

# VAN NESS

# IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



*Board of Commissioners  
San Francisco County Transportation Authority*



# *San Francisco's Spine*



Van Ness Avenue is the backbone of civic life in San Francisco and one of the most important thoroughfares connecting the region. This project will make the street accessible and enjoyable for everyone through:

- The City's first Bus Rapid Transit system, a globally proven solution to improve transit service and address traffic congestion.
- Utility maintenance including repaving the street and replacing water and sewer systems to ensure reliability.
- Public improvements like more efficient street lighting, new sidewalk lighting and landscaping.

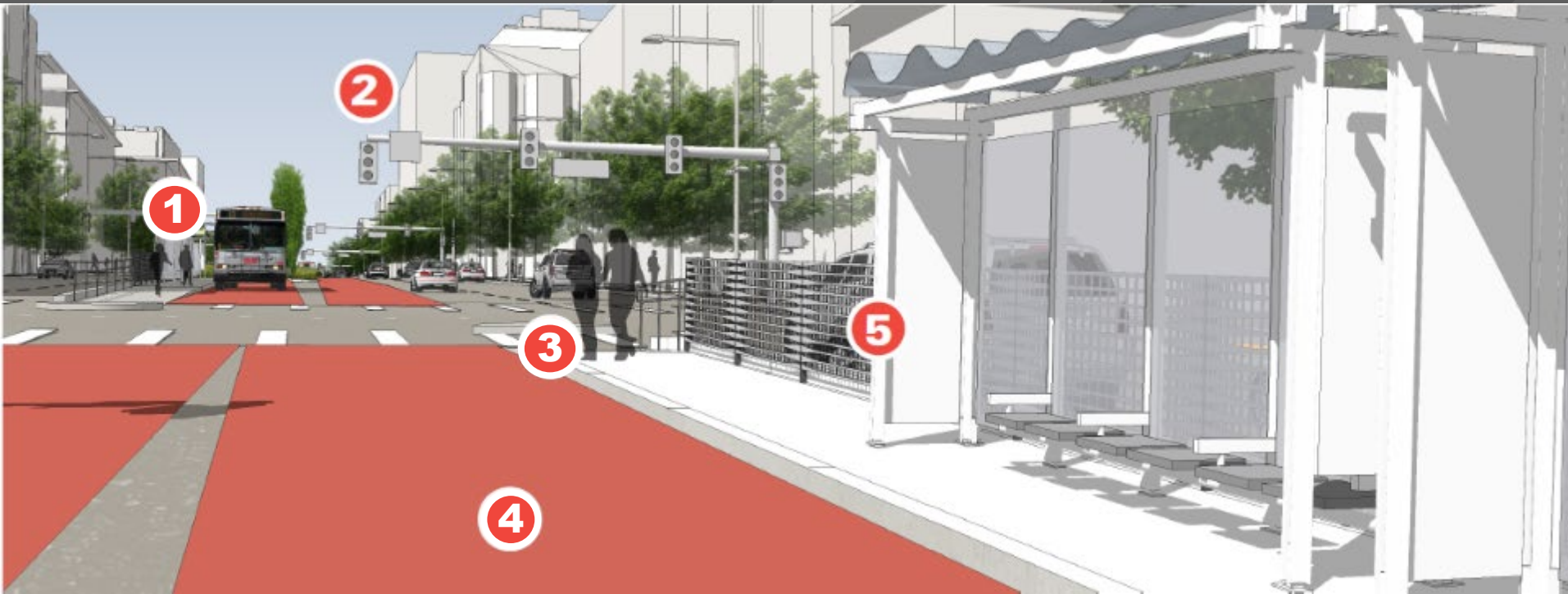
# *Transit Improvement Goals*

Globally-proven solution to address traffic congestion and improve transit:

- **Travel times** to improve **32%**
- **Reliability** to improve up to **50%**
- **Boarding** to increase up to **35%**
- Save up to **30%** of daily route **operating costs**

