



San Francisco
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Lower Alemany Area Stormwater Improvements Project

Our Sewer System Upgrades are Underway

The SFPUC operates a combined sewer system that collects and treats San Francisco's wastewater (sewage and stormwater). We are upgrading and modernizing our system so that 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 community resources to help the public prepare for and recover from intense but inevitable storm events.

The Lower Alemany Area Stormwater Improvements Project will improve stormwater management near the Lower Alemany Farmer's Market/ Interstate 280 Highway interchange and in the Lower Alemany neighborhood.

Project Overview

The Lower Alemany area is part of the Islais Creek watershed that historically transported stormwater from Glen Canyon, Outer Mission, and the Excelsior to the Bay. Like many parts of San Francisco, over time, the creek and the low-lying Alemany area were covered with streets, homes, and businesses, preventing much of this water from flowing to the Bay.

The project proposes to construct a 10-ft diameter pipe underground from Stoneybrook Avenue to Industrial Street via Alemany Boulevard, Gaven and Boutwell streets to increase the capacity of our system to transport wastewater. Construction would involve three portals or shafts to construct the tunnel, other sewer connections, and related improvements in the area.

Project Status as of Summer 2025

The project is currently in the design phase. Pending SFPUC Commission approvals, construction is anticipated to start in Spring 2026 with an expected duration of 4 years.

Estimated Construction Schedule

2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
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SPRING 2026 – SUMMER 2030
(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

PROJECT BENEFITS:

- The objective of this project is to improve stormwater management for residents, businesses, and roadways during intense storms.
- Increase the conveyance capacity of the combined sewer to improve stormwater management near the Alemany Farmer's Market/Flea Market, and the area surrounding the U.S. 101 and I-280 highways interchange.
- Provide stormwater management benefits in the Cayuga neighborhood during larger storms.

Project Location



PROJECT MAP

Proposed Alignment



Resources for Flood Resilience

It is important to note that even after project completion, this area will still be at risk of flooding during heavy rains. Although our system greatly reduces flooding related to heavy rains, no system can handle the heaviest of storms. Residents and business owners in these areas are encouraged to visit sfpuc.gov/rainreadysf, which provides information about planning, preparing, and protecting properties during storms.



Improving stormwater management and flood resilience across the City is a partnership between government and residents like you.

About the SFPUC & Our Combined Sewer System

We are the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), a not-for-profit public utility providing San Francisco with water, power, and sewer services. Every day we collect and treat both sewage and stormwater for homes and businesses to protect public health and the environment. This project is part of the SFPUC's Wastewater Capital Improvement Program to upgrade and modernize San Francisco's combined sewer system for current and future generations.

Staying Connected

This project is anticipated to be in construction for four years, beginning in Spring 2026. The SFPUC would like to stay connected with you during the duration of this project.

- Learn More: Want to stay up to date on this project? You can sign up for project updates by visiting our project webpage at sfpuc.gov/loweralemany.
- Still have questions? You can reach out to us by calling (415) 554-3233 or email us at ssip@sfwater.org with "Lower Alemany" in the title.
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