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Safe Streets Summit
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WHY SAFE STREETS MATTER





Safe, healthy, and vibrant streets for all—serving every age, ability, and neighborhood. Streets that bring people together, foster connections, and enhance livability, with safety as the foundation.

Status Quo: No Where to Go

City	Average minutes of travel time per mile ▾	Average congestion level
1 New York	5.0	30%
2 San Francisco	4.3	32%
3 Honolulu	3.3	34%
4 Chicago	3.2	31%
5 Philadelphia	3.2	22%
6 New Haven	3.1	24%
7 Columbia	3.1	23%
8 Washington	3.0	25%
9 Miami	2.9	33%
10 New Orleans	2.9	26%
11 Anchorage	2.8	21%
12 Los Angeles	2.7	43%
13 Seattle	2.7	31%
14 Boston	2.7	30%
15 Boise	2.7	26%
16 Pittsburgh	2.6	28%
17 Allentown	2.6	22%
18 Charleston	2.5	26%
19 McAllen	2.5	25%
20 Las Vegas	2.5	23%



The congestion level is the average additional time (in percentage) lost to traffic in 2024, compared to driving in free-flow conditions. Table: Evan Wyloge Source: TomTom [Get the data](#) Created with [Datawrapper](#). Featured in SF Examiner, January 17, 2025