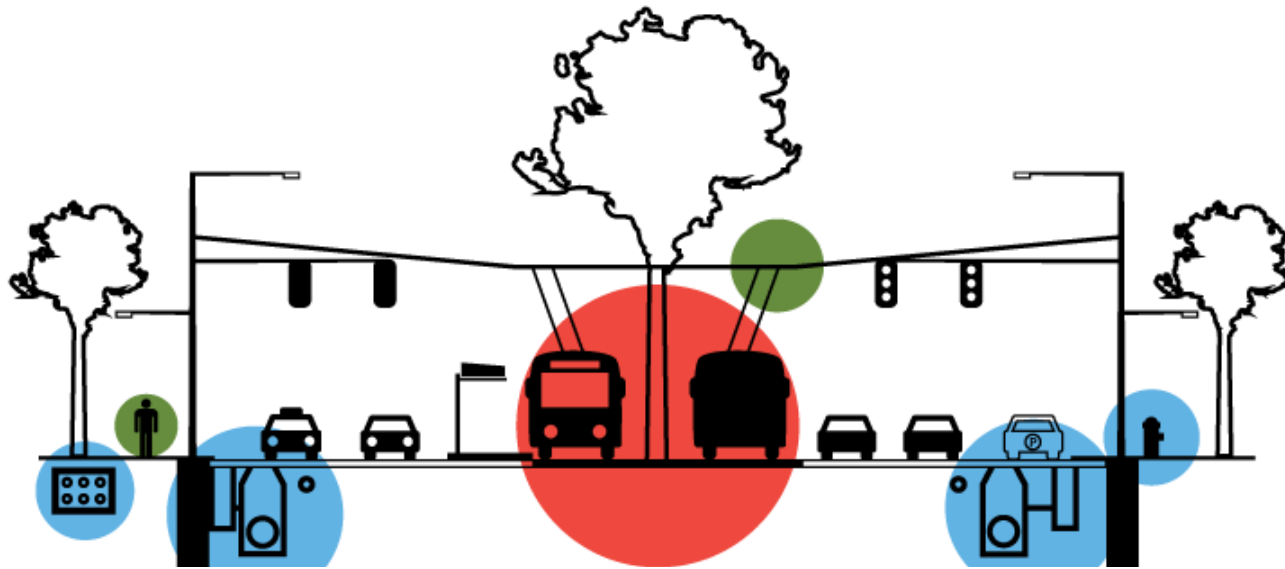


# Rapid Transit Features



- 1** Low-floor buses for easy and quick boarding.
- 2** Traffic signals that give the green light to buses and are optimized for north-south traffic.
- 3** Safety features for people walking like countdown signals, median refuges, sidewalk extensions, zebra-striped crosswalks and left turn restrictions.
- 4** Dedicated bus lane for Muni and Golden Gate Transit.
- 5** High-quality boarding islands located at key transfer points.

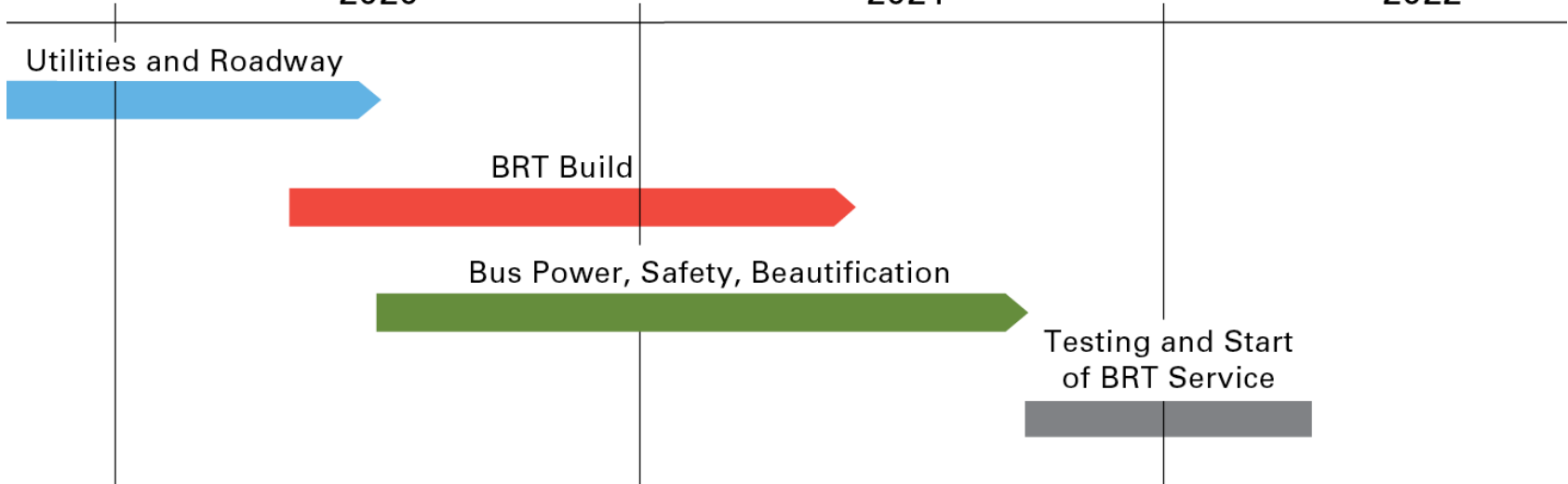
# Schedule Update



2020

2021

2022



# Construction Update

## Construction update

- Construction is approximately at 57% completion (based on % paid)
- Completed utilities work includes:
  - Sewer work – 20,035 LF
  - Water work – 24,438 LF
  - Alternate Water Service System (AWSS)
  - Electrical duct bank – 11,995 LF
- Transitioned from Utilities and Roadway phase to BRT Build and Bus Power, Safety, Beautification phases this summer

