

Better Streets provide significant benefits to residents and visitors of San Francisco. When Better Streets is widely implemented across San Francisco, it will help to :

- Retain families in San Francisco
- Support Muni and a transit-first city
- Promote public safety
- Decrease the likelihood of pedestrian injuries and fatalities
- Increase accessibility for street users
- Support the City's local shopping districts and small businesses
- Provide public open space
- Minimize impact on global climate change and local air pollution
- Minimize storm-water pollution and combined sewer discharges
- Enhance habitat for wildlife
- Support community, civic interaction, and neighborhood identity
- Enhance the everyday quality of life for San Franciscans

BSM PERMIT SUPPORT

Sidewalk Landscaping Permit

- Median Greening
- Sidewalk Landscaping
- Street Trees

Major Encroachment Permit

- Community Kiosks

Minor Sidewalk Encroachment Permit

- Sidewalk Reconstruction (Driveway/ADA access)
- Benches & Seating
- Public Art
- Signage

Permits Also Issued for :

- Banners
- Bollards
- Street Improvements (Curb Ramps)
- Newsracks
- Outdoor Café & Restaurant Seating
- Sidewalk Merchandise Displays
- Special Sidewalk Paving
- Street Food Vendors
- Transit Shelters



SFBETTERSTREETS



San Francisco Public Works
Street-Use and Mapping
 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 300
 San Francisco, CA 94103
 Phone: (628) 271-2000

San Francisco Public Works
Permit Center
 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 200

Processing Hours:

- 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
- 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Wednesday
- **Closed on official holidays**



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WHAT AGENCIES ARE INVOLVED IN SF BETTER STREETS?

- Arts Commission
 - Civic Design Review
 - Visual Arts Committees
- Department of Public Works (DPW)
- Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA)
 - Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation (ISCOTT)
 - Transportation Advisory Staff Committee (TASC)

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND LIABILITY?

Maintenance requirements are typically part of any street-use permit. As part of the permit, you must agree to a maintenance plan for the long-term upkeep of the street or sidewalk improvements. Considering project maintenance early on can save time and reduce permitting costs.

Street-use permits typically include conditions and language stating that the applicant agrees to hold the City harmless in case of any liability that stems from keeping the improvement in an unsafe condition. This may mean taking out an additional insurance policy to ensure the permit holder against any potential liability claims.



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A guide to making street improvements in San Francisco

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT

San Francisco's policies encourage the design and development of "Better Streets"—streets that benefit all users. A Better Street attends to the needs of people and the environment first, considering pedestrians, bicyclists, transit, street trees, storm-water management, utilities, and livability as well as vehicular circulation and parking.

ACTIVATING STREET SPACE



- Block Parties
- Street Fairs
- Outdoor Café & Restaurant Seating
- Sidewalk Merchandise Display
- Street Artist
- Street Food Vendors
- Street Markets
- Bike Corrals
- Parklets



GREENING & STORMWATER MANAGEMENT



- Hanging Planters
- Median Greening
- Sidewalk Landscaping
- Street Trees
- Rain Gardens
- Channels/Runnels
- Permeable Paving



PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND TRAFFIC CALMING



- Crosswalks
- Curb Ramps
- Pedestrian Signals
- Bulb Outs
- Medians/Islands
- Speed Humps or Bumps
- Traffic Circles



STREETSCAPE FURNISHINGS



- Pedestrian/Roadway Lighting
- Special Sidewalk Paving
- Banners
- Benches/Seating
- Bicycle Racks
- Community Kiosks
- Bollards
- Newsracks
- Public Art
- Public Toilets
- Signage
- Transit Shelters
- Sidewalk Trash Cans

