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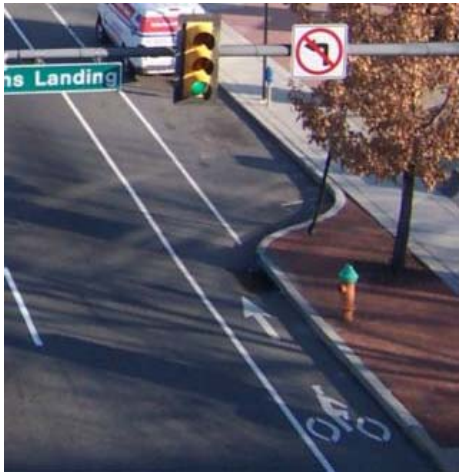
Complete Streets – Policy & Examples



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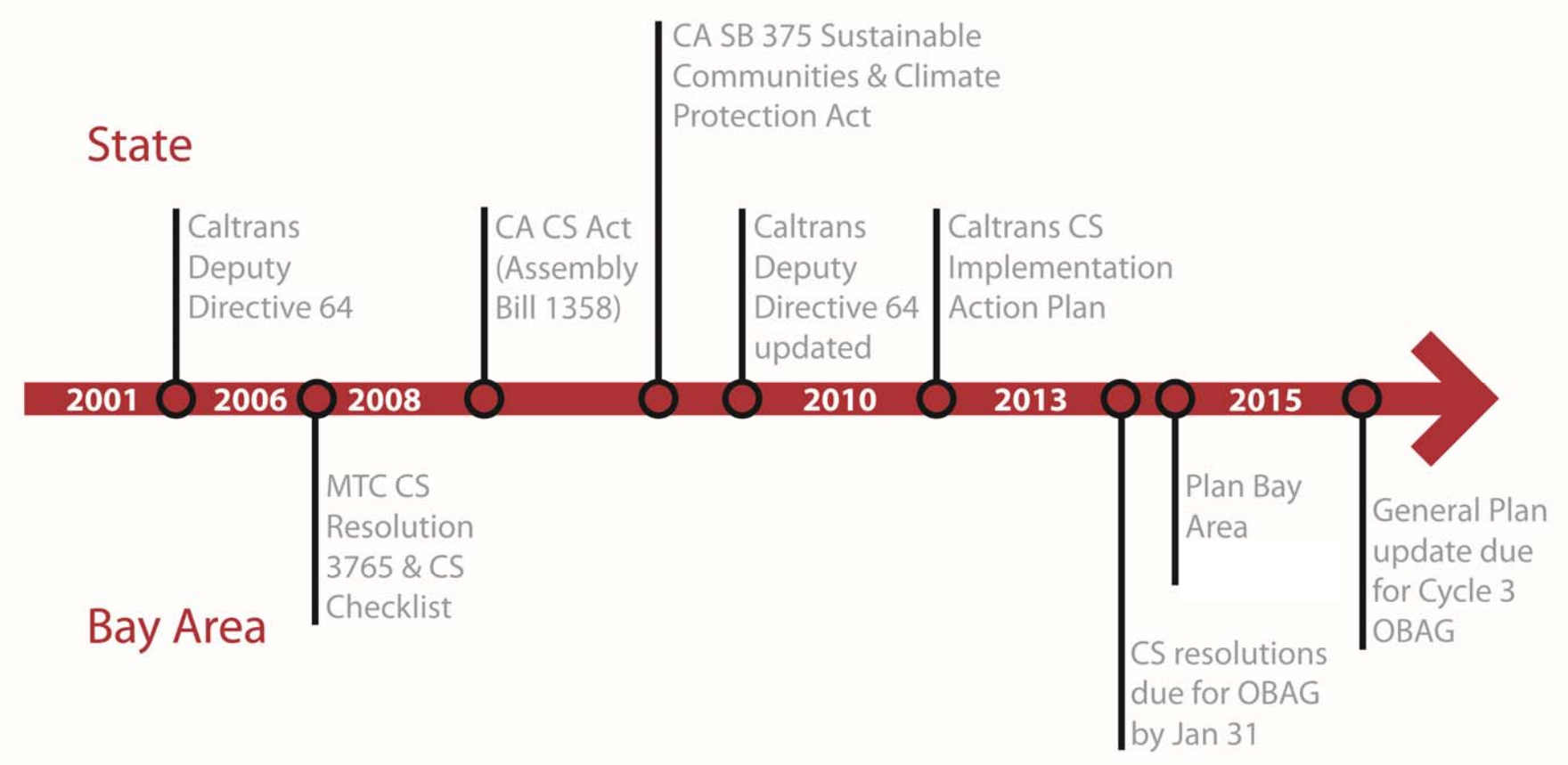
Agenda

