



## **Commission on Disability**

### **Meeting Agenda: June 11, 2025 at 5pm**

**North Berkeley Senior Center, Aspen Room  
1901 Hearst Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94709**

#### **Preliminary Matters**

1. Call to Order by Chair Pugh
2. Land Acknowledgment recognizing Berkeley as the ancestral, unceded home of the Ohlone People
3. Roll Call by Secretary
4. Public Comments
 

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5. Approval of draft minutes: May 14, 2025 meeting\*
6. Approval: Order of Agenda\*

#### **Presentation**

7. Telegraph Ave. Multimodal Street Redesign: Concepts Under Consideration with Elliot Schwimmer, Sr. Transportation Engineer, Public Works Dept.\* — 45 minutes

#### **Discussion/Action Items**

8. Minutes recording substantive aspects of agenda items — 10 minutes
9. Recommendations for FF\* — 20 minutes
10. Accessibility language prior to and needs at City meetings/events\* — 10 minutes
11. Work Plan Updates and Developments — 20 minutes
  - a. Working Group
  - b. Ideas on format, next steps and timeline
  - c. Generate ideas on presentations to advance Work Plan priorities

#### **Commissioner Reports/Announcements**

#### **Staff Updates** — 15 minutes

12. Log of Access Complaints\*
13. Email and voicemail sent to the Commission\*

#### **Adjournment**

- \* **Written material included in packet.**
- \*\* **Written material to be delivered at meeting.**
- \*\*\* **Written material previously distributed.**

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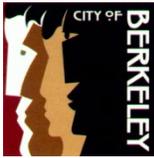
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## Commission on Disability DRAFT Minutes re May 14, 2025

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### Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order by Chair Pugh at 5:04pm
2. Land Acknowledgment recognizing Berkeley as the ancestral, unceded home of the Ohlone People
3. Roll Call by Secretary
  - Commissioners present: Commissioner Walsh, Vice Chair Fischer, Chair Pugh, Commissioner Sun, Commissioner Lewkowicz, Commissioner Holloway, and Commissioner Nisen
  - Commissioner absent: Commissioner Mann
  - Commissioner on a Leave Of Absence: Commissioner Paz
  - Staff present: Thomas Gregory and Amy Johnson
4. Public Comments
 

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5. Approval of draft minutes: April 9, 2025 meeting\*
  - “...to approve the minutes from the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.”
  - Moved by: Vice Chair Fischer; seconded by: Commissioner Lewkowicz.
  - Abstain: Commissioner Nisen
  - Nays: none
  - Ayes: Commissioner Walsh, Vice Chair Fischer, Chair Pugh, Commissioner Sun, Commissioner Lewkowicz, and Commissioner Holloway.
  - The motion passes.
6. Approval: Order of Agenda\*
  - “...to approve the agenda as drafted.”
  - Moved by: Vice Chair Fischer; seconded by: Commissioner Lewkowicz.
  - Ayes: unanimous.
  - The motion passes.

### Presentations

7. Traffic and Parking Design by Larry Yee, Traffic Engineer, PWD Consultant\*  
45 minutes

### Discussion/Action Items

8. Discussion/vote on edited Active Icon recommendation to Council\* - 10 minutes

“...to pass the recommendation regarding the Active Icon and authorize Chair/secretary to submit to Clerk as soon as possible.”

Moved by: Commissioner Walsh; seconded by: Chair Pugh.

Ayes: unanimous

The motion passes.

9. Accessibility language prior to and needs at City meetings/events\*\* - 10 minutes

10. Recommendations for FF\*\* - 20 minutes

11. Work Plan Development - 15 minutes

a. Working group

b. Ideas on format, next steps and timelines

c. Generate ideas on presentations to advance Work Plan priorities

This agenda item was skipped due to a shortage of time that was the result of technical difficulties that temporarily made it impossible for Commissioners to communicate effectively during this hybrid (i.e., in-person and Zoom) meeting.

### **Commissioner Reports/Announcements**

#### **Staff Updates** - 15 minutes

12. Log of Access Complaints\*

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#### **Adjournment** at 7:13pm

Minutes approved by CoD vote on: \_\_\_\_\_

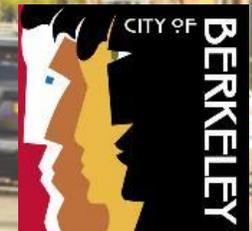
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Thomas Gregory, Secretary to Commission

June 11, 2025

# Telegraph Avenue Multimodal Corridor Study

Commission on Disability Meeting



# Agenda

- 1 Project Background**
- 2 Goals and Objectives**
- 3 Overview of Designs**
- 4 Project Status Update**



# Study Area

- Telegraph Avenue
  - Woolsey Street (Oakland border) to Dwight Way
  - Approx. 0.85 miles
- Land Uses
  - Willard Middle School and Park
  - Medical offices and facilities
  - Restaurants, cafes, and retail
  - Existing Residential (low to medium density)
  - Proposed Residential development