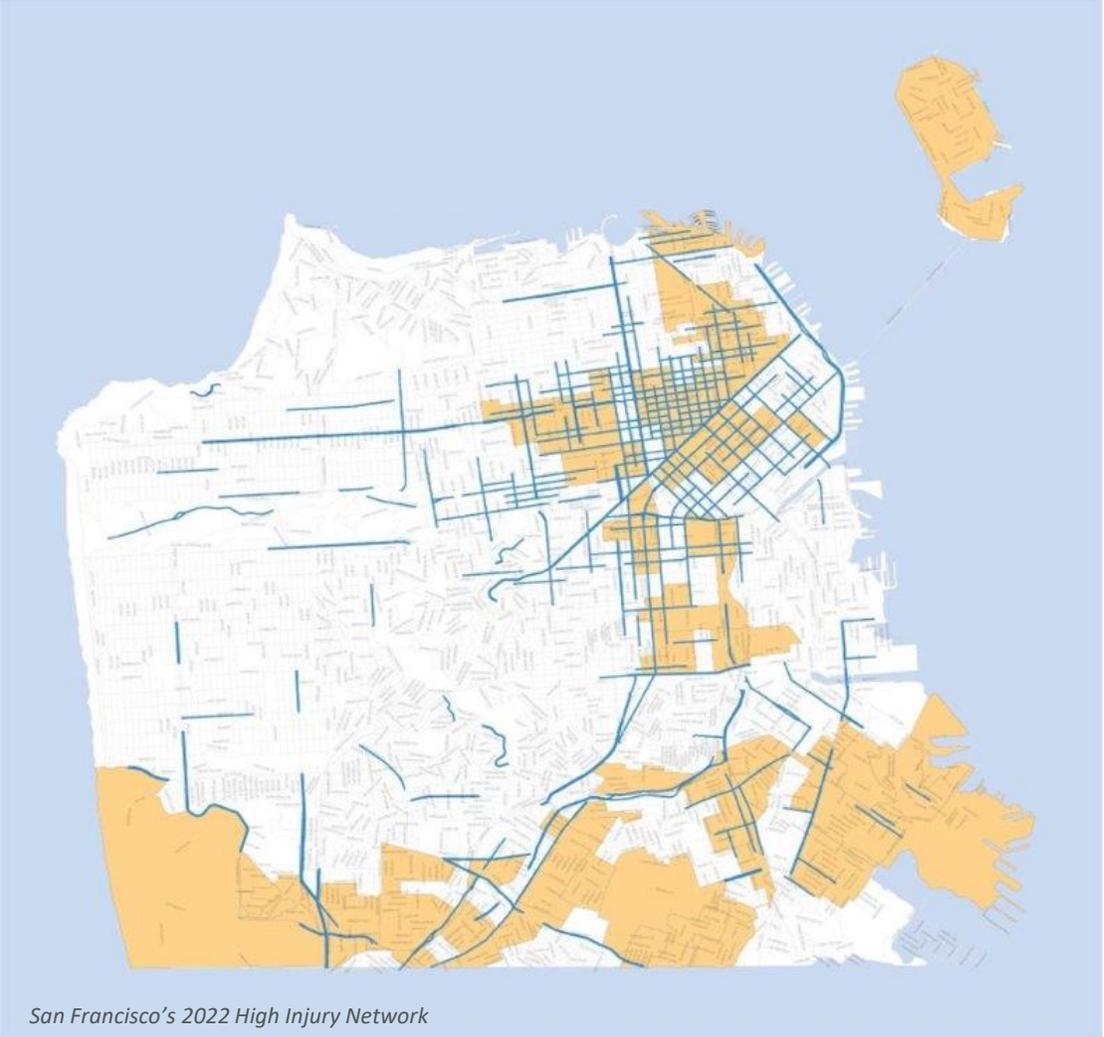
SAFE STREETS TOOLKIT

Corridor Projects

Intersection Improvements

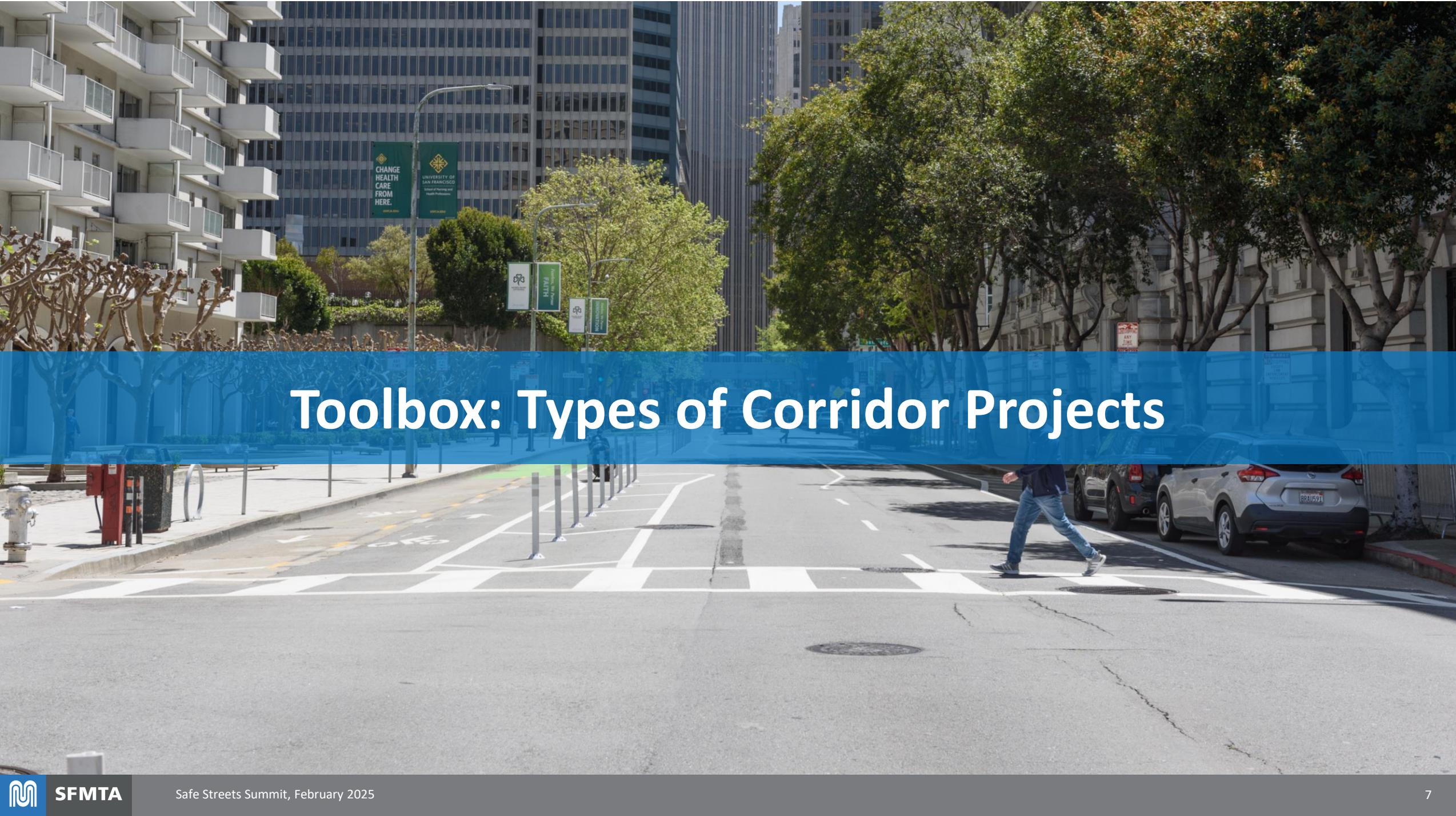
Speed Management

High Injury Network



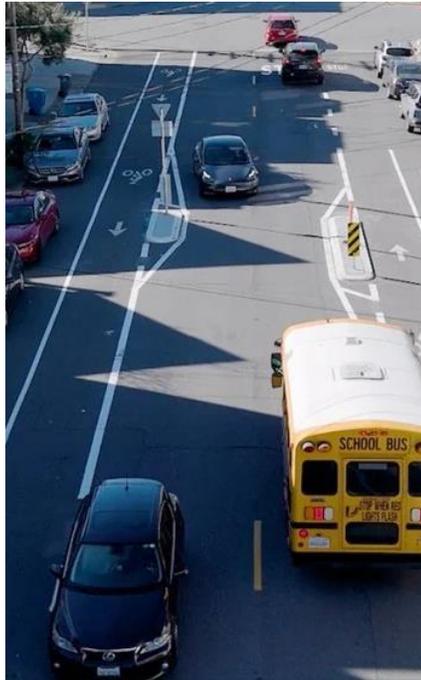
2022 High Injury Network revealed that the Network represents **12% of city street miles** and captures **68% of severe and fatal injuries**

