

# Castro Streetscape Improvement Project



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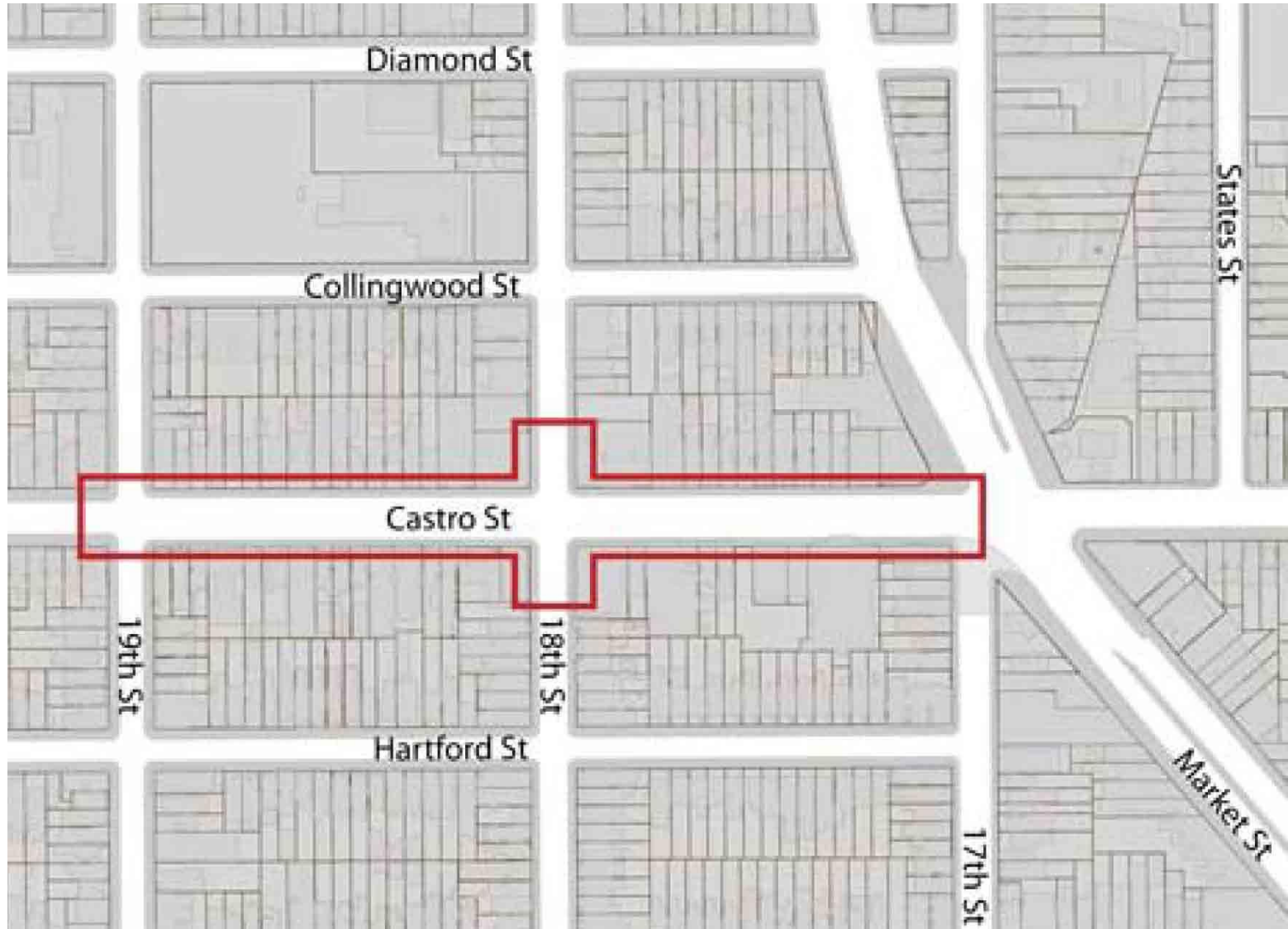
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# Castro Street



- Castro Street between Market and 19<sup>th</sup> Streets is one of the most well-known neighborhood commercial districts in San Francisco, serving the needs of local residents and being the historic center of the LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) community.
- *Project Location:* Castro Street, between Market and 19<sup>th</sup> Streets.
  - Two block stretch lined with restaurants, bars, businesses, residences, stores, banks, and a theater.
- *Project Purpose:* Create safer streets, wider sidewalks, and an improved street life experience.