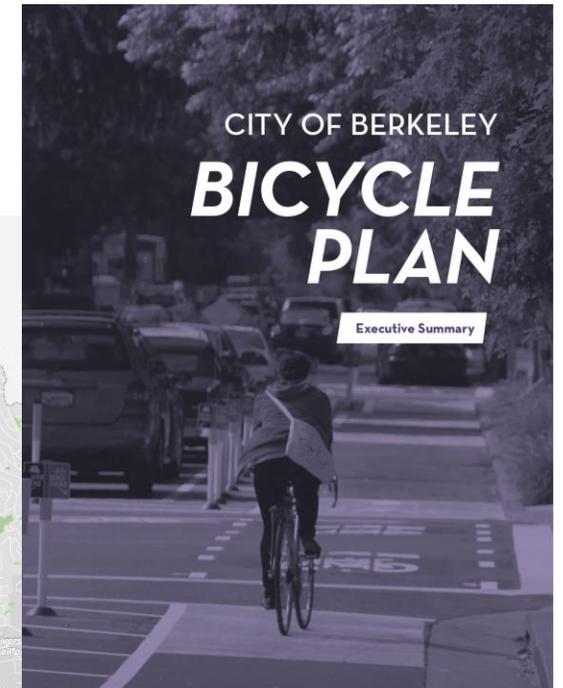
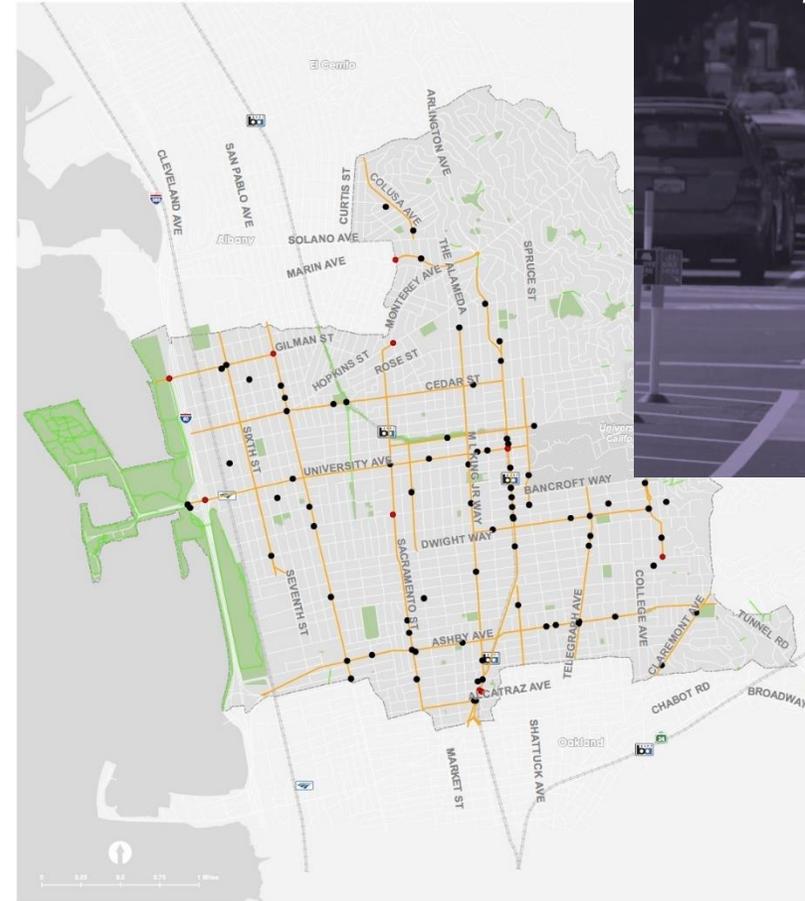


# Supporting Studies

## Implement City of Berkeley Safety and Multimodal Plans

- Berkeley Strategic Transportation Plan (2017)
- Bicycle Plan (2017) (undergoing update)
- General Plan – Transit-First Policy (2001)
- Pedestrian Plan (2021)
- Southside Plan (2011)
- Vision Zero Action Plan (2019)

FIGURE 12: HIGH INJURY STREETS IN BERKELEY



2. Existing Walking Conditions

Table E-7: Complete Street Corridor Studies Continued

CORRIDOR	LOCATION	CROSS ST A	CROSS ST B	RECOMMENDED STUDY	INTERIM TREATMENT	MILES	COST ESTIMATE
Shattuck Ave*	Shattuck Ave	City Limits - South	Rose St	Study Cycletrack (4)	-	2.08	\$124,700
	Shattuck Ave	City Limits - South	Rose St	-	3C: Sharrows	2.08	\$22,400
Solano Ave	Solano Ave	City Limits - West	Northbrae Tunnel	Study Cycletrack (4)	-	0.52	\$312,600
	Solano Ave	City Limits - West	The Alameda	-	3C: Sharrows	0.30	\$4,900
Telegraph Ave*	Telegraph Ave	Woolsey St	Bancroft Way	Study Cycletrack (4)	-	1.09	\$654,700
	Telegraph Ave	Ashby Ave	Bancroft Way	-	2B: Upgraded Bike Lane	0.87	\$156,500
	Telegraph Ave	Woolsey St	Ashby Ave	-	2B: Upgraded Bike Lane	0.22	\$39,900

