“It’s awesome. I feel very protected from the cars. I love the light system that tells bikes when to go. I wish it went all the way up Polk.”
-Blake, San Francisco

**SPONSOR:**  San Francisco Municipal Transportation Authority

**LOCATION:**  San Francisco

**AWARD:**  $450,000

Polk Street is a major corridor that connects Market Street with Civic Center and provides access to BART and MUNI at Civic Center Station, ferry service at the Ferry Plaza, regional transit at the Transbay Terminal, and Caltrain at the 4th and King Station. Safe Routes to Transit funded the construction of a northbound bicycle lane on Polk Street, between Market and McAllister Streets, which filled the gap in the bicycle network in the Civic Center neighborhood. In addition to the contra-flow bicycle lane, bicycle signals, modified parking meters, and curb improvements were also made. Since these improvements, Polk Street has become a significant bicycle corridor, encouraging SFMTA to make further improvements beyond McAllister Street.

See map for location of improvements.
“I remember what it was like before the bike lane was added. I never had any problems going southbound. But northbound—this is a great improvement! I like how they added a bike lane on Market and connected it with the one on Polk Street.”

Jason, San Francisco

“I think it’s a huge improvement. I don’t have to zigzag through pedestrians. It’s a lot safer. It’s because there’s a bike lane that I am more likely to go that way.”

-Deidre, San Francisco

“It’s been good especially the green part. It’s protected. Once you go up Polk Street and the bike lane becomes just a symbol, you can definitely tell the difference.”

-Leah, San Francisco

“Cars can see you from the other direction. You don’t have to worry about cars coming at you because you’re in your own lane and there is a barrier.”

-Cotton Candy, San Francisco