

Folsom Area Stormwater Improvement Project

Our Sewer System Upgrades are Underway

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) operates a combined sewer system that collects and treats San Francisco's wastewater (sewage and stormwater). We are upgrading and modernizing our system to ensure we can continue to protect public health and the environment. One key area of investment includes enhancing flood resilience across the City through operational improvements, capital projects and resources to help the public prepare for and recover from intense, but inevitable storm events.

Project Overview

The low-lying Inner Mission neighborhood surrounding 17th, 18th and Folsom Streets historically floods during moderate to heavy storms, and with climate change, California expects more intense storms more frequently. The Folsom Area Stormwater Improvement Project will increase sewer system capacity and reduce the risk of flooding by upsizing and upgrading sewer pipes, constructing a new stormwater tunnel and upgrading large sewer boxes in the area.

It is important to note that even after project completion, this area will still be at risk of flooding during heavy rains. For more information on stormwater management, visit sfpuc.gov/rainreadysf.

Construction Coming Soon

In 2025, construction will increase on the Folsom Area Stormwater Improvement Project. The project is being constructed in four phases. The first phase of work was completed in spring 2025. In late 2025, construction will begin on large underground stormwater infrastructure, including Harrison and Alameda streets and surrounding areas. Project completion is anticipated in 2028. See the project map for more details.

For Project Updates

Visit our webpage at sfpuc.gov/folsomstorm for project updates and to sign up for our email list. Email us your questions at ssip@sfgwater.org with the title "Folsom Project" or call us at (415) 554-3289.