# Supporting Studies

## Improve AC Transit Service

- Major Corridors Study (2016)
- Multimodal Corridor Guidelines (2018) and Transit-Supportive Design Guidelines (2025)
- Short-Range Transit Plan (2019)

Corridor	Short-Term	Long-Term (by 2040)	Route
<b>Telegraph Avenue</b>	Rapid Bus Upgrades	Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)	6

AC Transit Major Corridors Study

Table B: Final Short-Term and Long-Term Investment Strategies for Major Corridors (pg. 6)

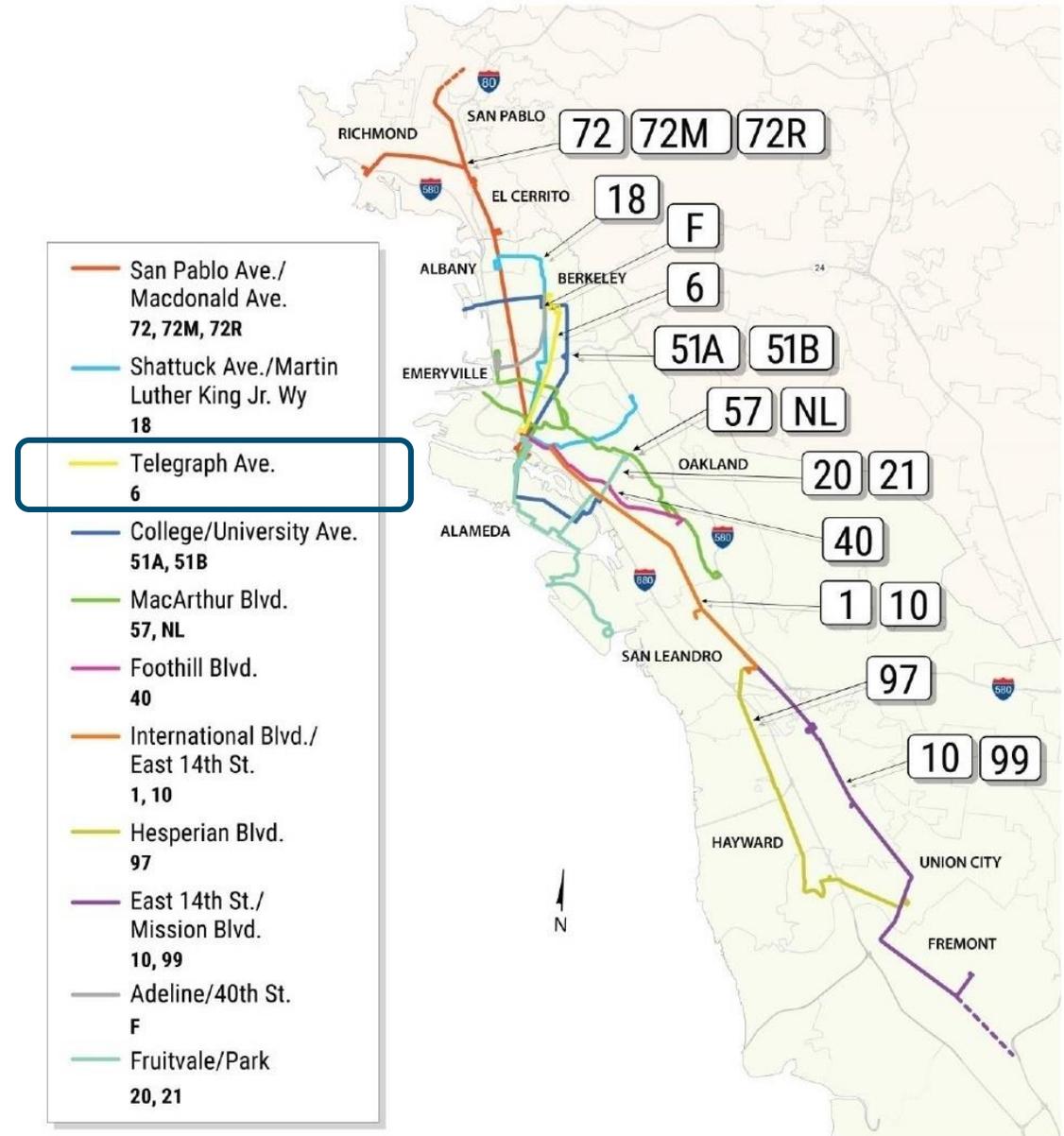


Figure 4: Map of Major Corridors



# Goals and Objectives

# Vision Statement

Provide more **transportation options** by improving **transit speed and reliability** and making Telegraph Avenue **safer for all users**, consistent with the City of Berkeley Vision Zero Policy and Vision Zero Action Plan.