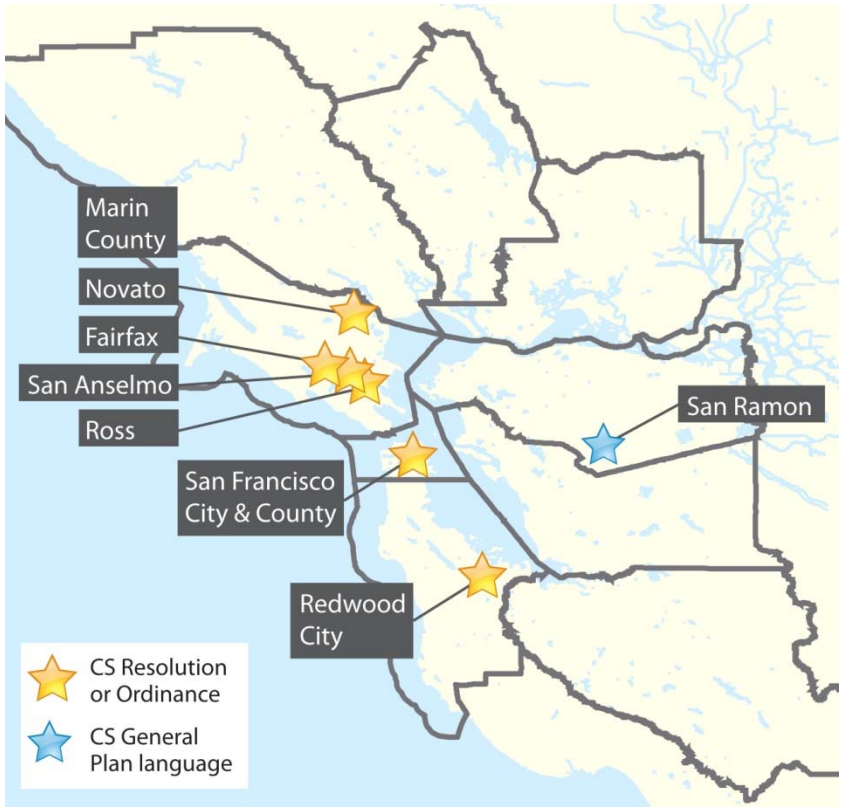
- Complete Streets Legislation/Policies
- Complete Streets Examples

Complete Streets in California and the Bay Area



2008 California Complete Streets Act (AB 1358)

- Signed by Gov. Schwarzenegger and co-sponsored by AARP and California Bicycle Coalition
- Cities and counties must include complete streets policies in general plans during any 'substantive revision of the circulation element'
- Office of Planning and Research guidance : opr.ca.gov/docs/Update_GP_Guidelines_Complete_Streets.pdf