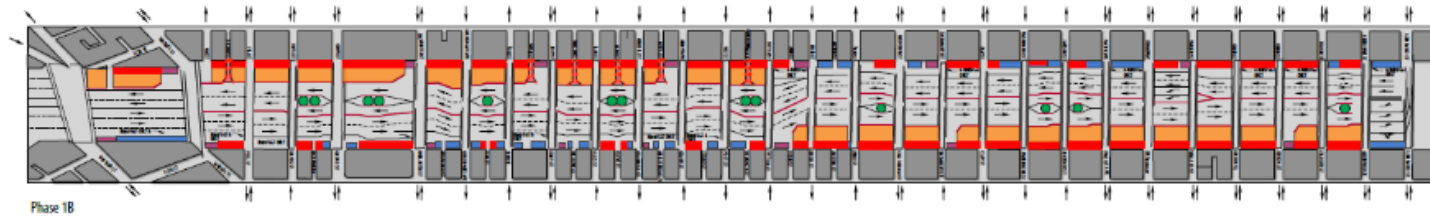
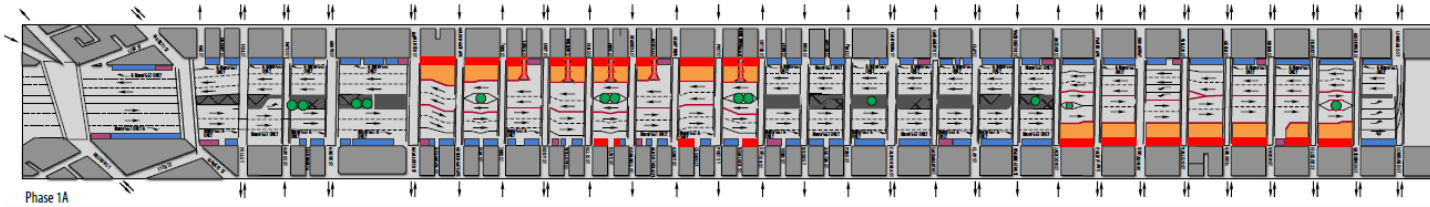


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- Current work includes:
  - Center running red transit-only lanes
  - Pedestrian bulb-outs
  - Medians with trees, civic art
  - Center boarding islands and bus shelters
  - Overhead wiring system
- Current challenges:
  - Contractor scheduling
  - COVID-19
- COVID-19 opportunities
  - Lower traffic levels allows for daytime lane closures on Van Ness and less night work
  - Expediting work at Mission and Market intersection
  - Less impact than expected to residents and commuters

# Construction Sequence

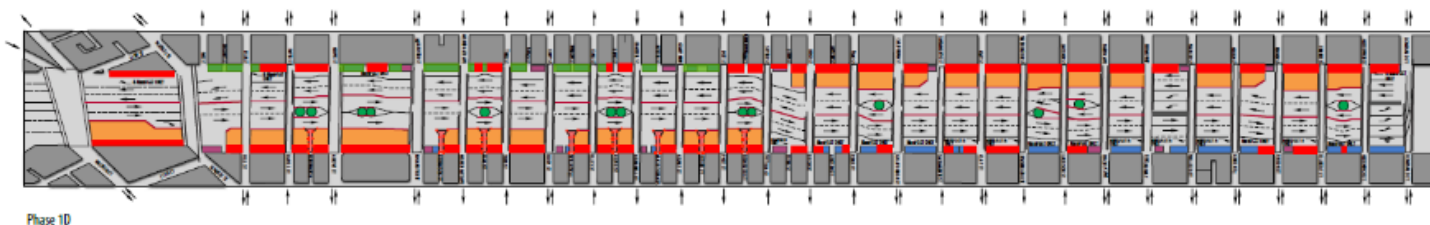
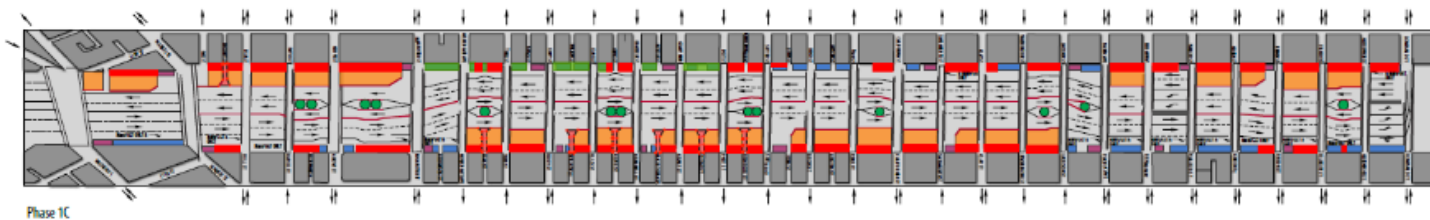
- Phases 1A and 1B almost completed.