# Goals & Objectives

- **Meeting Vision Zero Policy Goals (new stated goal)**
  - Safety improvements and design to reduce traffic deaths and serious injuries.
- **Improve transit travel times and on-time reliability**
  - Using treatments such as bus bulbs, queue jumps, and transit lanes.
- **All Ages & Abilities biking facilities**
  - Provide safe, comfortable, connected bike facilities for bi-directional travel consistent with the goals of the City of Berkeley Bicycle Plan.
- **A state of good repair**
  - Spot pavement repair, ADA curb ramp upgrades, traffic signal upgrades, improved street lighting, and other maintenance activities to enhance safety for all users.
- **Curb management strategy**
  - With input from residents, visitors, and the business community, develop a design that provides commercial and passenger loading zones adequate to support local businesses and destinations, more and better accessible parking spaces and paratransit access, and preserve on-street parking as much as possible.



# Vision Zero

The City of Berkeley is committed to an equity-focused, data-driven effort to eliminate traffic deaths and severe injuries on our city streets by 2028.

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TRAFFIC SAFETY

## 2 pedestrians taken to hospital after Southside Berkeley crash

One woman reported a leg injury and one said she had pain in her shoulder, police said. They were taken to Kaiser Oakland for treatment.



The Berkeley Fire Department took two pedestrians to the hospital Friday evening after a driver struck them at Telegraph Avenue and Parker Street in the Southside Berkeley neighborhood (file photo). *Emilie Raguso/The Berkeley Scanner*

A driver who said the setting sun was in his eyes struck two pedestrians in a crosswalk in Berkeley on Friday evening, sending them to the hospital, authorities report.

One of the pedestrians, both women who appeared to be in their 30s, reported a leg injury and one said she had pain in her shoulder, according to preliminary information from the Berkeley Police Department.

## CRIME &amp; SAFETY

## Driver strikes woman in crosswalk on Telegraph, critical injuries reported

The woman is still alive but BPD has called out its Fatal Accident Investigation Team.

By Emilie Raguso

July 25, 2022, 5:51 pm



A woman was taken to the hospital with critical injuries Monday after a driver in a white van (pictured here) struck her in a crosswalk on Telegraph Avenue, July 25, 2022. Credit: Emilie Raguso

# Vision Zero

- The guiding principles of Vision Zero are:
  - Safety is our highest priority.
  - Traffic deaths and severe injuries are preventable and unacceptable.
  - People make mistakes.
  - Slower streets are safer streets.
  - We will create safer transportation options for walking, cycling, and taking transit.
  - Street safety must be achieved equitably.
  - Vision Zero will be accountable, transparent, and data-driven.



**25%**

chance of pedestrian fatality or severe injury



**50%**

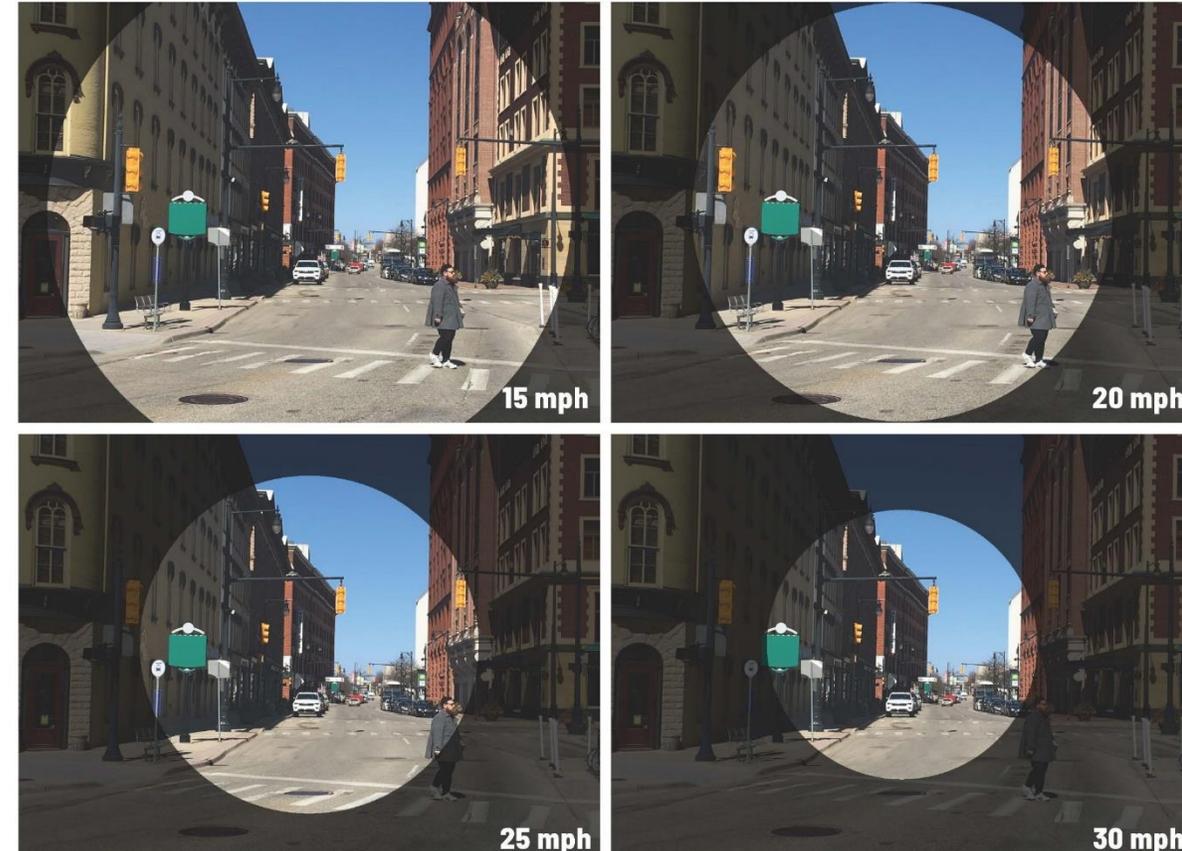
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**90%**