Streets on the High Injury Network
Equity priority communities



Toolbox: Types of Corridor Projects

Types of Corridor Projects



Demonstration



Pilot

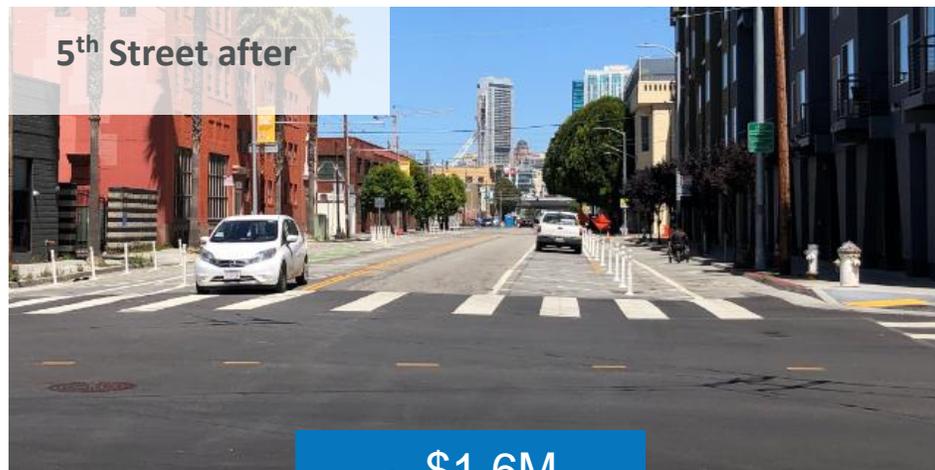
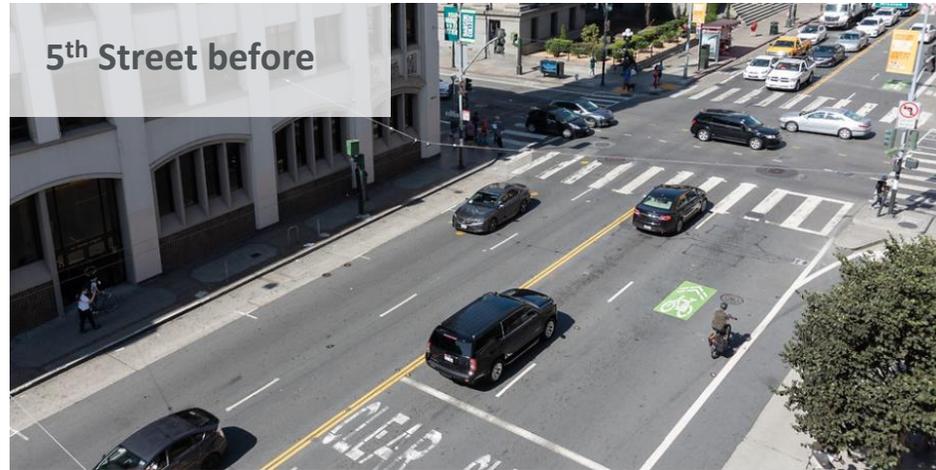


