



# GOLDEN GATE PARK

## ACCESS & SAFETY PROGRAM

Quarterly Progress Update, June 2022



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# Project and policy solutions to improve safety, accessibility, mobility and equity in Golden Gate Park





# Ordinance Approved at Board of Supervisors

## 3 miles of car-free streets from Kezar Dr to Lincoln Way in Golden Gate Park



- Retains 83% of parking spaces in Golden Gate Park
- Retains 80% of roadways for driving
- Access allowed for emergency vehicles, Muni, paratransit, de Young deliveries, maintenance, and permitted vehicles
- Specific Accessibility Commitments shared with Mayor's Disability Council responsive to the MDC resolution

# Accessibility Commitments

## **Disability Access Coordinator**

- A new Disability Access Coordinator will work directly with the disability community and other City agencies to provide architectural accessibility compliance analysis for the Recreation and Parks Department. This position adds to existing RPD ADA coordinators.

*Winter 2023*

## **Additional Accessible Parking Spaces**

- 20 new accessible parking spaces in a parking lot next to the Japanese Tea Garden, closer to the Cal Academy and the Botanical Gardens. This work includes path of travel improvements such as re-graded walking surfaces and upgraded curb ramps.

*Spring 2022*



# Accessibility Commitments 2

## **More Shuttle Improvements**

- Start using low floor buses that are easier to board
- Add new shuttle stop signs, seating and key shuttle route and reliability information at all shuttle stops
- Confirm and upgrade stops for level landing, path of travel, and curb ramps, where needed.

*Spring 2023*

## **Music Concourse Garage Enhancements**

- Communicate the free 15-minute pick-up/drop-off option in the garage; work with the garage to make this time longer
- Improve garage waiting areas with seating and drop-off and loading parking spaces.
- Provide additional subsidized parking for everyone via Museums for All and Discover and Go passes

*Fall 2022*

# Accessibility Commitments 3

## **Safer Streets**

- Implement transportation engineering and education improvements to separate faster moving bikes from slower users on shared street spaces and speed management for all the vehicles in the Park

*Summer 2022*

## **Wayfinding**

- RPD will identify accessible routes with physical signage. Accessible wayfinding directions will also be included on the RPD website.

*Summer 2022*

- Develop a new map and brochure of GGP, that will be available in large print, tactile, and Braille formats.

*Winter 2023*



# Accessibility Commitments 4

## **Program and Architectural Access**

- Special events along the closed stretch of JFK, such as Entwined, and Holiday Tree Lighting, will develop and execute programmatic access plans to ensure accessibility for all attendees.

### *Spring 2022*

- Enhance RPD website accessibility and ensure compliance with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG 2.0) providing image descriptions and descriptive navigational information for people who are blind or low-vision.

### *Spring 2022*

- Evaluate the access points to the Conservatory of Flowers, a National Historic Landmark and identify improvement opportunities.

### *Fall 2022*

- Renovate curbs and crosswalks along JFK Drive, especially at Peacock Meadow and Conservatory Drive West.

### *Summer 2023*

# Program Progress Update

## SAFETY

Keep Bay to Beach streets car-free in Golden Gate Park

## EQUITY

Connect equity priority communities to Golden Gate Park

## ACCESSIBILITY

Improve access for people with disabilities and older adults

## MOBILITY

Ensure great choices for everyone



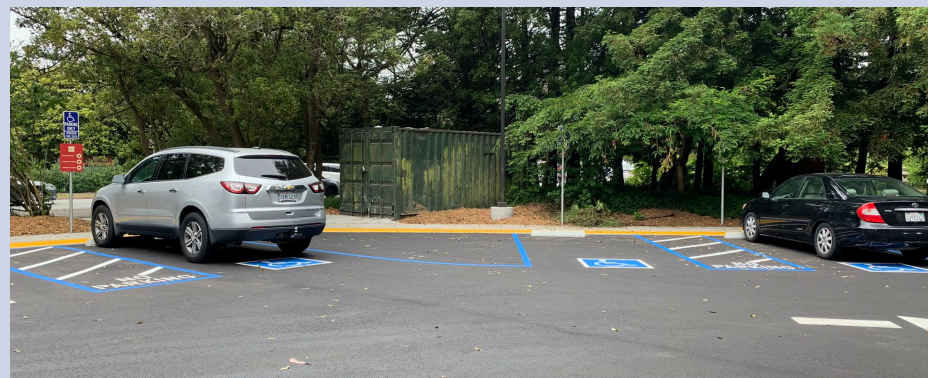


# Accessibility Program Progress 1

## ACCESSIBILITY

- 20 **new blue zone spaces**, fully compliant under ADA regulations at the Bandshell Parking Lot
  - 4 accessible van spaces
  - New pavement surface
  - ADA-compliant path of travel to the Music Concourse
  - Curb ramps

