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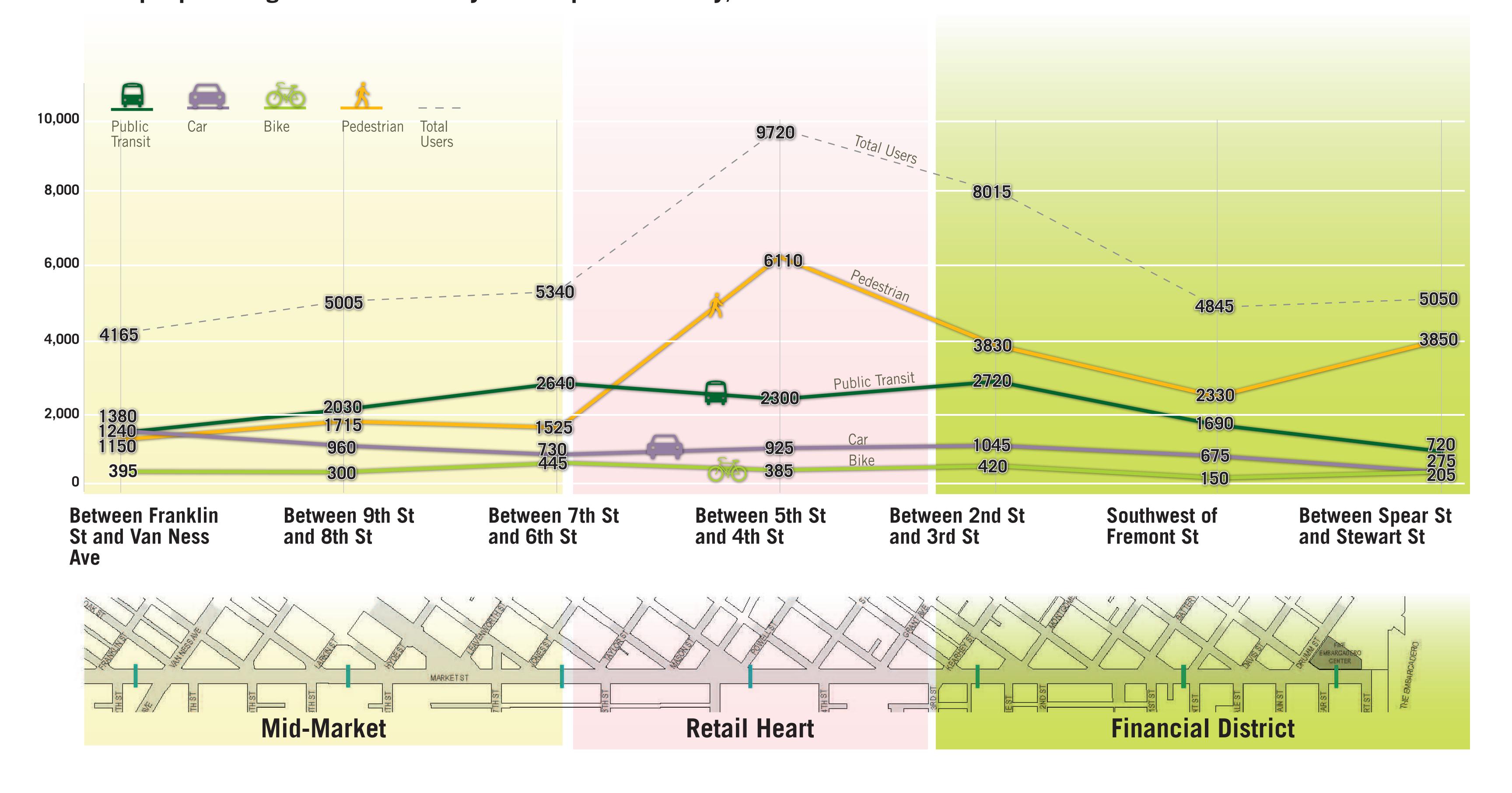


WHO IS MOVING ALONG THE STREET?

