



OCEAN AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



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K LINE PROJECT FINDS SUCCESS



one stop after another

While most of the hustle and bustle of San Francisco takes place Downtown, there is another portion of the city that is bubbling with “busyness” – it is Ocean Avenue. After 40 years, this part of town is undergoing major renovations that will expand its horizons. What started out as a simple track replacement plan evolved into a major infrastructure upgrade and streetscape improvement involving many city departments.

City and community leaders joined forces to develop the Ocean Avenue Reconstruction and Improvement Project. Orange cones, construction signs and traffic closures mark construction areas from Junipero Serra to San Jose Avenue. Muni, who functions as Project Lead on this endeavor, has worked hard to bring the plan, and now the construction, to reality. The Department of Public Works (DPW), Department of Parking and Traffic (DPT), Bureau of Lighting, Heating and Power (BLHP), San Francisco Water Department (SFWD), City Public Utility Commission (PUC), Mitchell Engineering and PG&E, in conjunction with other private utilities, are Muni's key partners in ushering this important project into the area.

Coordination, time management and an excellent communication system is key to a project of this magnitude. All of the agencies involved have successfully managed to develop productive working relationships with each other to accomplish their goals. Communication with the community has also been key in attaining project goals.

The project is scheduled for completion by June 2003, however, the Muni team is looking for ways to finish ahead of schedule. Once construction is complete, we look forward to a ribbon cutting ceremony in mid 2003 to celebrate the completion of this significant community project.

K-LINE PROJECT SITE



Bus substitution route follows the construction route "San Jose Avenue to Junipero Serra Boulevard, ending at West Portal."
— Bus Substitution
- - - K-Line Construction Area

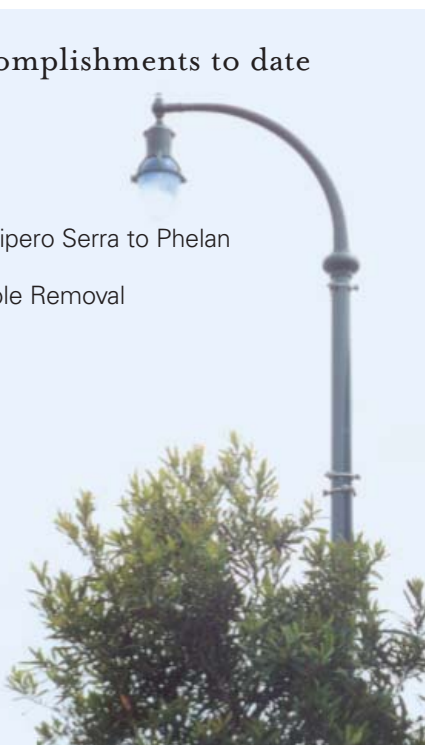
COMING TO A STREET NEAR YOU

The Ocean Avenue Reconstruction and Improvement Project will provide major improvements from Junipero Serra to San Jose Avenue. Muni Executive Director Michael T. Burns says, “We think the current and future improvement projects like the one taking place on Ocean Avenue can help communities revitalize their neighborhoods. This project is more than just new tracks. It’s about improving a neighborhood’s economy.” Some of the major benefits of this project to Muni riders are:

- Consolidated bus and train stops at Ocean and Lee streets that eliminate traffic congestion
- New curbs with better accessible service
- Improved sidewalks giving better access to businesses
- Smoother streetcar rides thanks to the new tracks
- Most stop signs will be replaced with synchronized traffic signals allowing traffic to flow more easily along the corridor
- Major landscape improvements with palm trees and modern street-lighting fixtures
- Additional side street parking

BREAKING DOWN THE WORK PLAN accomplishments to date

100% Complete	Track Work from Junipero Serra to Phelan
95% Complete	Sewer Work
100% Complete	PG&E Underground Conduit System from Junipero Serra to Phelan
90% Complete	PG&E Phase I (Junipero Serra to Westgate) Pole Removal
100% Complete	Water Work
25% Complete	Bulbout, Curbs and Gutters and Sidewalk Work
30% Complete	Road Pavement
10% Complete	Boarding Island Installation
25% Complete	Traffic Light Signals
10% Complete	Palm Trees and Landscaping
35% Complete	Traffic Lights and Poles



MUNI ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS

If you live or shop anywhere along Ocean Avenue, you are bound to have questions about the K Line Project. Here are some of the most frequently asked questions Muni has received about the project. We continue to do our best to keep you informed and will continue to provide the most current information.