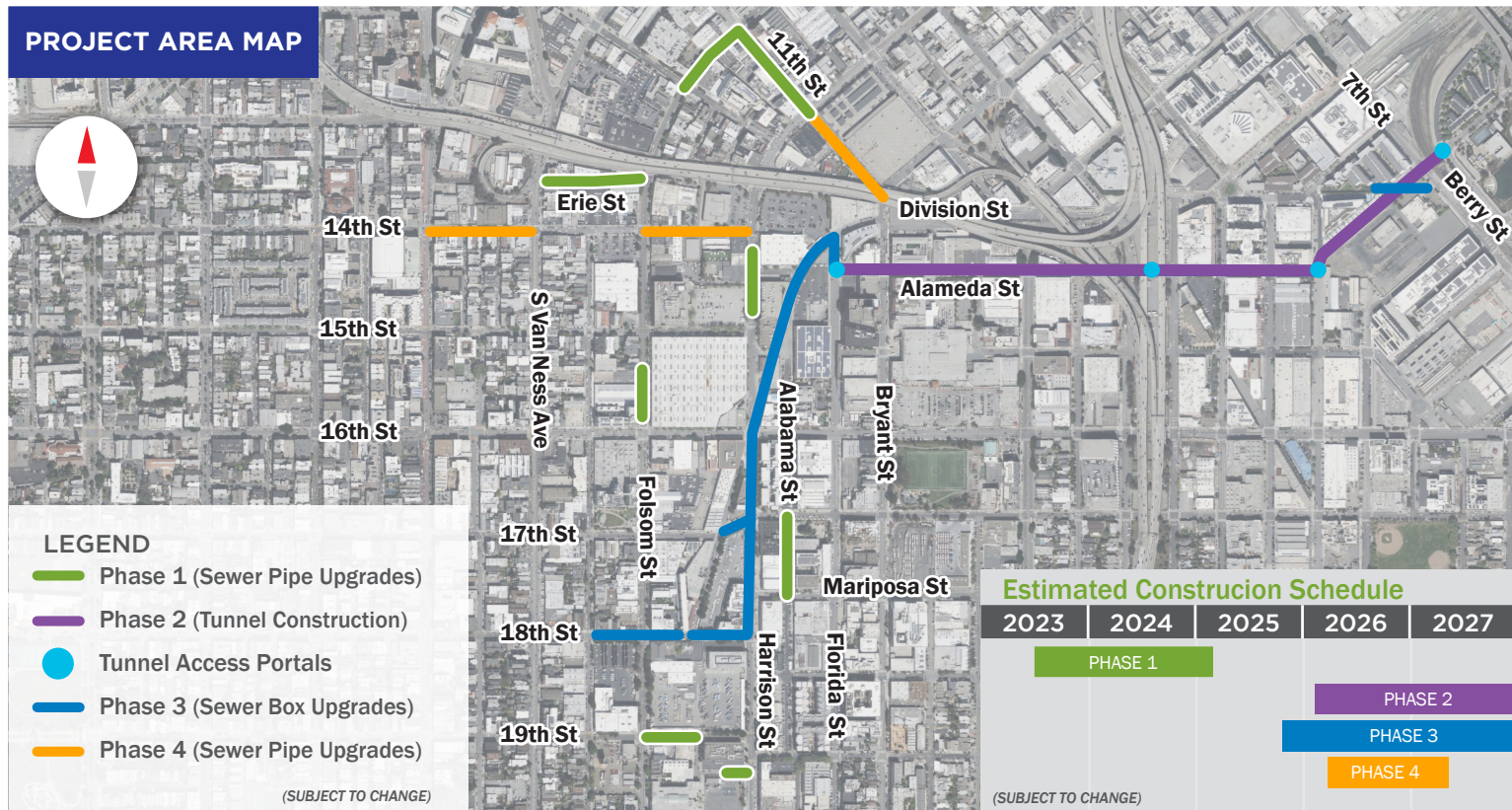


The Folsom Area Stormwater Improvement Project is a part of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's (SFPUC) flood resilience efforts to reduce the risk of flooding in the low-lying Inner Mission neighborhood.

PROJECT BENEFITS:

- Reduce the risk of flooding during moderate to heavy storms in the low-lying Inner Mission neighborhood
- Protect the health and safety of the community
- Provide resources to prepare for and recover from heavy storms

PROJECT AREA MAP



Project Phases

The Folsom Area Stormwater Improvement Project will be constructed in four overlapping phases:

- Phase 1 (Sewer Pipe Upgrades):** Upsize or construct approximately 2,855 linear feet of smaller sewer pipes (60-inch diameter and smaller).
- Phase 2 (Tunnel Construction):** Construct a new 12-foot diameter stormwater tunnel, with a length of 4,000 linear feet, from approximately the intersection of Alameda Street and Florida Street to the intersection of 7th Street and Berry Street. Crews will excavate an entrance shaft, two exit shafts, and a turning spot for a tunnel boring machine. Extensive analysis has been done to evaluate the location of the tunnel and portals, and monitoring equipment will be used during construction.
- Phase 3 (Sewer Box Upgrades):** Upsize and construct 3,200 linear feet of large box sewers along Florida St., Treat Ave, and Harrison St., from Florida St. to 18th St.. Crews will excavate a portion of the block to install a large, approximately 20-foot wide sewer box to provide additional underground storage and conveyance capacity. Traffic detours and alternate access will likely be needed for several months in work areas.
- Phase 4 (Sewer Pipe Upgrades):** Upsize or construct approximately 1,950 linear feet of larger sewer pipes and structures (larger than 60-inch diameter)

What to Expect During Construction

- SEWER AND WATER SERVICES** in the area will NOT be interrupted during construction.
- NOISE:** Noise, vibration, and dust in the work zone.
- TRAFFIC:** Partial and/or full street closures may be necessary to ensure the safety of workers and the public. Advance notice and detour signage will be provided, as needed.
- PARKING:** Street parking may be impacted near construction zones. "No-parking" signs will be posted 72 hours in advance.
- MUNI:** Bus stops and schedules may be impacted during construction. Notice will be provided to riders in advance regarding any possible stop or schedule changes.
- ACCESS:** Access to driveways and entrances may be impacted during construction. Notification to residents and businesses will be provided in advance.

State Revolving Fund: Funding for the Folsom Area Stormwater Improvement Project been provided in full or in part by the Clean Water State Revolving Fund through an agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board. California's Clean Water State Revolving Fund is capitalized through a variety of funding sources, including grants from the United States Environmental Protection Agency and state bond proceeds.



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