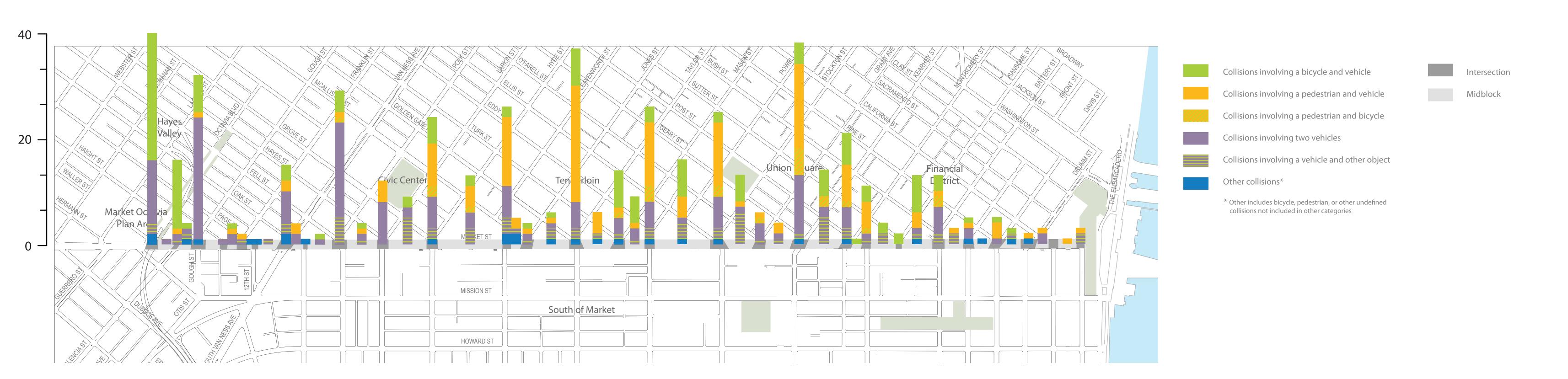
During weekday peak periods, the average number of people traveling along Market



Number of people along Market Street - by mode - peak weekday, 5-6 PM

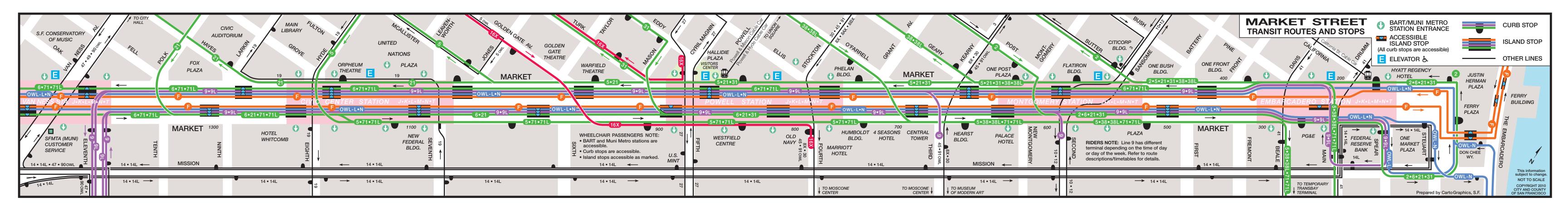


MARKET STREET SAFETY - PEDESTRIAN, BIKE, AND CAR COLLISIONS 2005 - 2009



PUBLIC TRANSIT

THE REGION'S MAJOR PUBLIC TRANSIT SPINE



24 lines operate along Market Street

- F Market and Wharves
- 2 Clement
- 5 Fulton
- 6 Parnassus
- 9 San Bruno
- 9L San Bruno Limited
- 10 Townsend
- 12 Folsom/Pacific

- 14 Mission
- 14L Mission Limited
- 14X Mission Express
- 16X Noriega Express
- 19 Polk
- 21 Hayes
- 30X Stockton Express
- 31 Balboa