Quick Build



Capital

Quick Builds VS Streetscape Projects



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Quick-Build

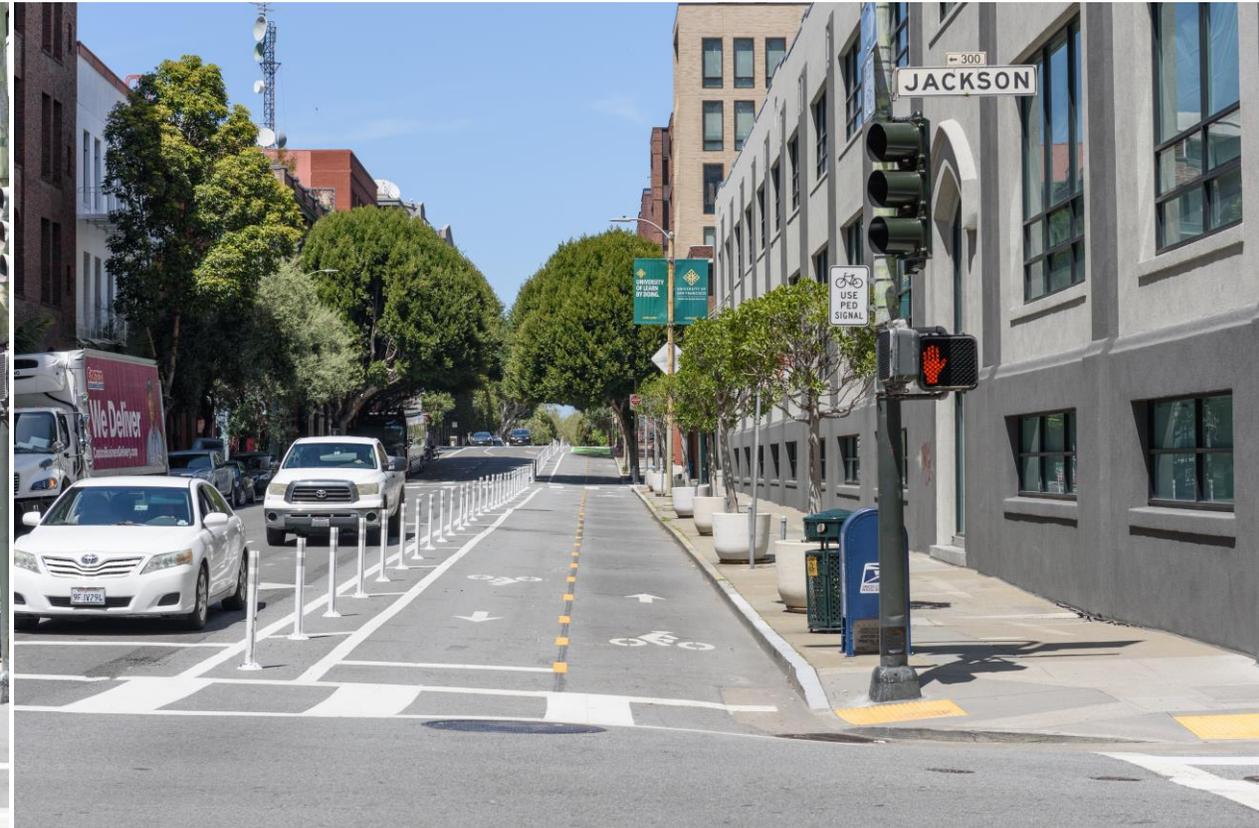


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Streetscape

Battery Street Quick Build



Battery Street Before

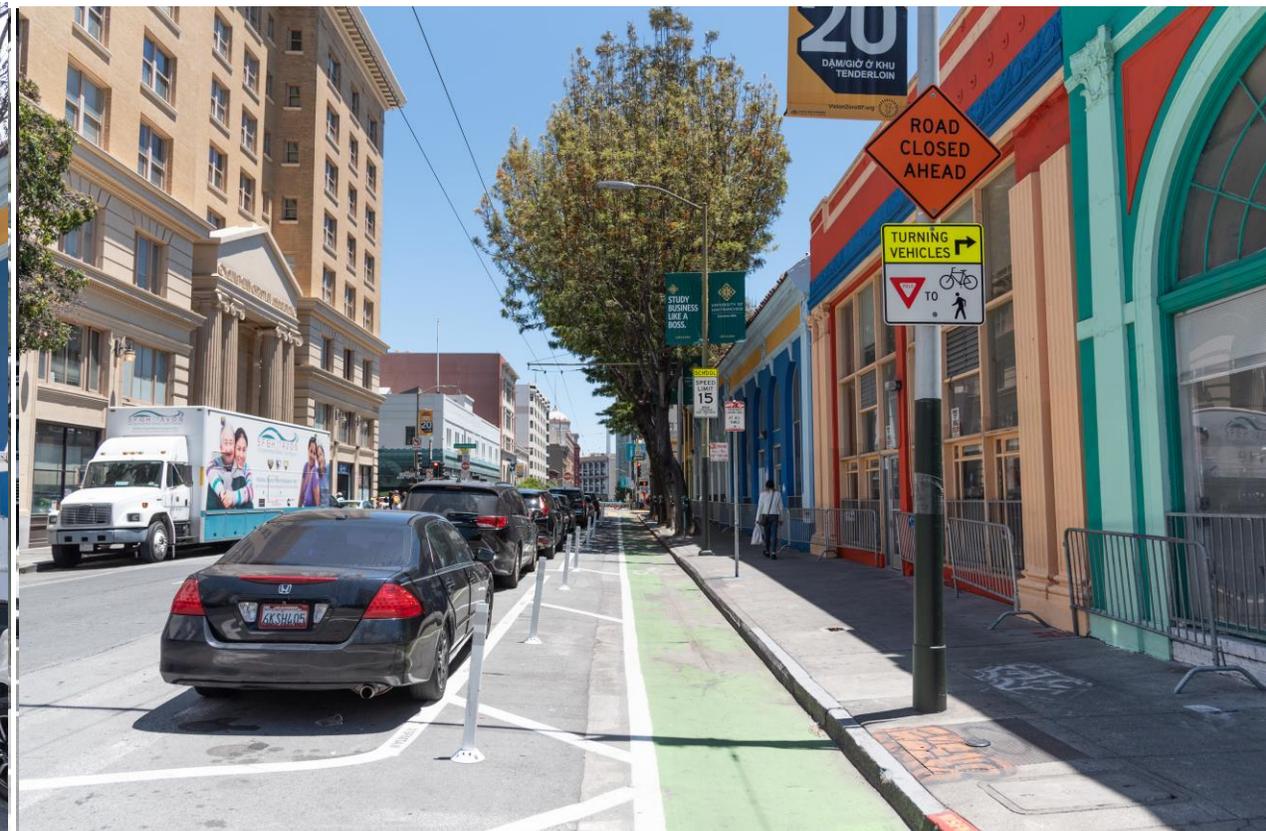


Battery Street After

Golden Gate Avenue



Golden Gate Avenue Before



Golden Gate Avenue After

Goodlett Place



Goodlett Place Before



Goodlett Place After



Toolbox: Intersection Improvements

Vision Zero 2021 Action Strategy

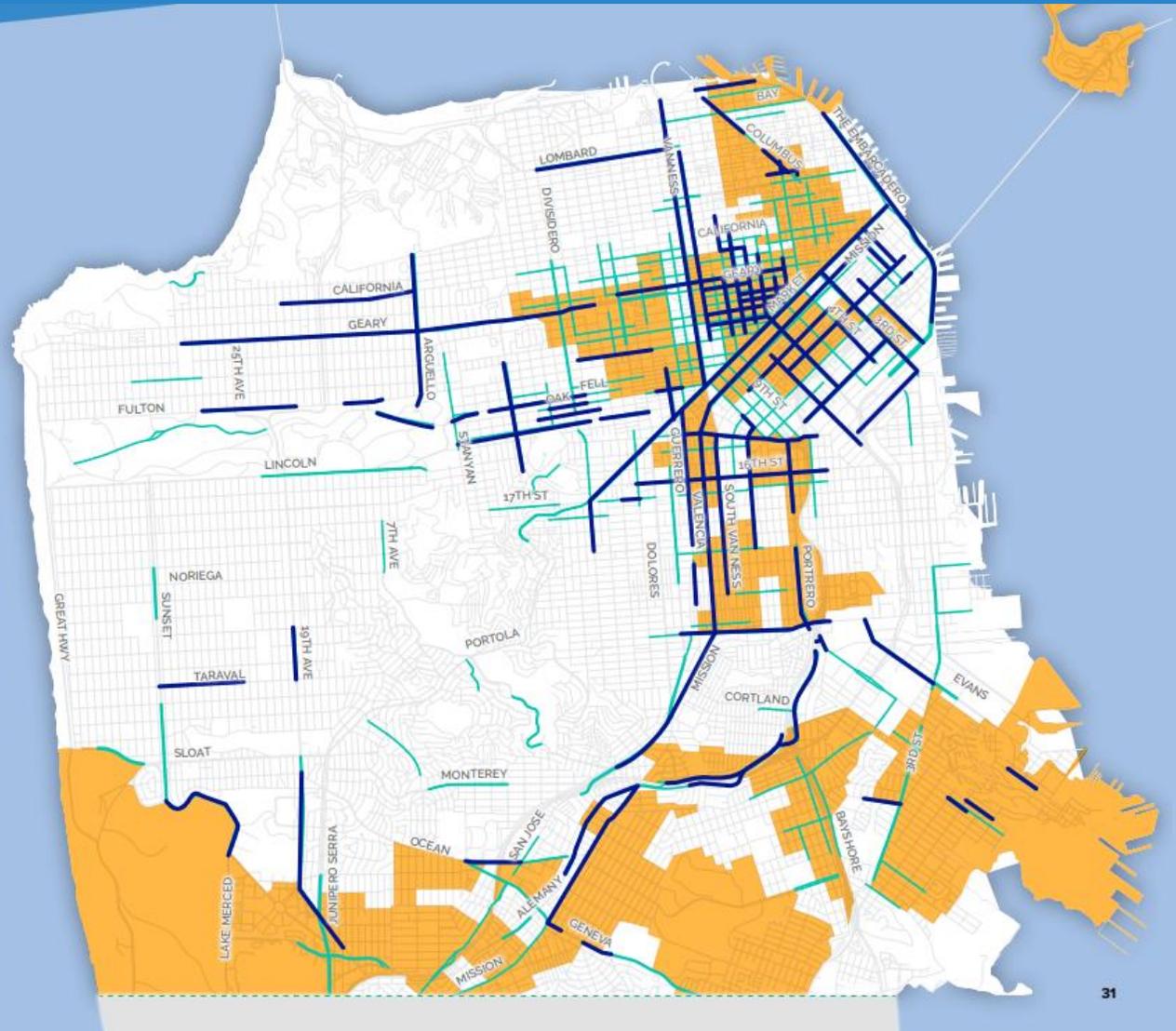
Applying the Quick-Build Toolkit to the High Injury Network

Since 2014, approximately 80 miles of corridor-level improvements have been completed or are in planning or construction. The City has approximately 80 miles remaining on the High Injury Network that need to be updated with safety improvements. This strategy commits the City to making these core safety improvements using the Quick-Build toolkit—which can include tools such as continental crosswalks, painted safety zones, daylighting, traffic signal retiming, and protected bike lanes.