Complete Streets Policies in the Bay Area

Caltrans Deputy Directive 64-R1

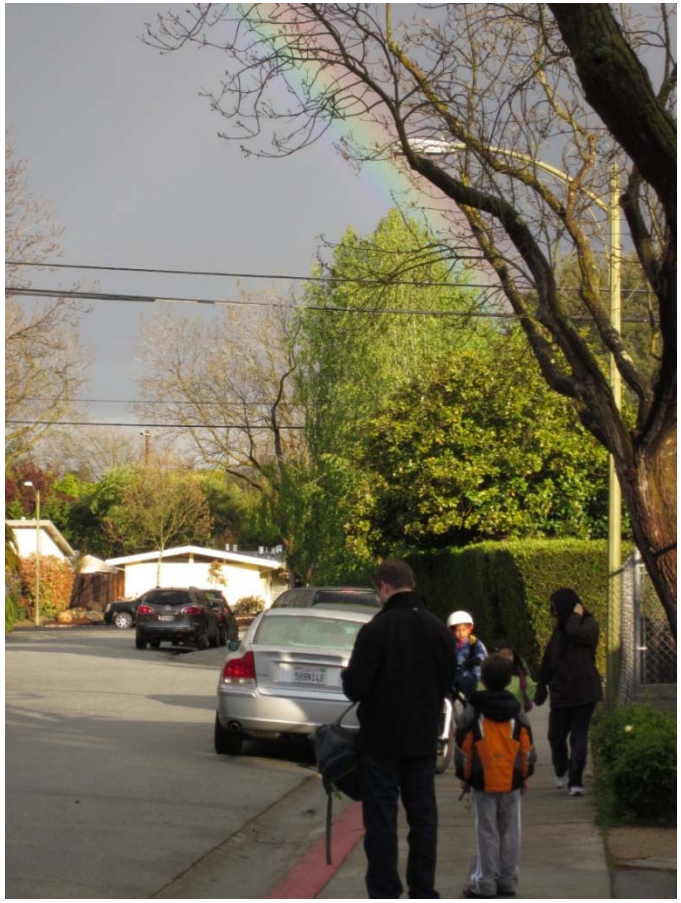
- Adopted 2008
- Provides for the needs of travelers of **all ages and abilities** in all planning, programming, design, construction, operations, and maintenance activities and products on the State highway system
- MTC policies consistent

Plan Bay Area (SB 375)

- Regional long-term sustainable growth strategy
- Responds to Senate Bill 375
  - Reduce greenhouse gas emissions **15%** per capita by **2035**
  - House the region's population at all income levels
  - Links transportation and land use planning
  - Preservation of open space and agricultural land

One Bay Area Grant (OBAG)

- Plan Bay Area implementation link
- Rewards jurisdictions that produce housing near transit and create healthy communities
- Replaced funding programs
  - Transportation for Livable Communities
  - Regional Bicycle Network Program
  - Local Streets and Roads



OBAG Requirements/Eligibility

- Flexibility in distribution, but OBAG requires:
  - **Counties**
    - 70% of funds to be spent in Priority Development Areas (PDA)
    - Development of PDA Investment and Growth Strategies
  - **Cities**
    - Housing element adoption
    - Complete streets resolution or update to circulation element of general plan*

