

# 7th Street Connection Project

Envisioning a beautiful and accessible street connecting West Oakland and Downtown



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## About the Project

7th Street from Mandela Parkway to Market Street is part of the City's paving program. As part of this paving project, the City of Oakland Department of Transportation (OakDOT) will upgrade the striping on the roadway to install buffered bike lanes as called for by the West Oakland Specific Plan and the "Let's Bike Oakland" 2019 Bike Plan.

The 7th Street Connection Project is an effort by the City to target State Transportation Grant funding to go above and beyond what is planned as part of repaving. In Summer 2020, OakDOT will conduct outreach to the West Oakland community to gather input on potential improvements to 7th Street from Mandela Parkway to Martin Luther King Jr. Way. *These improvements would only be possible through a successful State transportation funding grant application, which the City is working towards in Fall 2020.*



## Project Goals

- Create a welcoming and accessible pedestrian environment with wider sidewalks
- Reduce pedestrian crossing distances and improve safety at major intersections for people walking and biking
- Improve street lighting
- Create a separated lane for people biking that is comfortable for all ages and abilities
- Provide urban greening and carbon-capturing street trees
- Improve the reliability of transit and the efficient flow of goods to and from the Port of Oakland

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## SITE PHOTOS JUNE 2020

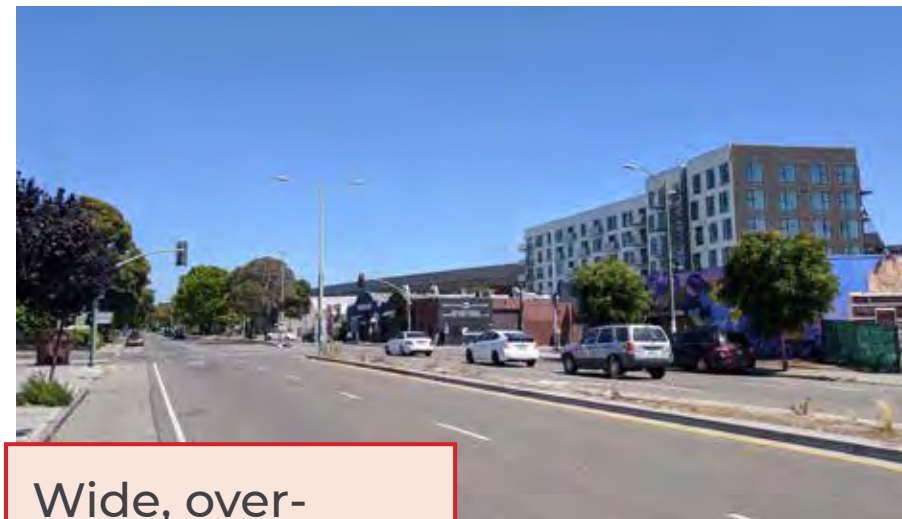


High-speed traffic,  
empty lanes

Crosswalk improvements  
with temporary materials

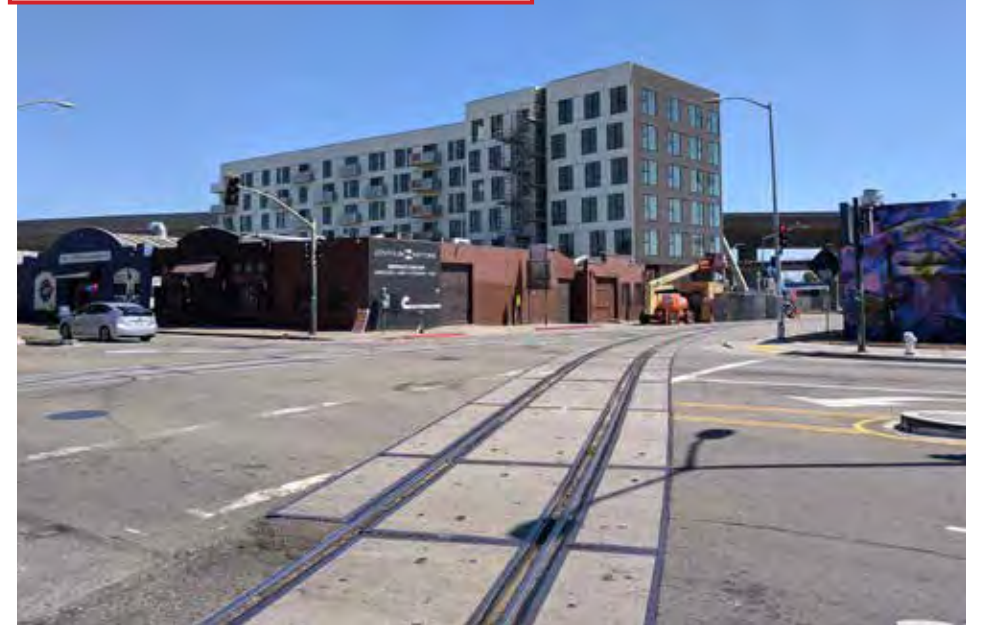


Narrow, overgrown  
sidewalks



Wide, over-  
capacity streets

Rail tracks and  
uneven pavement



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## WEST OAKLAND PLANS AND POLICIES



**West Oakland Community Action Plan (2019)** calls for the City to implement the bicycle and pedestrian improvements identified in the West Oakland Specific Plan, the 2019 Oakland Bike Plan, and the 2017 Oakland Walks Pedestrian Plan

**West Oakland Specific Plan (2014)** calls for Class II Bike Lanes on 7th Street from Wood to MLK Jr Way



**Howard Terminal Outreach (2019)** identified a need for upgraded bicycle and transit facilities on 7th



**Oakland Bike Plan (2019)** calls for protected bike lanes on 7th Street from Mandela through to Downtown