SF is committed to applying the Quick-Build toolkit to the High Injury Network

- 80 MILES OF CORRIDOR-LEVEL IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED OR ARE IN PLANNING OR CONSTRUCTION
- 80 MILES OF HIGH INJURY NETWORK REMAINING TO BE UPDATED WITH SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS
- COMMUNITIES OF CONCERN



Vision Zero Quick Build Toolkit

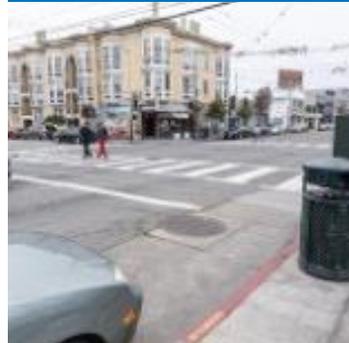
Crosswalk upgrade



Pedestrian head start



Daylighting



Longer walk time



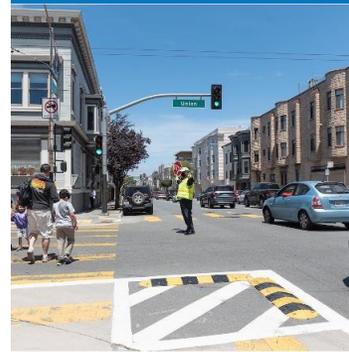
Painted safety zones



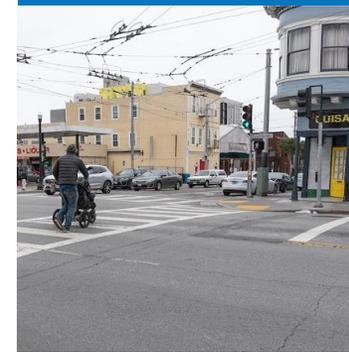
Signal lens upgrades



Turn calming



Advance limit lines



Upgrading crosswalks to full continental striping

Adding red zones (daylighting) to corners at intersections both increase visibility of pedestrians in the roadway

Painted safety zones or painted road areas that wrap around sidewalk corners to make pedestrian crossing intersections more visible to people driving.