OBAG Complete Streets Requirements

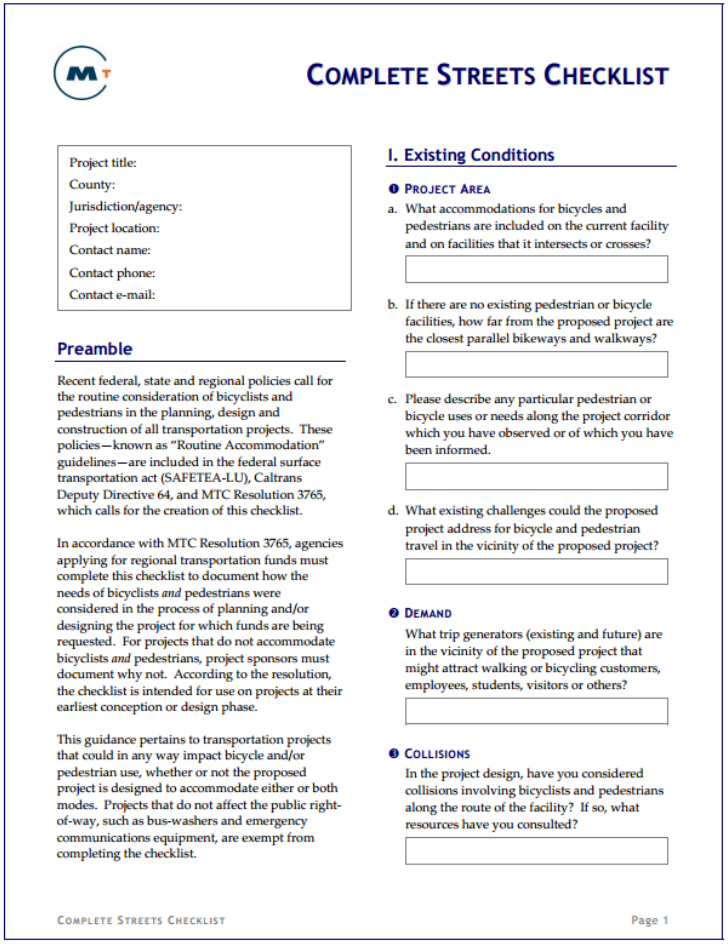
Requirement	Deadline	Funding
Complete Streets resolution, or General Plan update	January 31, 2015	FY 2013-14 through 2015-16
General Plan update complies with 2008 Complete Streets Act	**January 31, 2016**	**Next OBAG Cycle (FY 17/18)**

OBAG Complete Streets Compliance

- 103 Cities have met requirement
  - 68 Resolution
  - 33 General Plan

MTC Complete Streets Checklist

- Required for all projects funded by MTC, including OBAG
- Does the project consider all users in project planning and design?



Complete Streets Checklist

Project title:
County:
Jurisdiction/agency:
Project location:
Contact name:
Contact phone:
Contact e-mail:

Preamble

Recent federal, state and regional policies call for the routine consideration of bicyclists and pedestrians in the planning, design and construction of all transportation projects. These policies—known as "Routine Accommodation" guidelines—are included in the federal surface transportation act (SAFETEA-LU), Caltrans Deputy Directive 64, and MTC Resolution 3765, which calls for the creation of this checklist.

In accordance with MTC Resolution 3765, agencies applying for regional transportation funds must complete this checklist to document how the needs of bicyclists *and* pedestrians were considered in the process of planning and/or designing the project for which funds are being requested. For projects that do not accommodate bicyclists *and* pedestrians, project sponsors must document why not. According to the resolution, the checklist is intended for use on projects at their earliest conception or design phase.

This guidance pertains to transportation projects that could in any way impact bicycle and/or pedestrian use, whether or not the proposed project is designed to accommodate either or both modes. Projects that do not affect the public right-of-way, such as bus-washers and emergency communications equipment, are exempt from completing the checklist.

I. Existing Conditions

1 Project Area

a. What accommodations for bicycles and pedestrians are included on the current facility and on facilities that it intersects or crosses?

b. If there are no existing pedestrian or bicycle facilities, how far from the proposed project are the closest parallel bikeways and walkways?

c. Please describe any particular pedestrian or bicycle uses or needs along the project corridor which you have observed or of which you have been informed.

d. What existing challenges could the proposed project address for bicycle and pedestrian travel in the vicinity of the proposed project?

2 Demand

What trip generators (existing and future) are in the vicinity of the proposed project that might attract walking or bicycling customers, employees, students, visitors or others?

3 Collisions

In the project design, have you considered collisions involving bicyclists and pedestrians along the route of the facility? If so, what resources have you consulted?

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What are Complete Streets?