	Start	Finish
1A	Fall 2016	Fall 2020
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\*Estimated

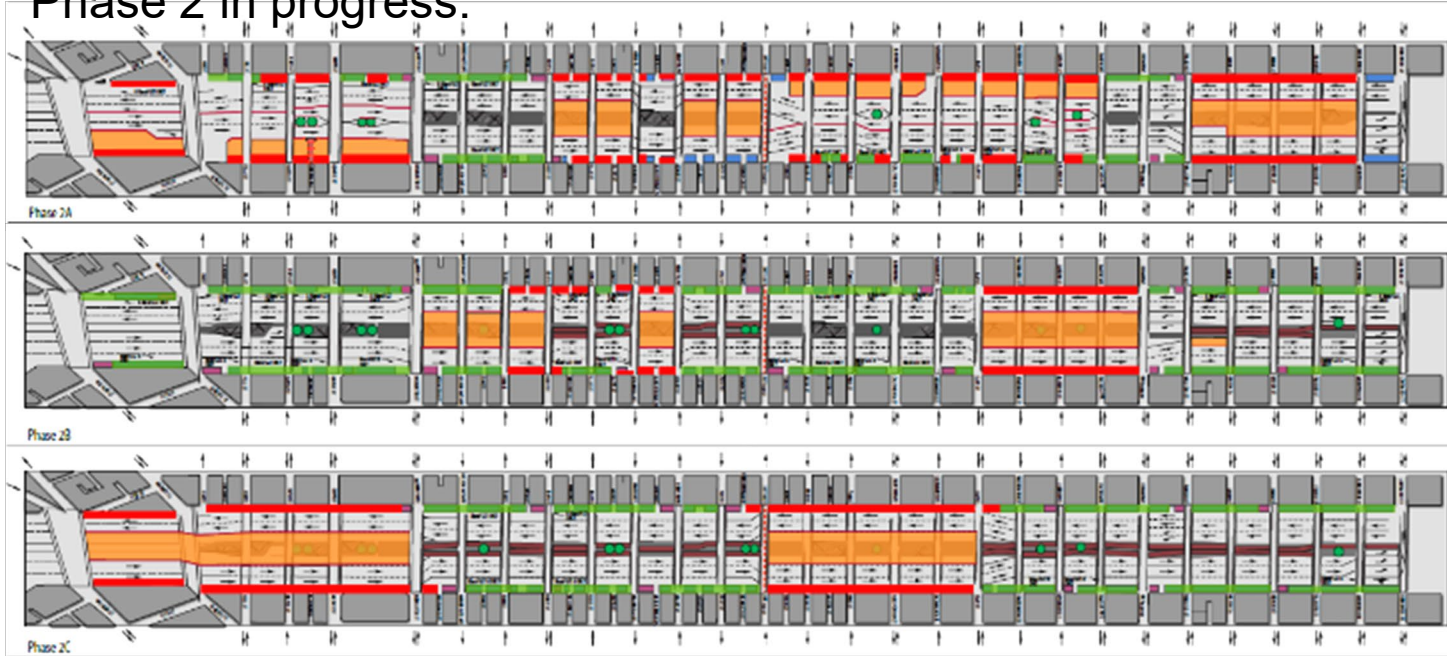
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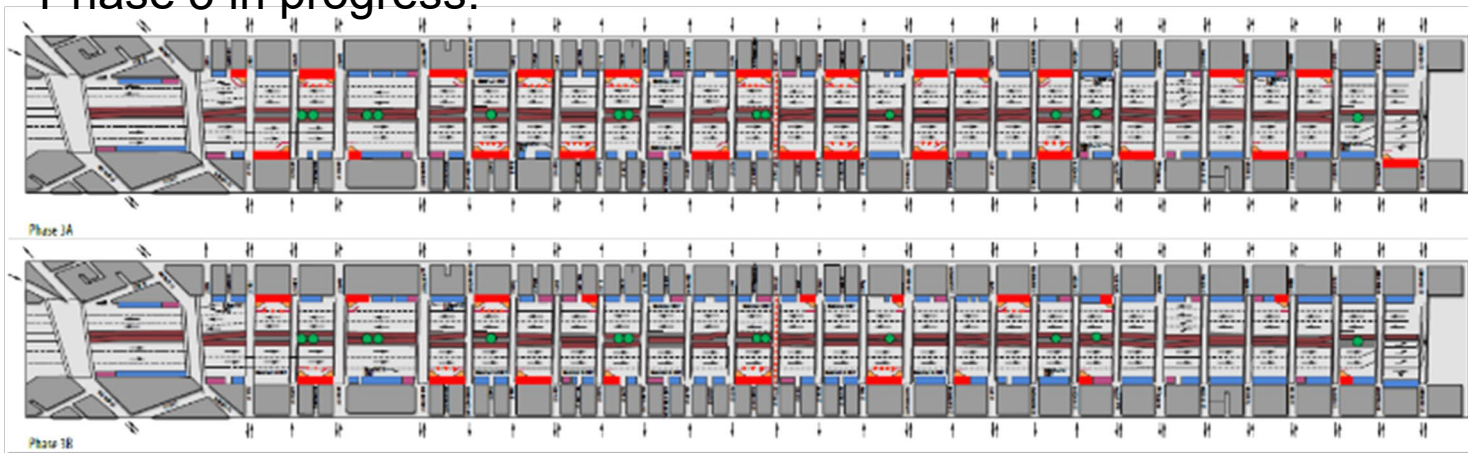
- Phase 2 in progress.



