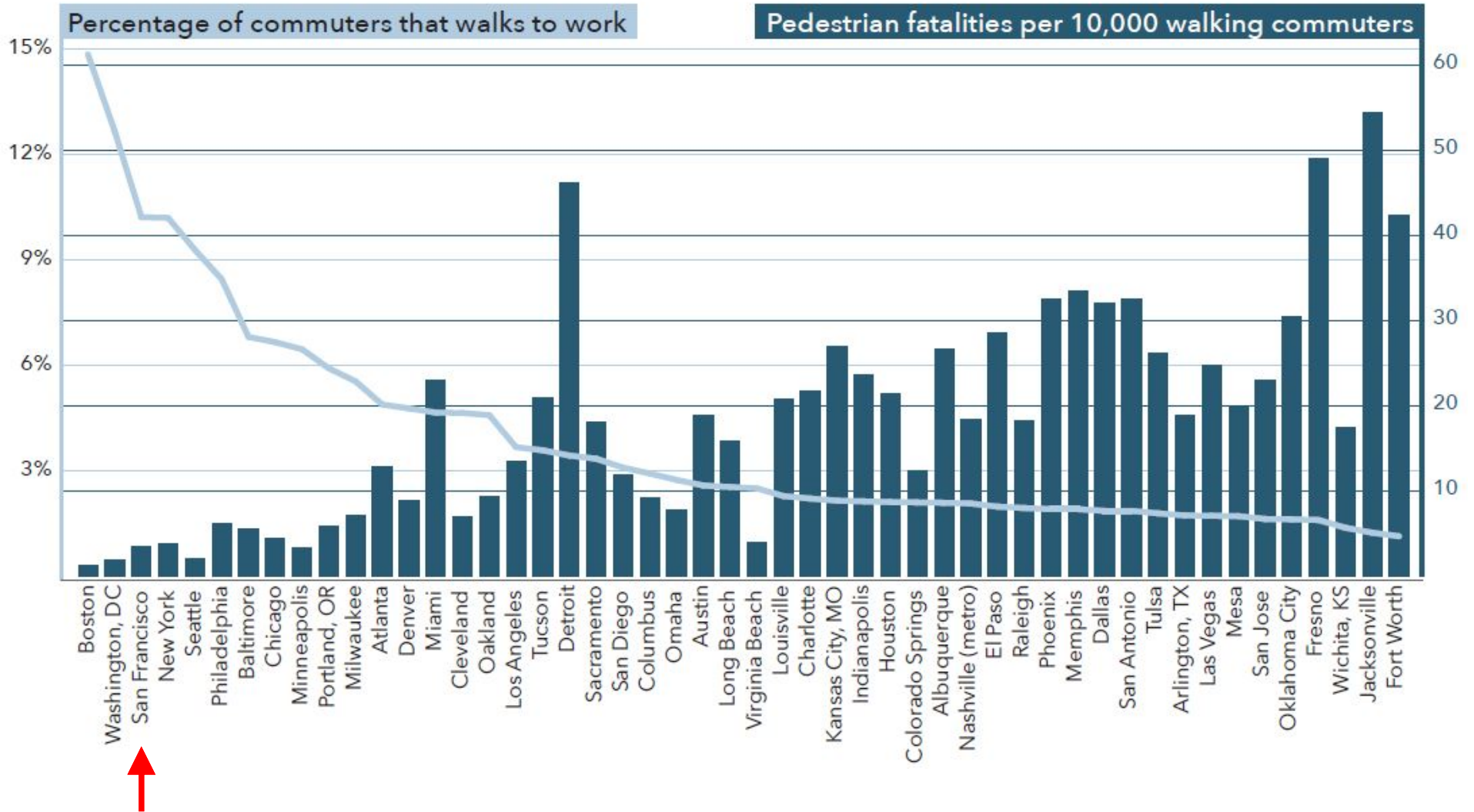
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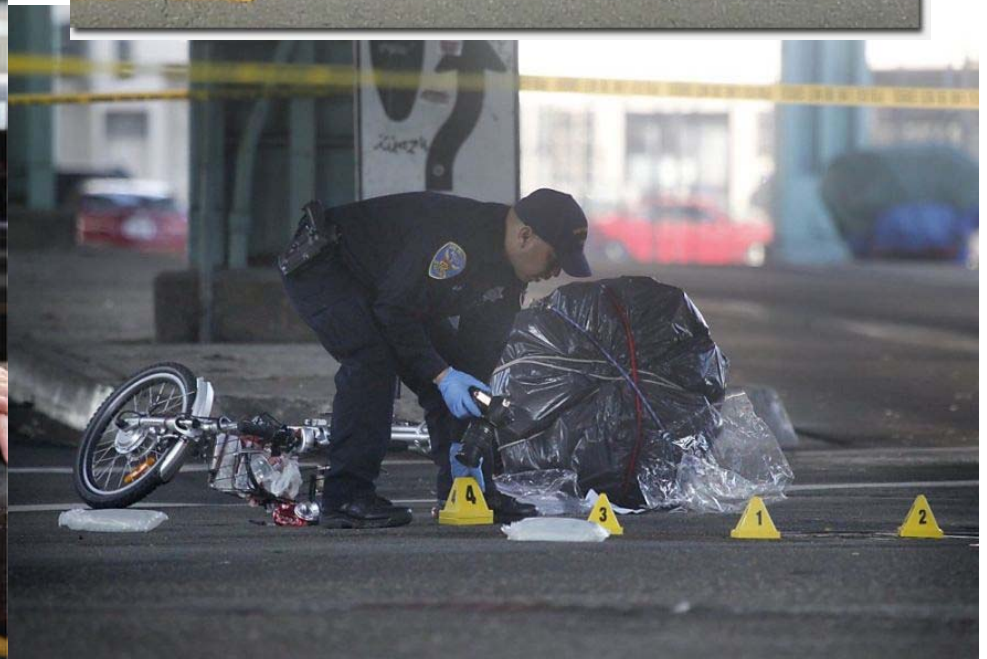
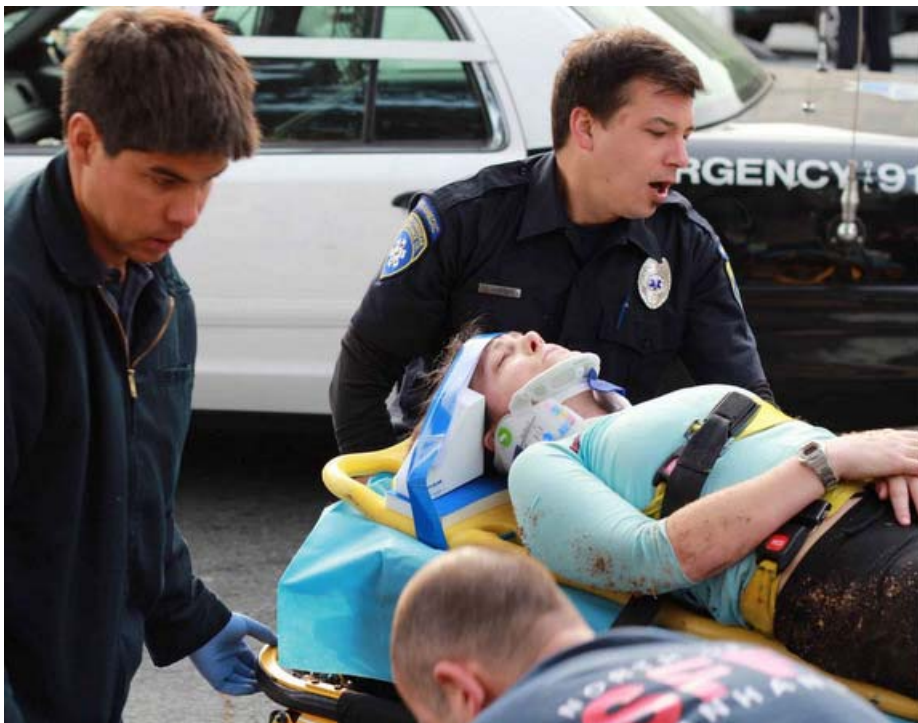
BENCHMARKING REPORT

Bike Commuting and Fatality Rates for US Cities





Vision Zero: 0 Traffic Deaths by 2024





MORE:



LESS:

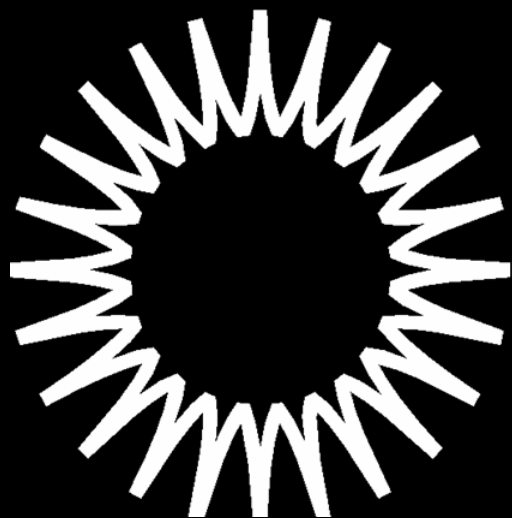




Market Street PM Rush Hour

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