chance of pedestrian fatality or severe injury

Source: Tefft, Brian, 'Impact speed and a pedestrian's risk of severe injury or death' (Accident Prevention and Analysis, 2013)

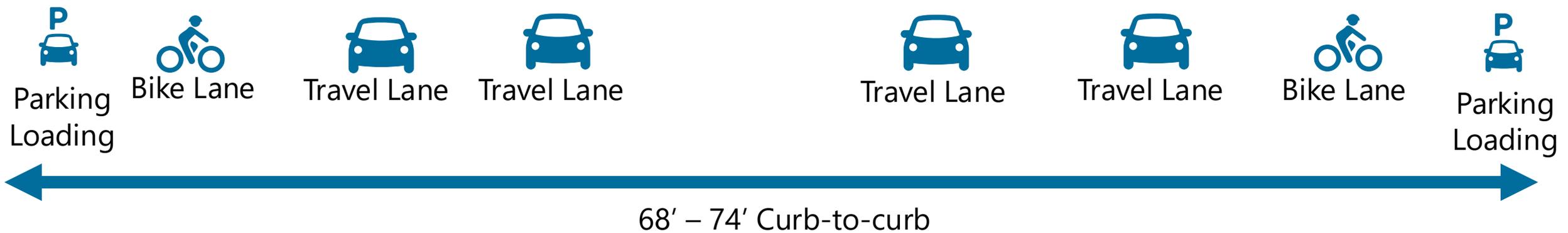
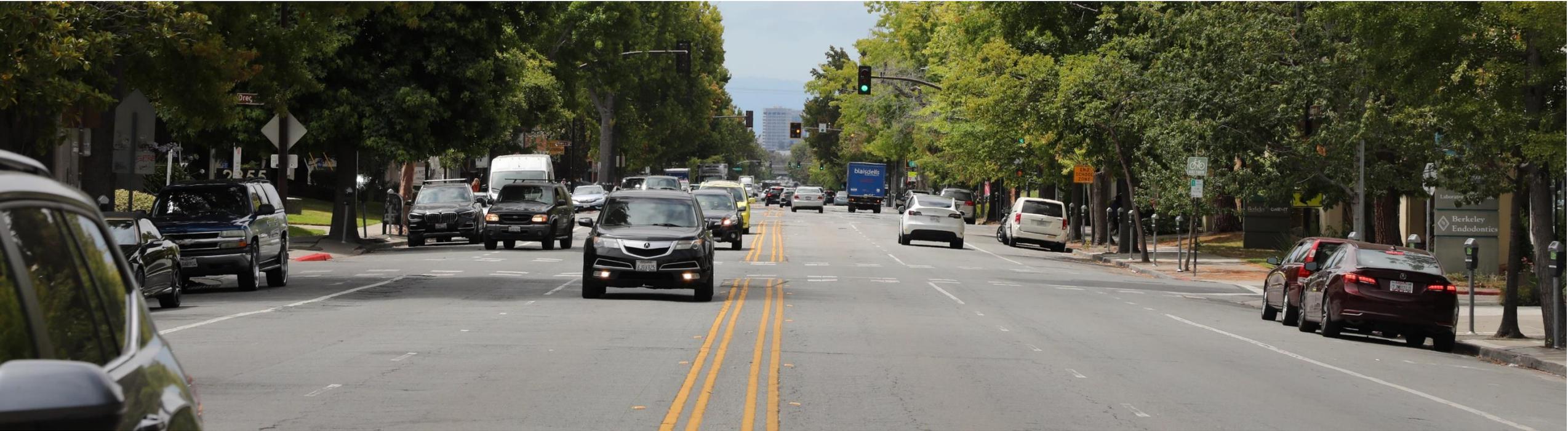


# Parking and Loading

- Update curb space for loading and unloading to meet evolving business and community needs
  - Accommodate short-term curb uses, including parcel delivery, Uber, and DoorDash
  - Mid-day loading with off-hours parking
- Improve safety and predictability for all users
  - Reduce in-lane obstructing
  - Reduce double parking
- Add new accessible parking
  - Increase equity of access