**AFTER**



# Accessibility Program Progress 2

## ACCESSIBILITY

- Immediate fixes to **park shuttle operations** and routing, including more service, every day
- **Improved shuttle information** at stops; all stops have benches and clear temporary signage, with marked paths of travel
- **Event access plan implementation**

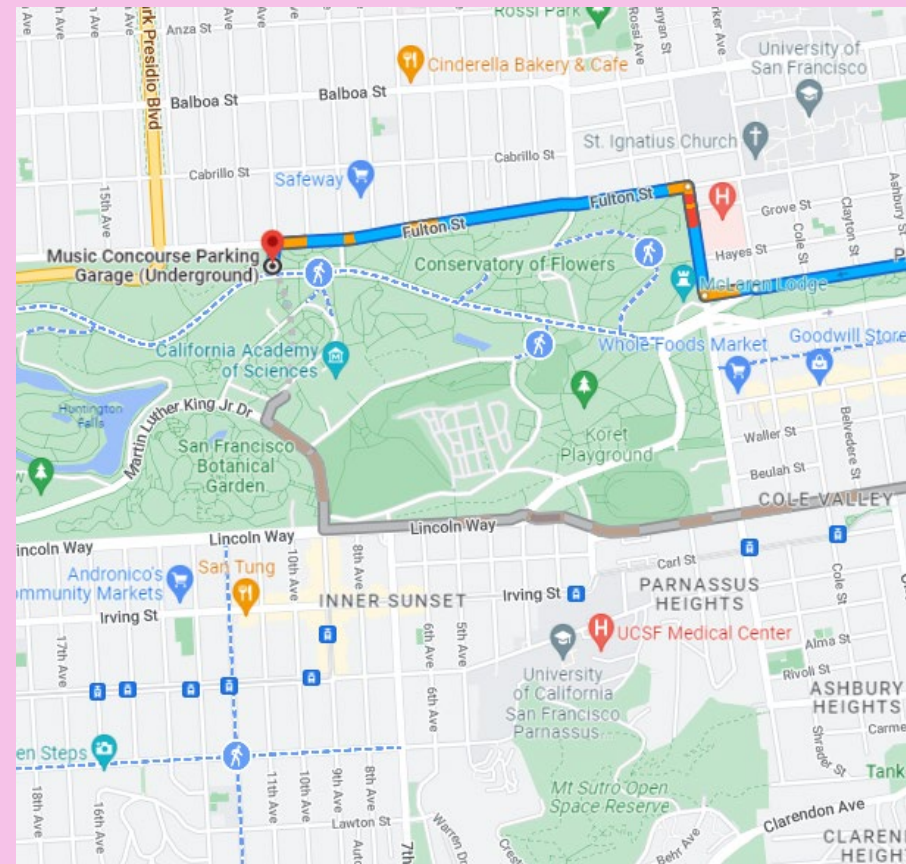




# Program Progress 1

## MOBILITY

- **Taxi stands** in the Music Concourse (at de Young & Cal Academy)
- **Improved driving directions** with map providers (Google & Apple Maps)
- **Shared road closure information** with Uber and Lyft for drop-off and pick-up at Music Concourse
- **New tour bus zones** next to the Bowling Green



# Program Progress 2

## East Side Design Improvements

- **Clear, delineated space with stencil marking** for the de Young loading dock vehicle users
- **Removed un-needed signage clutter** for parking and driving along car-free routes





# Program Progress 3

## EQUITY

- **Community Shuttle** initiative to provide culturally relevant visits to the Park with an emphasis on return trips
  - Rafiki Coalition
  - Network for Elders
  - B\*Magic & Mo\*Magic
  - Feline Finesse
  - Lazarus House Healing



# Upcoming Work

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# Accessibility Upcoming Work 1

## SHUTTLE

- Partnering with Adobe through Office of Innovation Civic Bridge program focused on improving shuttle information
  - Developing shuttle website improvements to make it legible and usable on a smart phone
  - Improving temporary shuttle stop signage – accessibility, legibility and information improvements on the A-frames
  - Designing signage in the shuttle bus for on-board orientation and information
- Real time information still in progress, would integrate with Apple and Google maps
- New shuttle contract going through RFP process, anticipated to start in early 2023



# Accessibility Upcoming Work 2

## CURB RAMPS AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Funding: Accessibility improvements included in FY23 capital budget request
  - Curb ramps along JFK Drive, especially around Peacock Meadow and the Conservatory of Flowers
  - Stanyan Street frontage improvements
  - Shuttle stop location accessibility improvements
  - *On track for Summer 2023 Implementation*