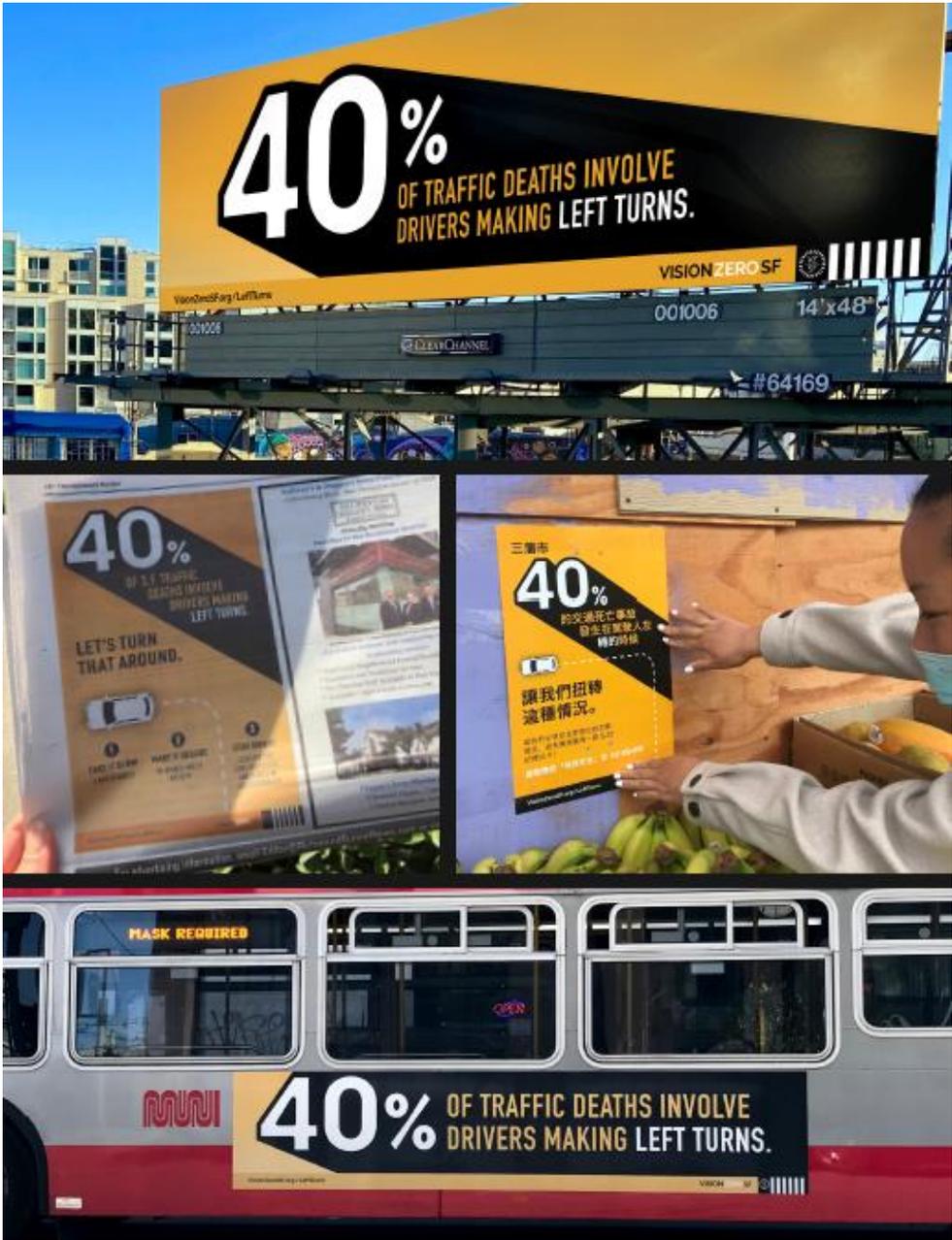




Larger signal heads, overhead signals on mast arms, optimized signal placement, and "all-red" signal timing to reduce conflicts at intersections