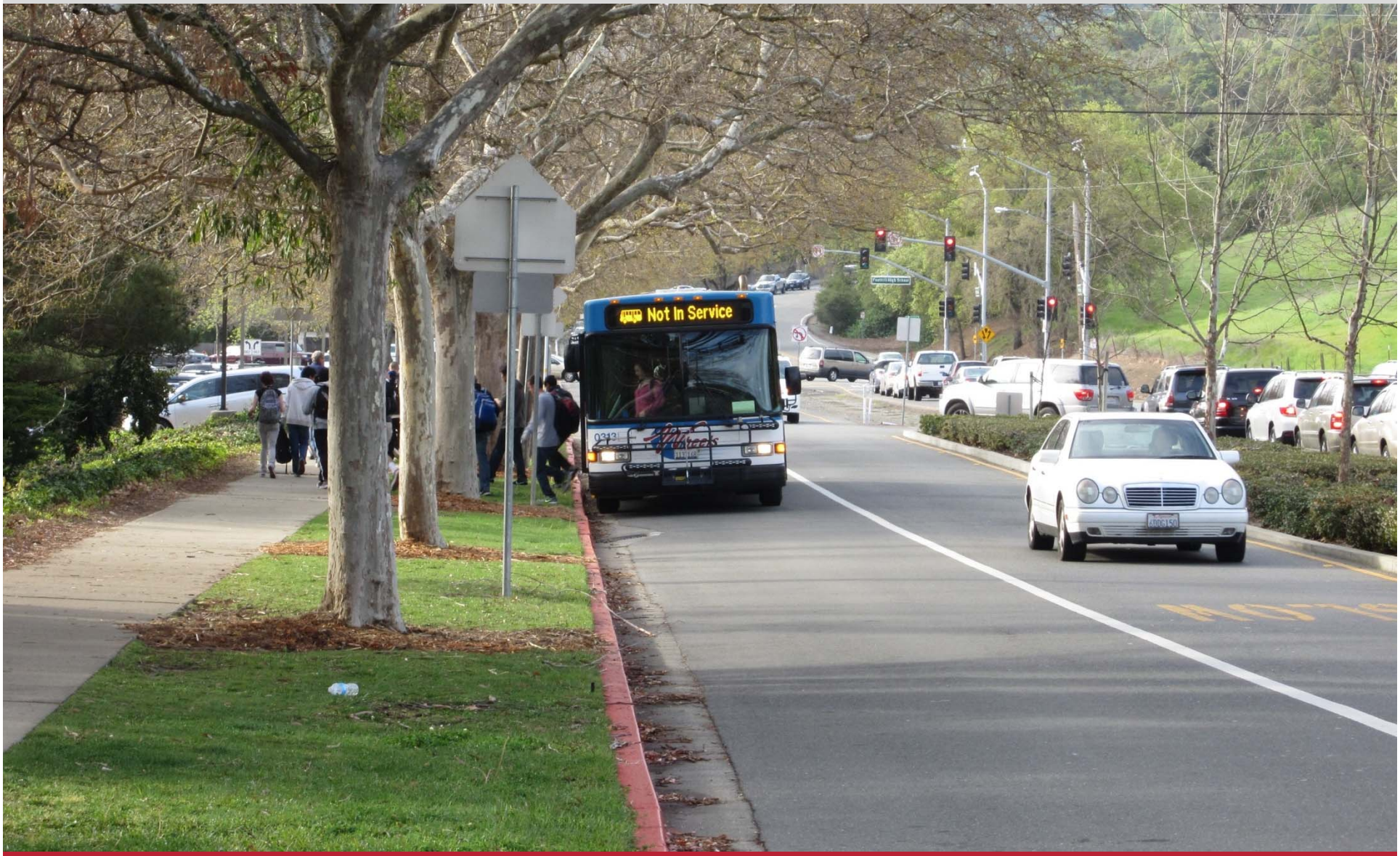
Complete Streets are safe, comfortable, and convenient for travel for everyone, regardless of age or ability – motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, and public transportation riders.

How do we do this?

