

VAN NESS

IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



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Project Background



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 (BRT) system, which aims to improve travel times by 32% and reliability by up to 50%.
- Improve pedestrian safety to support Vision Zero goals.
- 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.

Project Update

Recent milestones:

- Roadwork completed along Lombard Street
- Bus shelters are in place, finishing touches soon
- Traffic signals completed (one pending)

Current work:

- Brick pavers and infrastructure planting
- Punchlist items
- Electrical testing and energization
- Bus testing and operator training
- Street striping, curb painting and traffic control signage



Project Forecast

- Construction forecasted to be finished by end of March 2022
 - Major construction is done, and final work will address electrical systems, punch list items and some sidewalk work
- BRT testing has started with buses in the transit lanes; revenue service is anticipated to begin in the first half of 2022
- Planning underway for ribbon-cutting



Launch of Revenue Service

- Pre-launch education campaign addressing safety, access and customer engagement
- Launch campaigns focused on businesses, rider and family engagement
- Events to launch system
 - Ribbon-cutting event at War Memorial
 - VIP and community speakers, local performers, inaugural ride, historic vehicles
 - Bags for VIPs and attendees that include coupons and info for local businesses, BRT info
 - Lighting up of public artwork between Geary & O'Farrell

Looking Forward

- As work wraps up on Van Ness Avenue, there will still be a lot of activity along the corridor.
 - Other contractors need to complete work, whether it has to do with finishing electrical systems, installing handrails at boarding stations or placing the red roofs on top of the bus shelters
- Some work has been affected by supply chain issues, and we are still working to meeting our completion deadline and beginning fare service.