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- Phase 3 in progress.



# Project Controls

## Phase Percentage Summary for August 2020 (Per Inspector's As-Built)

Phase	Sewer Main	Water Main	Duct Bank	Roadway	Sidewalk
1A	100%	100%	100%	100%	87%
1B	100%	100%	100%	86%	33%
1C	100%	100%	99%	76%	70%
1D	100%	100%	99%	15%	14%

# Claims

Claims No.	Modification Description	Amount	Time Extension (Days)	Status
1	Sewer and Water Issues (Claims 1 and 2)	\$ 4,819,650.00	279	Settled
2	Sewer and Water Issues (Claims 1 and 2)			
3	Additional Potholes	\$ 1,709,201.81	0	Settled
4	Pedestrian Monitors	\$ 2,600,000.00	0	Pending
5	Third Party (PG&E) Utility Coordination	\$ 268,468.16	0	Pending
6	Sewer Cleaning	\$ 149,266.69	0	Pending
7	MH Adjustents	\$ 9,289.86	0	Pending
	Total	\$ 9,555,876.52	279	

# *Business Support*

- Van Ness Business Advisory Committee (BAC) monthly meetings provide businesses project updates and address issues
- Merchant directory, temporary lighting, wayfinding signage, banners, advertising space on Muni buses available to affected merchants
- OEWD provides small business support and technical assistance to merchants
  - Legal services
  - Financial assistance
  - Training and technical assistance
  - Legal assistance
  - Grant and loan programs
- Directed Business Support Program
  - Grants to merchants impacted by construction; triggered by significant delays

# *Directed Business Support Program*

- Program provides free one-on-one business consulting services and resources to merchants in the impact zone to help them grow and stay in San Francisco
  - Joint initiative between OEWD, San Francisco Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and SFMTA
  - Application period now open, deadline is October 31, 2020
  - Funding of \$5,000-\$10,000 available to eligible businesses
    - Within the Van Ness construction impact zone
    - Active storefront business
    - Established with no change in ownership on or prior to March 3, 2017
    - Applications are available at [www.oewd.org/construction-mitigation](http://www.oewd.org/construction-mitigation)

# Outreach

- Ongoing
  - Weekly 14-day Construction Forecast (web, email, text message), weekly “Weekend Release” press release
  - 72-hour noticing for night work
  - Traffic shift doorhanger
  - Multilingual outreach
  - Project hotline and dedicated email address
  - Active Van Ness BRT Community Advisory Committee and Van Ness Business Advisory Committee
  - Briefings to public officials
  - Quarterly newsletters
  - Open for Business marketing program



# Thank you



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