



# Improve Walking Conditions

TDM MEASURE:

The streetscape improvements shall include, at a minimum:

OPTION A

POINTS:

**1**

For projects subject to Planning Code Section 138.1(c)(2), the property owner shall complete streetscape improvements consistent with the [Better Streets Plan](#) and any local streetscape plan so that the public right-of-way is safe, accessible, convenient and attractive to persons walking.

- » The recommended sidewalk width adjacent to the property If the recommended sidewalk width is determined to be infeasible or undesirable by City staff, then the minimum sidewalk width established in the Better Streets Plan must be provided in order to receive points for this TDM measures; AND
- » All required streetscape elements<sup>1</sup>; AND
  - » Five additional streetscape elements identified by City staff that contribute to VMT reduction.

APPLICABILITY:

**This measure is required for some projects under Planning Code Section 138.1, however, this measure is applicable to any project in any land use category that could benefit from an enhanced pedestrian realm, including Development Projects that would serve sensitive or vulnerable populations, such as children and the elderly and/or for projects that are located along a [High-Injury Corridor](#).**

POINTS:

**1** ●

NOTE: To receive points for this measure, the improvements cannot be credited towards an In-Kind Agreement.

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ACTIVE-1

### OPTION B

POINTS:

**1**

For projects subject to Planning Code Section 138.1(c)(2), the property owner shall complete streetscape improvements consistent with the Better Streets Plan and any local streetscape plan so that the public right-of-way is safe, accessible, convenient and attractive to persons walking.

- » The recommended sidewalk width adjacent to the property. If the recommended sidewalk width is determined to be infeasible or undesirable by City staff, then the minimum sidewalk width established in the Better Streets Plan must be provided in order to receive points for this TDM measure; AND
- » All required streetscape elements<sup>1</sup>; AND
  - » The recommended sidewalk beyond the project site (but not to exceed 50 feet beyond the project site in any direction) If the recommended sidewalk beyond the project site is determined to be infeasible or undesirable by City staff, then the minimum sidewalk width established in the Better Streets Plan must be provided in order to receive points for this TDM measure.

### OPTION C

POINTS:

**1**

For projects subject to Planning Code Section 138.1(c)(2) that are also on a High-Injury Corridor, the property owner shall complete streetscape improvements consistent with the Better Streets Plan and any local streetscape plan so that the public right-of-way is safe, accessible, convenient and attractive to persons walking.

- » The recommended sidewalk width adjacent to the property If the recommended sidewalk width is determined to be infeasible or undesirable by City staff, then the minimum sidewalk width established in the Better Streets Plan must be provided in order to receive points for this TDM measure; AND
- » All required streetscape elements<sup>1</sup>; AND
  - » A minimum of two Safety Tools identified in the WalkFirst toolkit<sup>3</sup> if the Development Project is located on a High-Injury Corridor<sup>4</sup>.

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**OPTION D**

POINTS:

**1**

For projects not subject to Planning Code Section 138.1(c)(2), the property owner shall complete streetscape improvements consistent with the [Better Streets Plan](#) so that the public right-of-way is safe, accessible, convenient and attractive to persons walking.

- » The recommended sidewalk width adjacent to the property. If the recommended sidewalk width is determined to be infeasible or undesirable by City staff, then the minimum sidewalk width established in the Better Streets Plan must be provided in order to receive points for this TDM measure; AND
  - » All required streetscape elements<sup>1</sup>.
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**DEVELOPMENT REVIEW:** The property owner shall submit a streetscape plan and sections that show the location, design, and dimensions of existing and proposed pedestrian-oriented streetscape elements along the project frontage(s).

SFMTA and Planning Department staff shall review the proposed streetscape plan during the development review process to provide a staff recommendation regarding the streetscape improvements. If the Streetscape Design Advisory Team (SDAT) recommends that the streetscape improvements should be approved, the Development Project shall receive the points outlined above.

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**PRE-OCCUPANCY MONITORING AND REPORTING:** The TDM coordinator shall facilitate a site inspection by Planning Department staff to verify that the standards specified as conditions of Planning, SFMTA, Public Works, and/or Fire Department approval are met. If the property owner is responsible for funding, but not constructing/implementing the streetscape elements, then the property owner shall provide documentation that they have submitted the appropriate fees to the City.

Additionally, City staff shall provide the TDM coordinator with a copy of the approved TDM Plan. The TDM coordinator will provide City staff with a signed letter agreeing to distribute the TDM Plan via new employee packets, tenant lease documents, and/or deeds.

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**ONGOING MONITORING AND REPORTING:** The property owner shall maintain all streetscape improvements in good repair, and repair or replace, as needed, unless the maintenance and ownership of specific streetscape elements have been transferred to the City. The property owner shall submit photographs to verify maintenance. City staff shall ensure that the standards and minimums identified in the Planning Code and/or those specified in the project approvals by Planning, SFMTA, Public Works, Fire, or other Departments are met. City staff will perform one site visit every three years to verify that the project continues to meet the standards specified in the project approvals.

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**RELEVANT MUNICIPAL CODE(S):** San Francisco Planning Code Section 138.1, Charter Section 4.105, Public Works Code Section 708.1.

**NOTES:**

- 1 Within Table 1 of Planning Code Section 138.1, streetscape elements that may be required include: 1 (Curb ramps), 2 (Marked crosswalks), 11 (Corner curb extensions or bulb-outs), 29 (Street trees), 30 (Tree basin furnishings), 31 (Sidewalk planters), 33 (Stormwater management tools), 34 (Street and pedestrian lighting), 35 (Special paving), 36 (Site furnishings).
- 2 Within Table 1 of Planning Code Section 138.1, property owners can choose from the following items, which reduce VMT: 3 (Pedestrian-priority signal devices and timings), 4 (High-visibility crosswalks), 5 (Special crosswalk treatments), 6 (Restrictions on vehicle turning movements at crosswalks), 7 (Removal or reduction of permanent crosswalk closures), 8 (Mid-block crosswalks), 9 (Raised Crosswalks), 12 (Extended bulb-outs), 13 (Mid-block bulb-outs), 14 (Center or side medians), 15 (Pedestrian or refuge islands), 16 (Transit bulb-outs), 17 (Transit boarding islands), 18 (Flexible use of the parking lane), 19 (Parking lane planters), 20 (Chicanes), 23 (Sidewalk or median pocket parks), 24 (Reuse of 'pork chops' and excess right-of-way), 26 (Shared public ways), 27 (Pedestrian-only streets), 28 (Public stairs). The property owner can construct or install these items or provide funding to the City to construct or install them on the sidewalk or street right-of-way adjacent to and beyond the project site (but not to exceed 50 feet beyond the project site in any direction).
- 3 The property owner can construct or install the WalkFirst toolkit Safety Tools, <http://walkfirst.sfplanning.org/>, or provide funding to the City to construct or install them.
- 4 <http://walkfirst.sfplanning.org/index.php/home/streets>