Urban Complete Streets

Valencia Street, San Francisco

Suburban Complete Streets



Foothill Road, Pleasanton

Rural Complete Streets

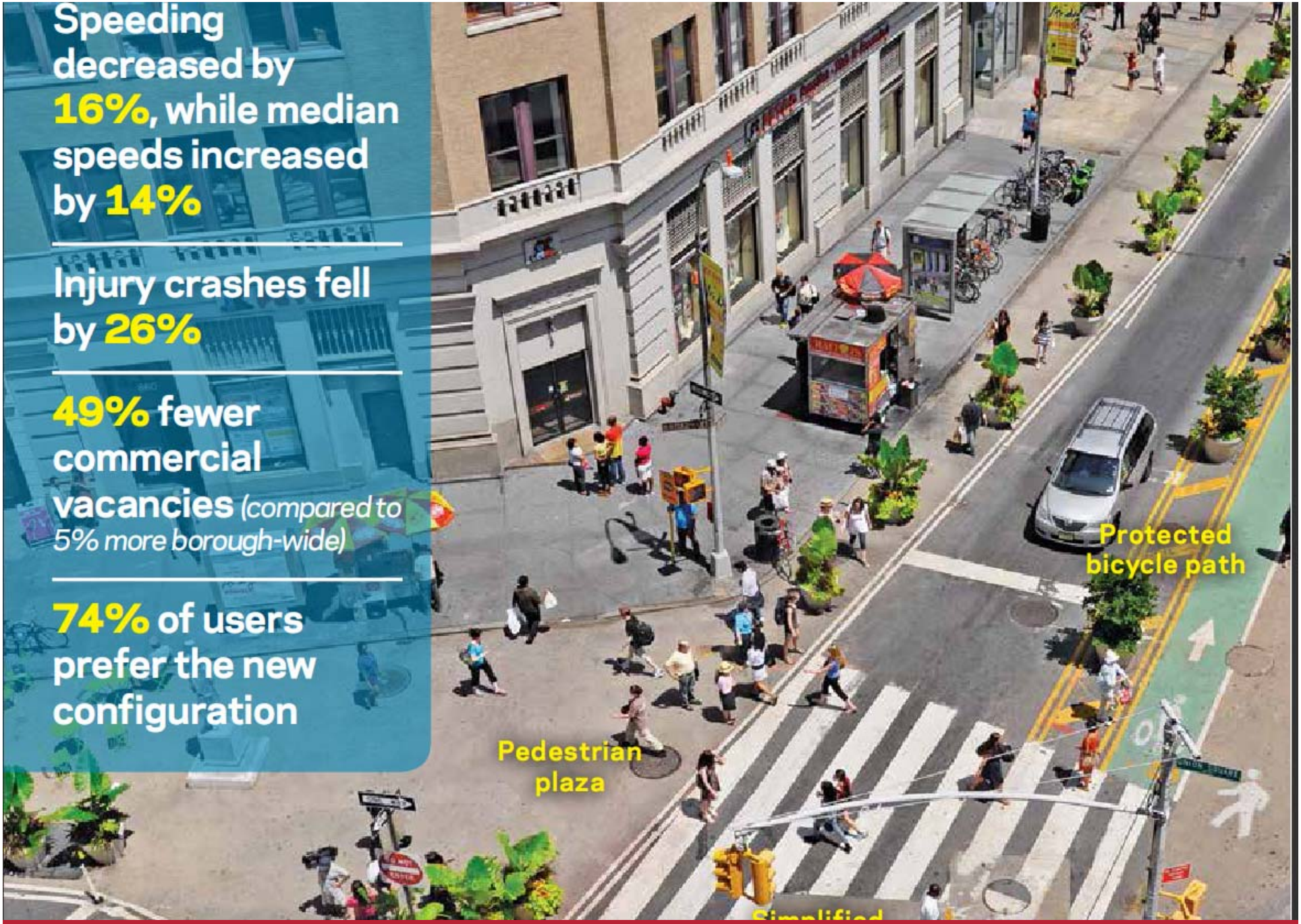
El Camino Real, Atherton

Commercial Complete Streets

E 3rd Street and Ellsworth Avenue, San Mateo