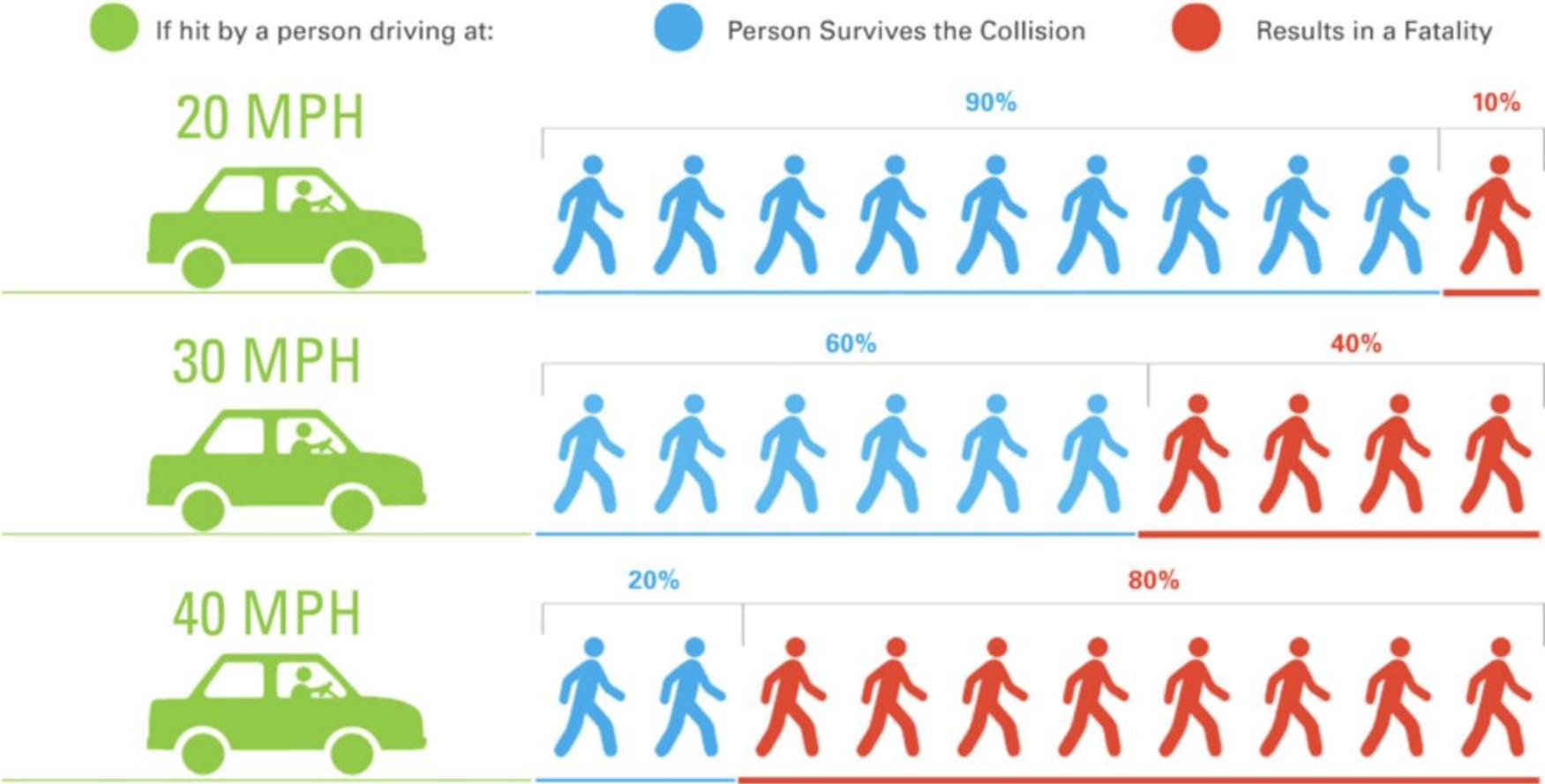
Left-Turn Safety Upgrades: Installing waist-high posts, rubber speed bumps, and painted safety zones to slow down turns, widen turning paths, and improve driver awareness of pedestrians and cyclists



A photograph of a city street with blurred cars in motion, suggesting speed. In the background, there are multi-story buildings, trees, and a street lamp. A blue horizontal band is overlaid across the middle of the image.

Toolbox: Speed Management

Why Speed Matters



Focus on the Most Vulnerable: Children and Seniors



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Map of The Tenderloin streets that became 20 MPH



Public education campaign to support the new limits

Engineering to Slow Speeds



Raised crosswalks



Traffic circles



Speed cushions

Slow Streets Program



Lyon Street Mural

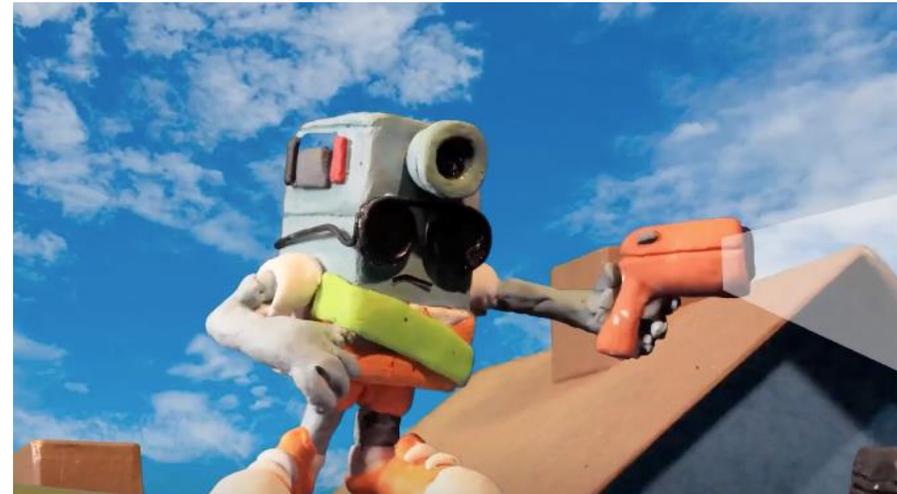


Lyon Street Mural



Speed Safety Cameras

- **San Francisco will be the first city in California** to install speed cameras under five-year pilot program
- Working with **selected camera vendor Verra Mobility** to deploy 33 speed enforcement zones citywide
- **Oakland and San Jose** will also deploy speed cameras in 2025, with an upcoming coordinated regional speed campaign
- **Focus on shifting driver behavior** with public education campaign and 60 day warning period



Safe Streets Evaluation Program

From 2017 to 2022, overall collisions decreased by **18%**, with **bicycle-related collisions down 33%** and **pedestrian-related collisions down 32%**.