# Project Location Map



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Collaboration between Public Works, City Planning, SFMTA, SFPUC, Castro/Upper Market CBD, and the community.

Plan was the result of a community planning effort that included a series of public meetings and workshops held from November 2012 to May 2013.

Project highlights include:

- Construct new wider sidewalks and repave the street on Castro Street between Market Street and 19<sup>th</sup> St.
- Install Rainbow Honor Walk inserts within the sidewalk, commemorating LGBT leaders, heroines and heroes.
- Install new special paving at Jane Warner Plaza.
- Plant new street trees.
- Install new street lighting and supplemental celebratory lighting.
- Install new site furnishings including bike racks and leaning rails.
- Install 30 new ADA compliant curb ramps.
- Install decorative rainbow crosswalk paving on the 18<sup>th</sup> Street intersection.
- Construct a mid-block bulb-out to increase pedestrian safety and civic space.
- Install new pedestrian and traffic signals at Castro Street and Market Street changing from a dangerous 5-way signal to a safer 4-way signal.
- Install new water service and water transmission line.
- Install new OCS poles and wiring for 24 Divisadero Trolley Line.



# Existing Street Design

## CASTRO STREET TODAY



## EXISTING CONDITIONS



**TRAVEL LANES**  
In the middle of the block, Castro Street's two travel lanes are nearly double the standard width.

**SIDEWALKS**  
Narrow 12-foot wide sidewalks and poorly placed street furnishings result in pedestrian congestion on Castro Street.



**STREET TREES**  
Street tree planting on Castro Street is intermittent and varied.

**LIGHTING**  
Lighting is auto-oriented, with "cobra-head" light fixtures and no pedestrian-scaled lighting on the sidewalk.



**INTERSECTIONS**  
Castro Street's intersections, most notably at Market Street, are large with long pedestrian crossings.



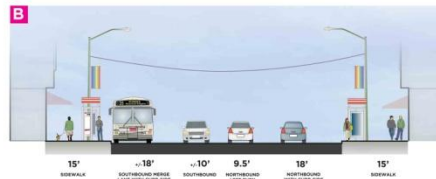
**PAVING**  
Sidewalks are paved in a patchwork of colors and scoring patterns.

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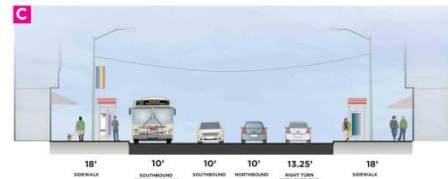
### Mid-Block (Both Blocks)



### South of 18th Street Intersection



### South of Market Street Intersection



### Existing Plan View



CASTRO STREET DESIGN - COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

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# New Street Design



**A NEW CASTRO STREET**



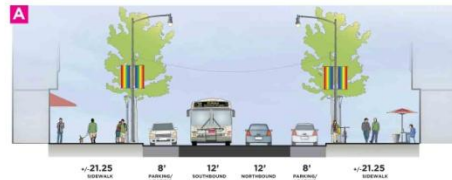
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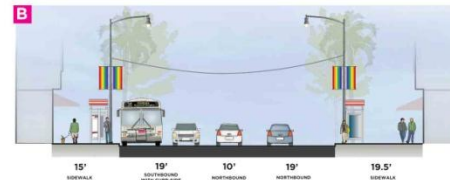
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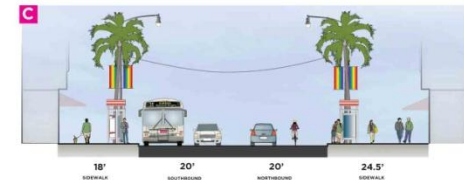
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**South of 18th Street Intersection**



**South of Market Street Intersection**



*Exact placement of site furnishings including street trees, leaning posts and bike racks will be finalized during the detailed design phase of the project.*