# Street Layout



# Telegraph Multimodal Potential Design Elements

- Maintain access to businesses:
  - Loading zones (commercial and passenger)
  - “Floating” parking lanes
- Transit operations improvements:
  - Bus-only Transit Lanes
  - Transit stop islands or sidewalk extension “bulbouts”
- Vision Zero Traffic Safety:
  - Separated bike lanes (e.g. “Cycle Tracks”)
  - Shorter pedestrian crossings

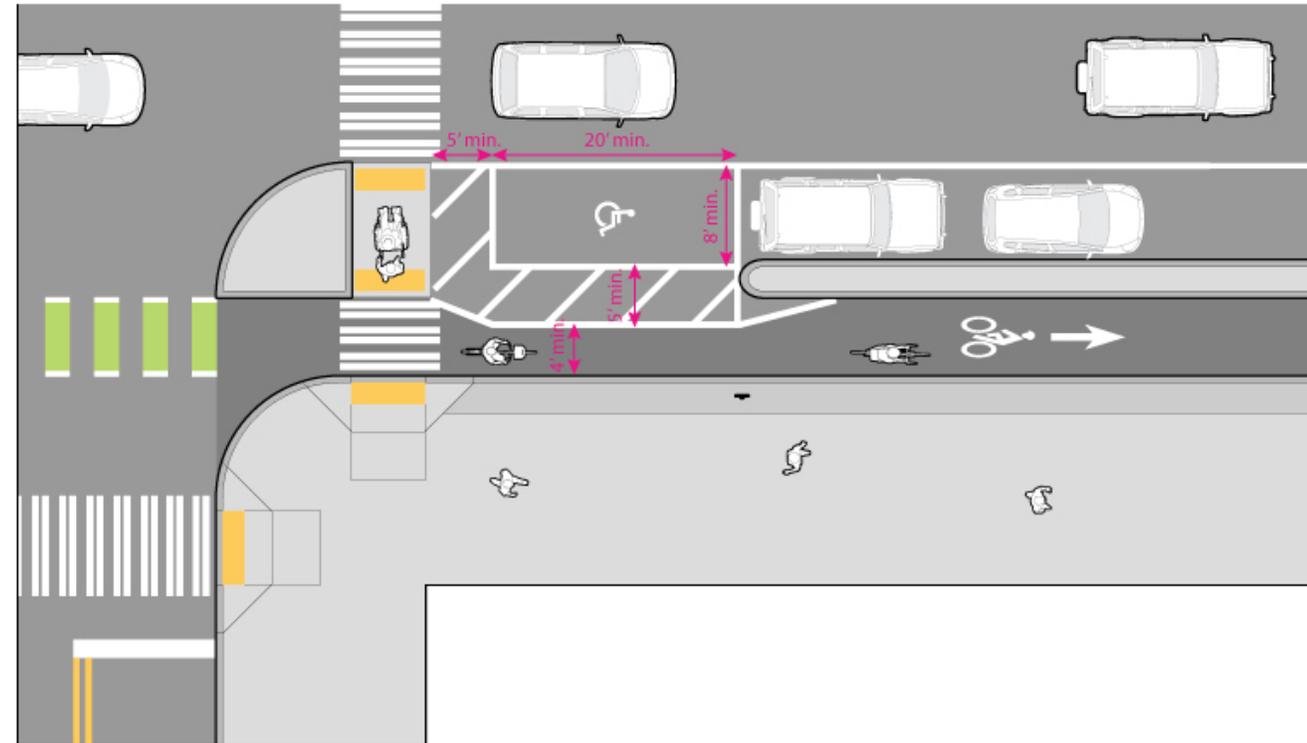


# Overview of Concepts

	Concept 1	Concept 2	Concept 3 (Oakland's Design)
Class IV Bike Lanes	Included	Included	Included
Bus-Only Lane	Included, with some gaps	Included, with more gaps than Concept 1	Not included
Left Turns Allowed	2 of 15	4 of 15	12 of 15
Parking and Loading	Mostly restricted to one side of Telegraph Ave (where feasible), with some loading on side streets.	Mostly restricted to one side of Telegraph Ave (where feasible), with some loading on side streets.	Mostly retained
Fire Access, Emergency Response, and Evacuation	Pending upcoming design and analysis, street redesign may be equal to or better than existing conditions.	Pending upcoming design and analysis, street redesign may be equal to or better than existing conditions.	Pending upcoming design and analysis, street redesign may be worse than existing conditions.