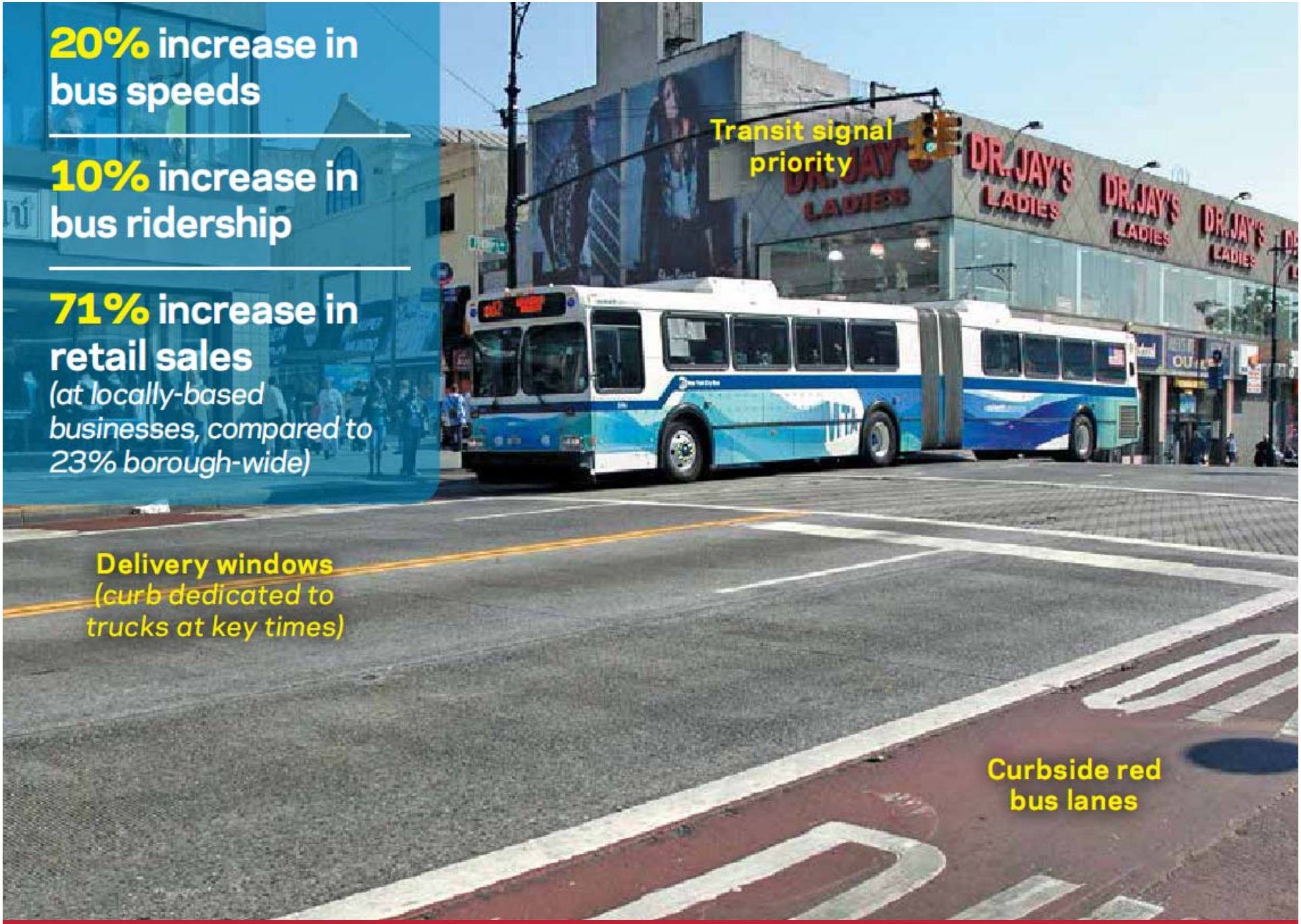
Residential Complete Street

Milvia Street, Berkeley



Union Square, New York City

Measuring the Street: New Metrics for 21st Century Streets



Fordham Road, New York City

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