# Castro Streetscape Features



Wider Sidewalks



Rainbow Honor Walk Plaques



Enhancements to Jane Warner Plaza



New Street Trees

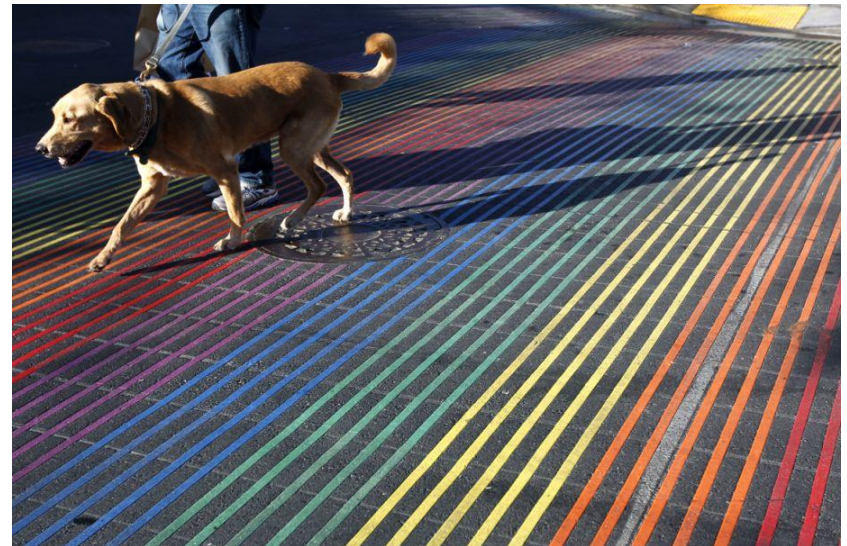
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New Street Lights



Bike Racks



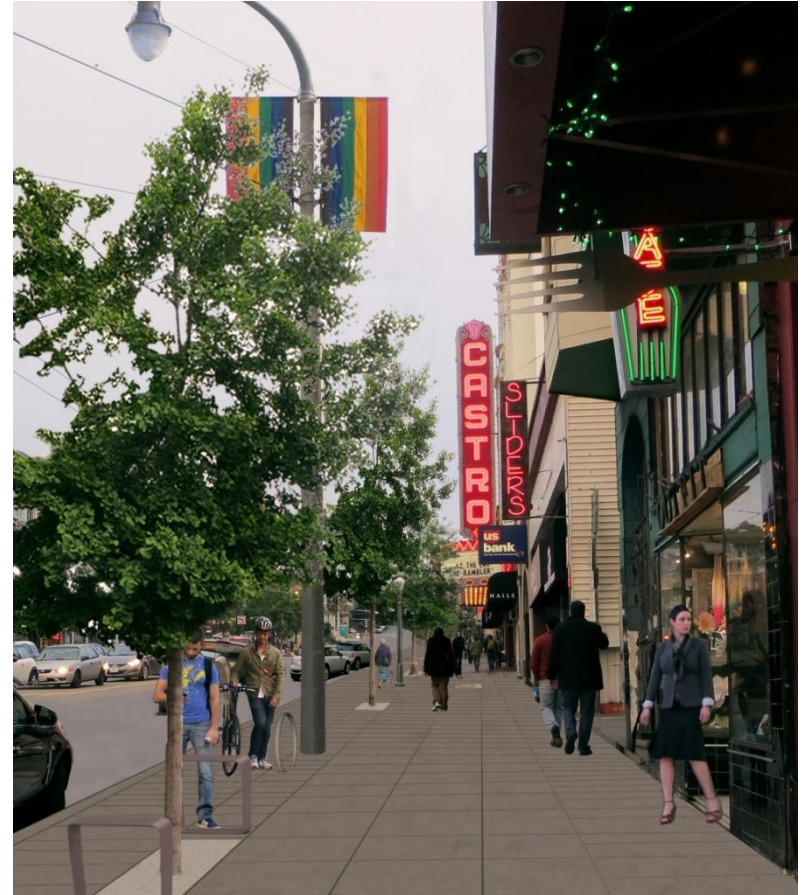
Rainbow Crosswalks



# Castro Street Before and After



Before



After



# Wider Sidewalk at Castro Theater





# Rainbow Crosswalk at 18<sup>th</sup> Street











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