When will the K Line Project be completed?

The reconstruction is a 27-month long project. There are 10 months left with a scheduled project completion date of June 2003.

Are the streetcar stops on the K Line going to change after the project is complete?

No. Muni riders will find that all streetcar stops will be in the same locations they were prior to construction.

We know that the tracks are being replaced to improve Muni service. Will the roads along Ocean Avenue be improved to accommodate automobiles?

Yes. The roads will be paved to make for a smoother ride when you drive from Junipero Serra to San Jose Avenue.

During construction how are accessible services being maintained?

Most Muni coaches that run in place of the streetcars are fully accessible and equipped with wheelchair ramps.

Does Muni hold public meetings on the K Line Project?

Yes. Muni welcomes the public's participation at any of our public meetings. To get a schedule of upcoming meetings and events that focus on the K Line Project, please visit our website at www.sfmuni.com/k.

When construction is complete, will there be the same number of parking spaces available in the area?

Yes. Muni has planned this project so there will be no net loss of parking along the main corridor.

How has Muni worked to minimize the impact of the construction on local businesses?

Muni has erected signage along the construction corridor indicating all businesses are open during construction as well as arranging construction sites that will not impede customer's access to local businesses. Project Managers understand that the cleanup of construction zones is also very important to local merchants, which is why sweepers have been assigned to the area to cleanup debris along the corridor. Finally, Muni issues an update to area merchants to keep them aware of the latest plans of this project.

How much money does a project like this cost and where does the money come from?

This is a \$33 million dollar project. The money comes from federal, state and city funds.

Is there a hotline available to get more information?

Yes. The Muni Construction Hotline Number is 415.554.2474 (TTY 415.351.3443). You can also go to www.sfmuni.com/k for more information about the K Line Project.

FORMULA FOR SUCCESS

There are over a hundred people dedicated to the Ocean Avenue Reconstruction and Improvement Project. From PG&E workers to City staff, there has to be a formula to successfully complete a project of this magnitude:

Anthony Bryant
Project Manager
Muni



"Time management, a clear vision, and a well thought out plan of action are paramount when taking on a project such as this one."

Ernie Evangelist
Project Engineer
Muni



"A project like this requires the cooperation of all workers involved as well as a strong leadership team."

Dennis Herrera
Resident Engineer
Muni



"Clear communication between field crews and the people managing the project inside is key if there are problems that need to be solved."

Chad Skelton
Superintendent
Mitchell Engineering



"The key to the construction work is to keep things moving at all times whether we're dealing with a problem or not."

Larry Ng
Project Manager
PG&E



"It's good to be a part of a project that has brought together so many agencies. We get a chance to understand what the other guys do."

Robin Parks
Assistant Resident Engineer
Muni



"Things don't always go as planned so it's very important to make sure that we find solutions to keep the project moving forward."

SAFETY CHALLENGE



Do you know the meaning of the signs above? Safety is one of the most important issues residents need to be aware of when a construction project is taking place in their community. Drivers not only have to pay attention to traffic safety signs around construction zones, but they also need to watch out for students traveling to and from school during peak hours. The Department of Parking & Traffic has dispersed officers throughout the area to make sure traffic continues to flow in an orderly fashion. Muni wants to make sure drivers and pedestrians understand construction signs when commuting along the construction corridor. Take our Safety Quiz and test your knowledge.

Answers: 1. No Parking 2. Road Work Ahead 3. Do Not Enter 4. Lanes Merging 5. No Pedestrians

JUST A MOUSE CLICK AWAY

You can find more information about the K Line Project as well as other construction projects Muni is currently working on by visiting our website at www.sfmuni.com (see "About Muni").



The website has been designed to help Muni riders get the most out of their public transit system.

Also on the website you will find a Transit Trip Planner at <http://www.sfmuni.com/routes/tripplan.htm> that will give you door-to-door Muni directions to help make your travels around the city convenient. Log on and see for yourself!