# Universal Design Considerations

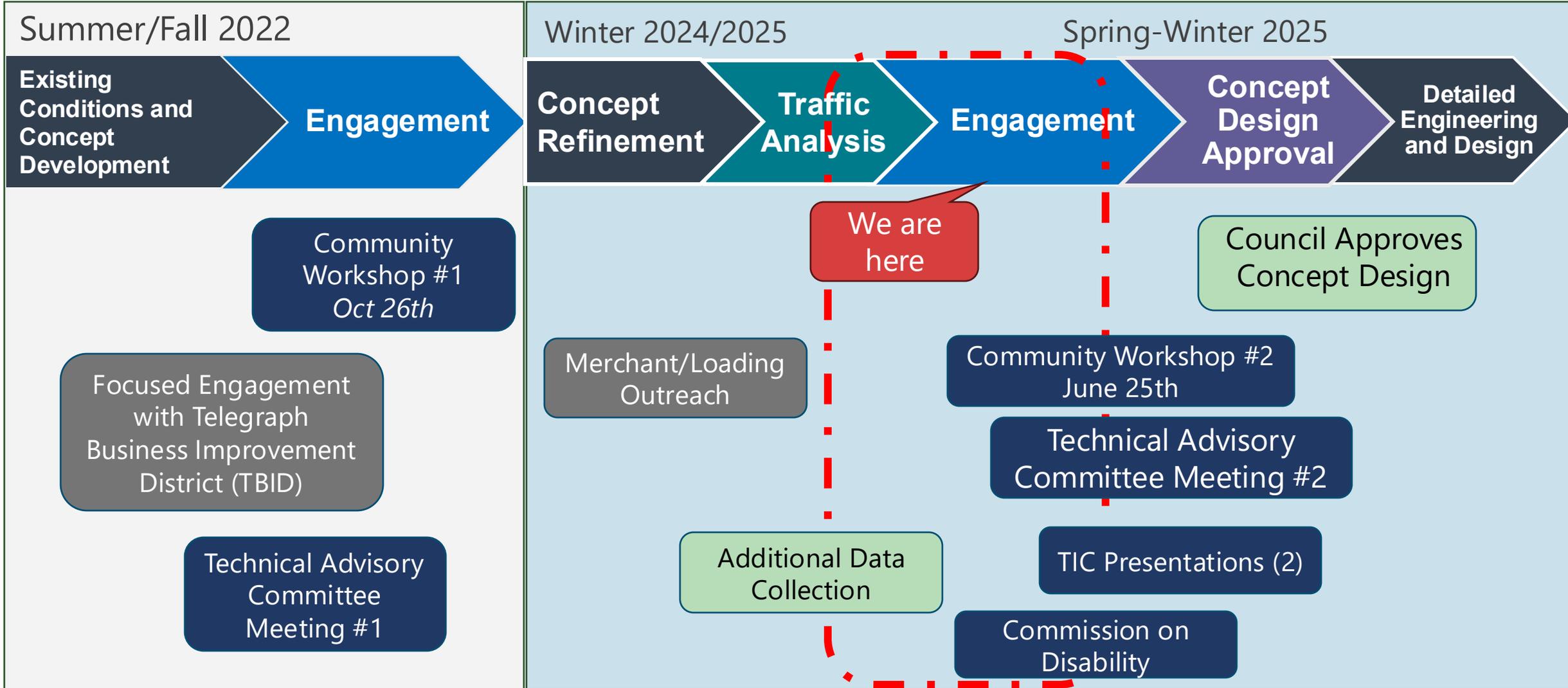
- Pedestrian and Transit Design Considerations
  - Maintain and improve overall accessibility
  - Platform-level boarding
  - Better intersection design
- Bicycle and Parking Design Considerations
  - Bike lanes = mobility lanes?
  - Access aisle for floating parking
  - Well-designed blue zones
  - Meet or exceed PROWAG blue zone requirements for each block face



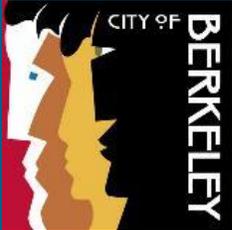
Source: Seattle Rights-of-Way Improvements Manual, Figure AB. , 3.14 Access Criteria, Typical layout of an accessible parking space provided in the public right-of-way, available at [3.14 Access Criteria :: Seattle Streets Illustrated](#)

Future phases of this project (detailed engineering and construction) have *not* yet been funded or scheduled.

# Concept Design: Project Status



# Thank you!



[Transportation@berkeleyca.gov](mailto:Transportation@berkeleyca.gov)

June2025 - Log of Unresolved Access-related Complaints

Subject matter key:

1 = built environment (facilities and their adjacent paths of travel)

2 = built environment (pedestrian rights of way)

3 = digital content

4 = effective communications/signage

5 = programs, services, and activities

An asterisk in the Date Complaint Lodged column indicates that the complaint was a formal ADA Grievance.

Date Complaint Lodged	Lack of Access Pertaining To	Date the City deemed a solution was implemented	Nature of solution	Solution's level of compliance with law	Complainant's level of satisfaction with solution
6/8/23	3 – Concern that much more content (in addition to the Commissioners' Manual, which was non-compliant but which has been remediated) on City website could be out of compliance with WCAG.	6/14/23	On 6/14/23, the City's Digital Communications Coordinator wrote that all City-generated web content meets WCAG standards. Re content on the City's website generated by third parties (e.g., Granicus), the City will insist that this third parties ensure that their content meets	Assuming solution is implemented consistently on an ongoing basis, it is compliant. However, as of May2025, the website itself is not fully compliant and	Unknown (but likely not very satisfied).