# Accessibility Upcoming Work 3

## ADAPTIVE BIKE PROGRAMS

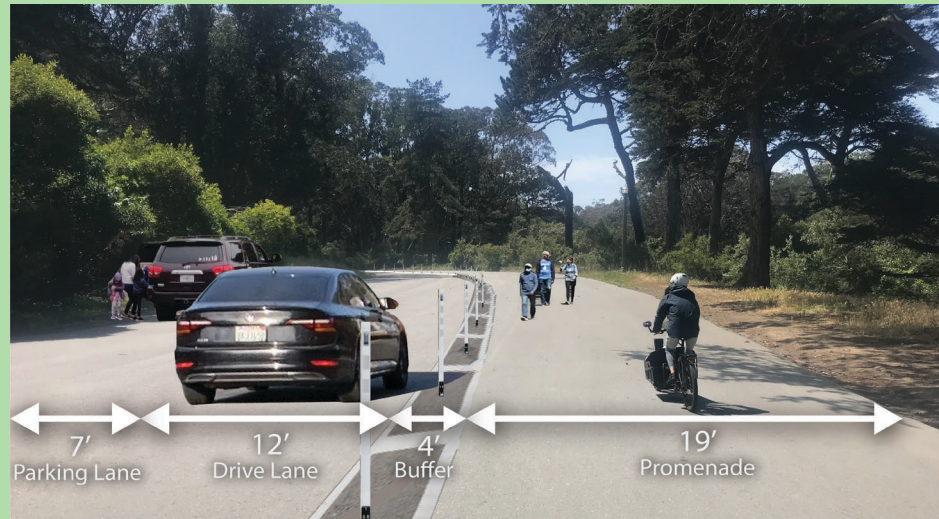
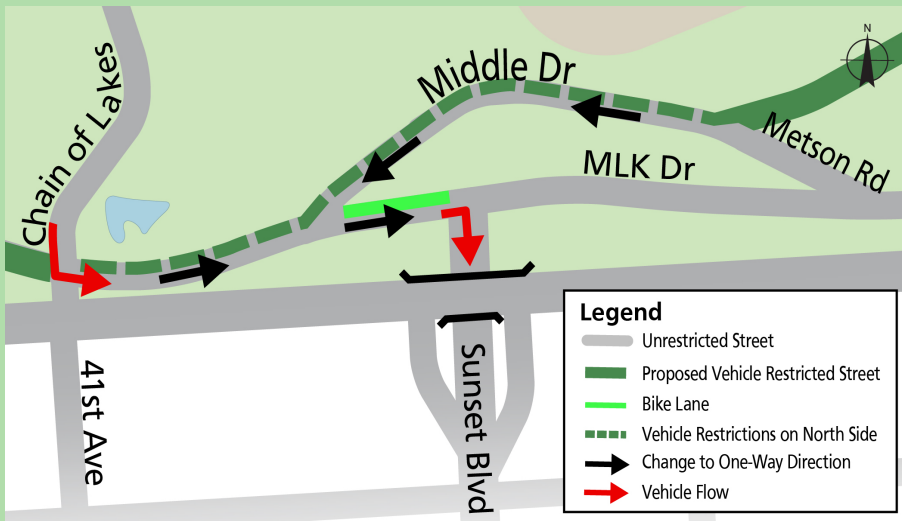
- Adaptive Bikeshare is returning this summer!
- Free SFRPD & SFMTA program for adaptive recreation in partnership with BORP
- Two locations on alternating weekends: in Golden Gate Park next to the Bandshell Accessible Parking Lot and on the Great Highway at the end of Judah
- BORP will take reservations this year and BORP staff will continue to assist



# Upcoming Work 1

## WEST SIDE FOCUS

- Restore direct southbound traffic access to **Sunset Blvd** to reduce traffic congestion on **Chain of Lakes** – on track for Summer 2022
- Create separated promenade space on **Middle Drive** and create legible circulation to Polo Fields parking lot



*Middle Drive West, westbound towards MLK Drive*



# Upcoming Work 2

## MOBILITY



- Restoration of 21 Hayes service to Golden Gate Park on July 9
- 29 Sunset Improvement Project outreach currently underway

# Continued Reporting & Accountability

- Upcoming report to the Board of Supervisors Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee in July
- Quarterly reports and presentations posted on the SFMTA and RPD websites
- Giving and getting input:
  - Acting on the input we been given
  - Sharing opportunities as they come forward – what is the right forum?





Thank you

