FACT SHEET
DANA COMPLETE STREET PILOT PROJECT

PROJECT DESCRIPTION
The Dana Complete Street Pilot Project in Berkeley’s Southside neighborhood will construct a rider boarding island, a two-way protected bikeway, and implement traffic signal improvements on Dana Street from Bancroft Way to Dwight Way. The Project will improve service reliability, as well as pedestrian and bicycle safety. On-street parking, commercial (yellow curb) and passenger loading (white curb) zones on Dana Street are proposed to move from the west side to the east side of the street to allow construction of the protected bikeway and bus boarding island. This will also provide emergency vehicle access. The Pilot Project is developed in coordination with the City of Berkeley and is associated with the Southside Complete Street Project (https://www.cityofberkeley.info/southsidecompletestreets.aspx).

PROJECT SCHEDULE
To provide feedback on the project, a virtual community meeting and public input period will be conducted in Spring of 2021. This meeting will be held virtually through Zoom using the following link: http://www.tinyurl.com/RapidCorridors. The meeting will be held on May 27th, 6:00 to 7:30pm.

To participate by phone, call (877) 369-0926 and use webinar ID 956 0091 3364. Please provide input on the project by June 7th.

Project design is expected to be finalized later this year, followed by construction and completion by Fall 2022. You can stay informed about the project, public comment opportunities, and other AC Transit Rapid Corridor improvements by visiting www.actransit.org and/or by signing up for AC Transit eNews notifications at https://service.govdelivery.com/accounts/ACTRANSIT/subscriber/new

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PILOT PROJECT ELEMENTS

Proposed Bus Boarding Island

Providing a new passenger boarding island will let buses pull parallel to the curb for improved accessibility, faster boarding and reduced delays. The proposed location is on the south side of the Dana Street/Haste Street intersection, allowing buses to take better advantage of proposed traffic signal improvements. Relocating the bus stops to the far-side of the intersections is expected to increase safety and promote healthy, and equitable mobility for all. This supports policies recently adopted by the city of Berkeley.

Proposed Traffic Signal Improvements

Improved traffic signals will help buses travel more efficiently. Buses approaching traffic signals can request an early green light or additional seconds of green light for buses to cross the intersection to the far side stop and reduce time spent waiting at red lights. This will minimize delay to the buses and enhance traffic safety to pedestrians as they will be crossing the intersection behind the buses. The project will retime the traffic signals to provide more clearance timing for pedestrian crossing and more crossing timing for bicyclists.

Proposed Cycling Infrastructure Improvements

Installing a two-way protected bikeway will connect existing low-stress bicycle facilities to the North (the cross-campus bikeway and the two-way bikeway on Bancroft Way) with planned improvements to the South (a proposed new Bicycle Boulevard on Dana Street south of Dwight Way). Separation of bicyclists from vehicles will improve safety and access for people cycling to and through the Southside neighborhood.

Proposed Bus Stop Improvements

In addition to the Dana Street Pilot Project, AC Transit is proposing some nearby changes to improve bus reliability. The bus stop on Durant Avenue at Dana Street will be removed and the bus stop on Durant Avenue at Ellsworth Street will remain as is.
Legend

Bus Stop Changes
- Existing to Remain
- Remove Existing
- Bus Boarding Island

Additional Improvements
- Traffic Signal Improvements
- Existing Two-Way Protected Bikeway
- Proposed Two-Way Protected Bikeway

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