



## **FOLKS for POLK cares about our infrastructure**

The quality of our public spaces, the quality of our public discourse

**They must be safe and enjoyable for everyone into the future. Let's go**

**FORWARD on POLK with the Complete Streets Project**

### *History*

- Polk is one of the most dangerous streets in SF, with an average of 2 collisions per month.
- The SFMTA proposals all aim to add safety and amenities when Polk St. is repaved in 2015
- Misinformation has incited a lot of agitation clouding clear thinking and civil debate

### *The SFMTA proposals offer*

- Widened sidewalks: attract people and encourage strolling
- Buffered bikeways: protect cyclists of all ages and ability.  
More diverse cyclists = safer cycling.
- Calmed traffic: reduces collisions which are so costly in both human and economic terms.
- Safer intersections: shorter crossing distances, countdown lights
- Landscaping with outdoor seating: encourage socializing, and shopping

### *What we know*

- More street activity enhances property values, decreases vacancies and crime
- City tax revenues skyrocket around inviting corridors
- Less congestion and increased non-vehicular travel help improve health and reduce costs associated with fumes, stress, and inactivity.
- Trends show increasing bike sales, costs of car ownership; decreasing car sales, driver licenses issued.
- Bike sharing in SF is starting soon
- An inviting Polk St. could be part of a favored tourist circuit
- 85% of people coming to Polk St. arrive by means other than cars

### *For more info*

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### *Attend the SFMTA's presentations*

First Congregational Church Fellowship Hall; 1300 Polk St (at Bush)

Sat. 27th Apr. 10 am to 1 pm and Tues. 30th Apr. 5 to 8:30pm