			WCAG, and specific City staff are responsible for ensuring that these third parties cure any identified instances of non-compliance.	there are non-compliant PDFs uploaded to the website.	
8/28/23	1 – constituent complained that The Stegmann Trail at Cesar Chavez Park is too bumpy and out of compliance.	9/5/23	PRW staff informed complainant of existing plans to render the trail ADA compliant tentatively scheduled to commence in Sep2024.  Update: remediation has not begun as of May2025.	Site is not yet complaint but the solution, once implemented, will be compliant.	Likely unsatisfied.
12/1/23	1 - Complaint that STAIR Center was not ADA-compliant.	Not yet.	I explained the situation in much detail to complainant, acknowledging that the site was not compliant in 95 different ways. I explained that the issues would not be remediated until after the site's trailer-based structures were replaced with pallet-based structures, which was scheduled to happen in late FY2023-	No compliant solution yet implemented.	Unsatisfied.

			<p>24. This complainant was part of a coalition of advocates concerned about this particular site, and on 12/20 I spent two hours at CIL discussing the issues with the coalition.</p> <p>Update: the “late FY2023-24” ETA re replacing trailers with pallet-based structures has been abandoned, and the new ETA is: October - Jan 2025.</p> <p>Update: the new ETA is that work (which should take roughly four months) will begin in late May2025.</p>		
1/28/24	2 – complaint about non-compliant sidewalk near NE corner of MLK and Derby.	Not yet	Confirmed that this violation was already documented in database (it was)...asked Transpo/Engineering staff if this issue could be prioritized.	No compliant solution yet implemented.	Unsatisfied.
6/20/2024	3 – complaint that the City’s website does not comply with WCAG 2.0.	Not yet	The City will hire a Digital Communications Coordinator who will	Once implemented, the	Unsatisfied.

			ensure that the website is WCAG-compliant.	solution will be compliant.	
6/30/2024	2 – overgrown hedge on 1600 block of Acton Street is obstructing sidewalk.	Not yet.	PW staff referred the matter to Code Enforcement staff, who will inform property owner that hedges must be trimmed back.	Once the hedges have been trimmed to create at least 4' of unobstructed sidewalk, the site in question will be compliant.	Unknown.
8/2/2024	2 – Lack of curb ramps at Claremont Ave/Avalon Ave.	Not yet.	Curb ramps to be installed at Claremont/Avalon in Nov2024.	Not yet. 3 of the 4 curb ramps at this intersection have remediated and are now compliant. The fourth curb ramp at the site has not yet been remediated, and there is currently no ETA.	Unsatisfied.
8/22/24	2 – construction site on Shattuck between Francisco and Delaware violates PROWAG.	Not yet.	ADA staff has informed Transpo staff of what is needed to remediate this situation; Transpo staff is working with the contractor in question to implement an ADA-friendly design of an	Not yet.	Unsatisfied.

			alternate pedestrian pathway at the site.		
1/17/25	2 – two curb ramps at Euclid and Crystal Way lack required detectable warning surfaces.	Not yet.	Detectable warning surfaces will be installed at these two curb ramps.	Once implemented, the solution will be compliant.	Unknown.
3/24/2025	2 – Alternate pedestrian access route on north side of Kittredge between Shattuck and Harold not compliant with PROWAG.	Not yet.	PW staff will cause the relevant contractor to make the site PROWAG-compliant.	Once implemented, the solution will be compliant.	Likely unsatisfied.
4/1/2025	2 – sidewalk blockages by construction site at Center/Milvia do not feature properly placed and operational proximity-actuated audible signals as required by PROWAG.	5/27/2025	PW staff will cause the relevant contractor to make the site PROWAG-compliant.	Compliant.	Likely unsatisfied.
4/17/2025	2 – accessible parking spot on Woolsey, about 100 feet east of the NE corner of Woolsey/Adeline, is not compliant with PROWAG.	5/27/2025	In order to make the spot PROWAG-compliant, the City will need to either (a) add a 3'-wide access aisle next to the spot, (b) change the spot from an angled spot to a parallel spot, or (c) eliminate this blue spot and, if required, add a new blue spot somewhere else on the same block.	Compliant.  (Option (a) was implemented.)	Likely satisfied.

			The City's Transpo Division is currently deciding which approach to take in order to remediate the issue.		
4/28/2025	3 – Request for Administrative Review form, posted to City website, does not have fillable fields and thus is presumably not WCAG compliant.	Not yet.	Remediate form for WCAG compliance, and then replace non-compliant version with remediated version.	Once implemented, the solution will be compliant.	Unknown.
5/2/2025	3 – Berkeley Rides for Seniors and the Disabled application form, posted to City website, does not have fillable fields and thus is presumably not WCAG compliant.	Not yet	Remediate form for WCAG compliance, and then replace non-compliant version with remediated version.	Once implemented, the solution will be compliant.	Unknown.
6/3/2025	2 – PROW on west side of Shattuck between Ward and Derby not PROWAG-compliant.	6/5/25	No compliance issues.	Compliant	Unknown

The above list does not reflect accommodation requests that were promptly approved and met the requester's satisfaction.