Capital projects had the greatest impact, **reducing pedestrian collisions by an average of 50%**.



Bicycle traffic improvements:

- **Up to 75% increase** in bicycle volumes during peak commute times
- Significant growth on streets **previously without bike facilities** (e.g., 2nd Street, Masonic Avenue)

Bike signals improve safety:

- **93% reduction** in vehicle-bike interactions
- **62% reduction** in near-misses at key intersections

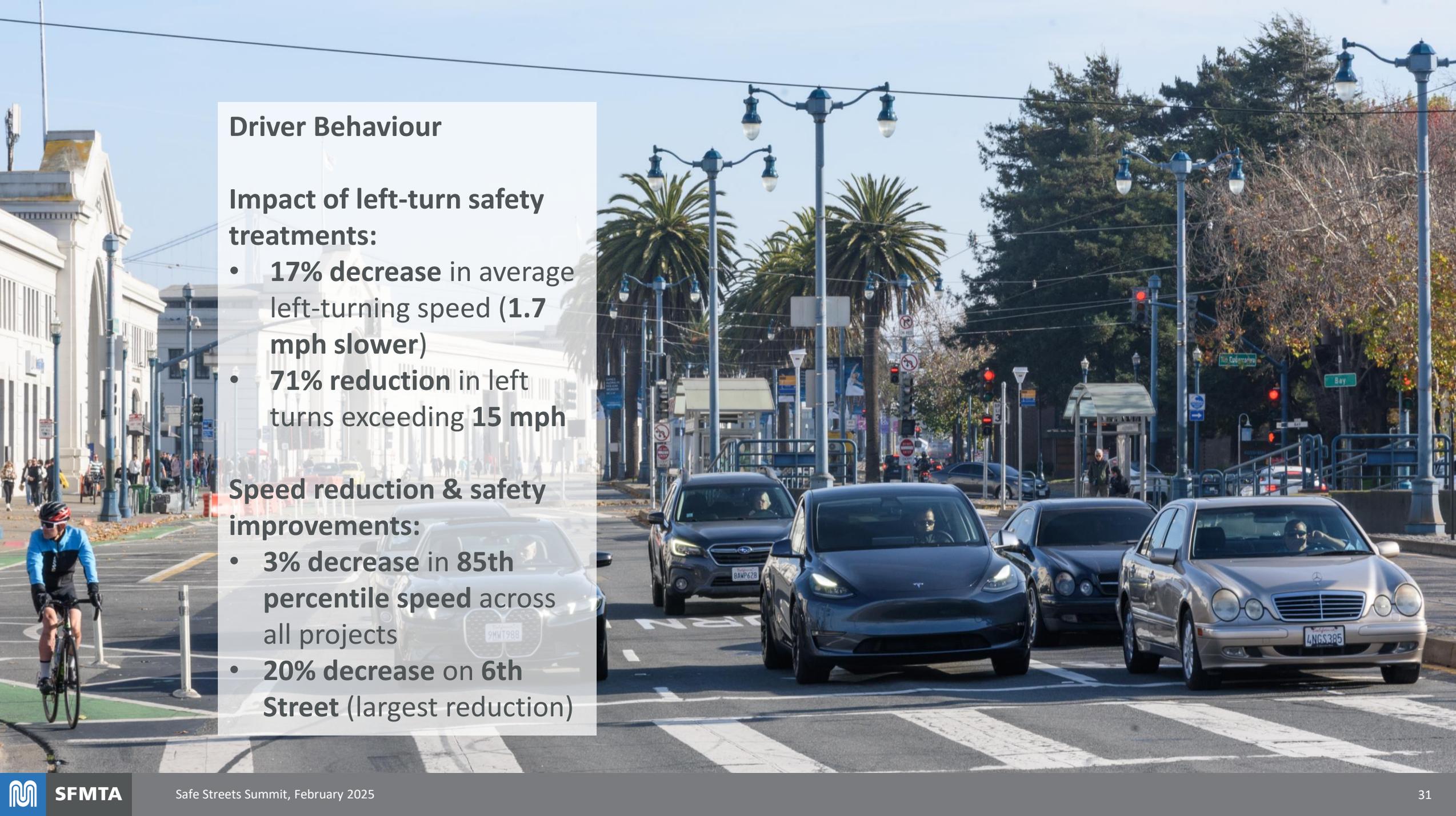
Driver Behaviour

Impact of left-turn safety treatments:

- **17% decrease** in average left-turning speed (**1.7 mph slower**)
- **71% reduction** in left turns exceeding **15 mph**

Speed reduction & safety improvements:

- **3% decrease** in 85th percentile speed across all projects
- **20% decrease** on 6th Street (largest reduction)



Recipe for Success



Data



Funding



Partnerships

Thank you

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