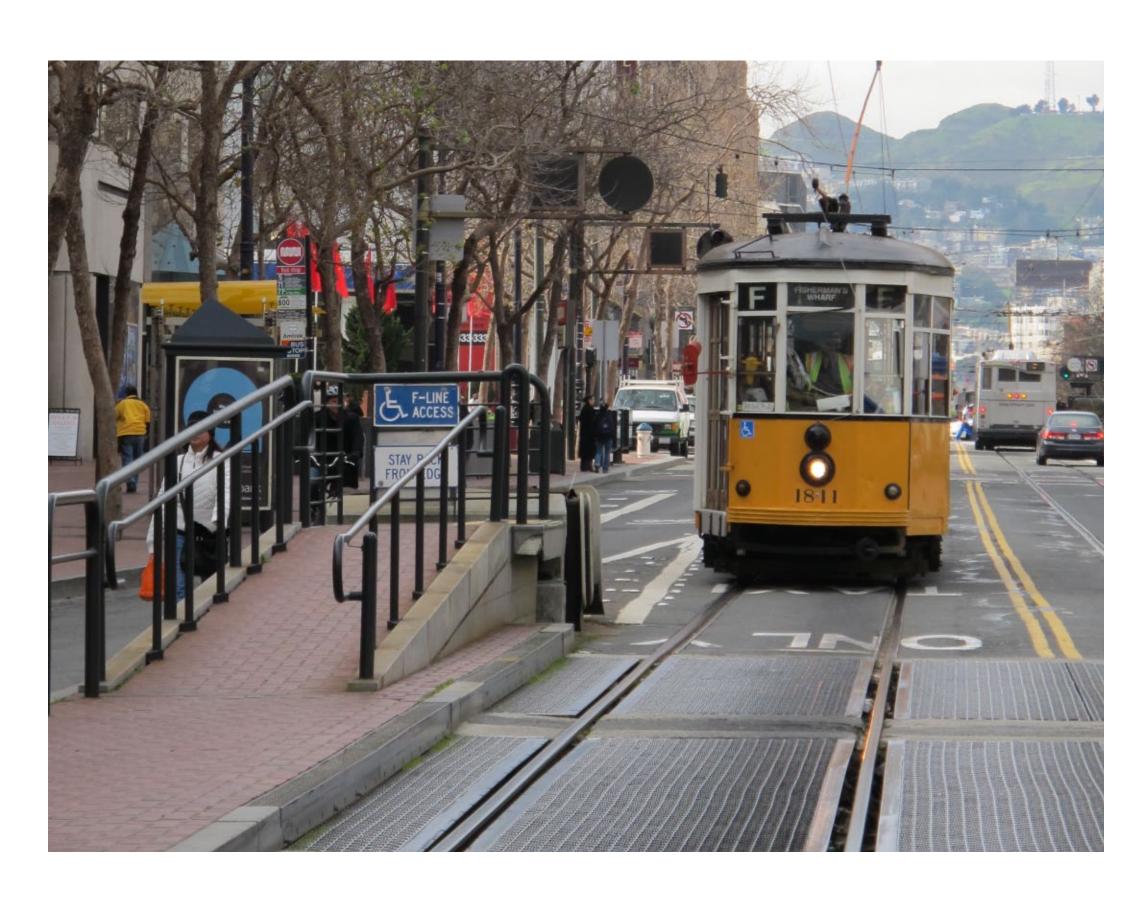
- 38 Geary
- 38L Geary Express
- 71 Haight-Noriega
- 71L Haight-Noriega Limited
- 76 Marin Headlands
- 81X Caltrain Express
- L Owl Taraval Owl
- N Owl Judah Owl

Transit under Market Street

Muni Metro lines under Market:

- J Church
- K Ingleside/T Third Street
- L Taraval
- M Ocean View
- N Judah
- S Castro Shuttle
- BART lines under Market:
- Dublin/Pleasanton-Daly City
- Fremont-Daly City
- Pittsburg/Bay Point-SFO
- Richmond-Millbrae

IMPORTANCE OF TRANSIT ON MARKET STREET



Transit and Market Street

Nearly one-third of all Muni routes (24 lines) operate along the surface of Market Street and the Muni Metro subway and BART run under Market Street. The routes fan out from Market Street to points all over San Francsico and the Bay Area.

- Almost one-quarter of all public transit boardings in San Francisco occur on or under Market Street
- There are 250,000 daily transit vehicle boardings on or under Market Street each weekday
- More people are moved by transit along Market Street than by cars and bicycles



All transit trips include a pedestrian trip

Passengers getting on or off Market Street transit vehicles walk to or from the transit stops

- On weekdays there are 38,000 boardings of the 24 surface lines and thousands of boardings to other local and regional transit systems
- There are 55,000 boardings at Muni Metro stations and 120,000 boardings at BART stations under Market Street
- Many pedestrians rely on Market Street to transfer between transit modes, including Muni Metro, BART, local shuttles, and other regional transit systems

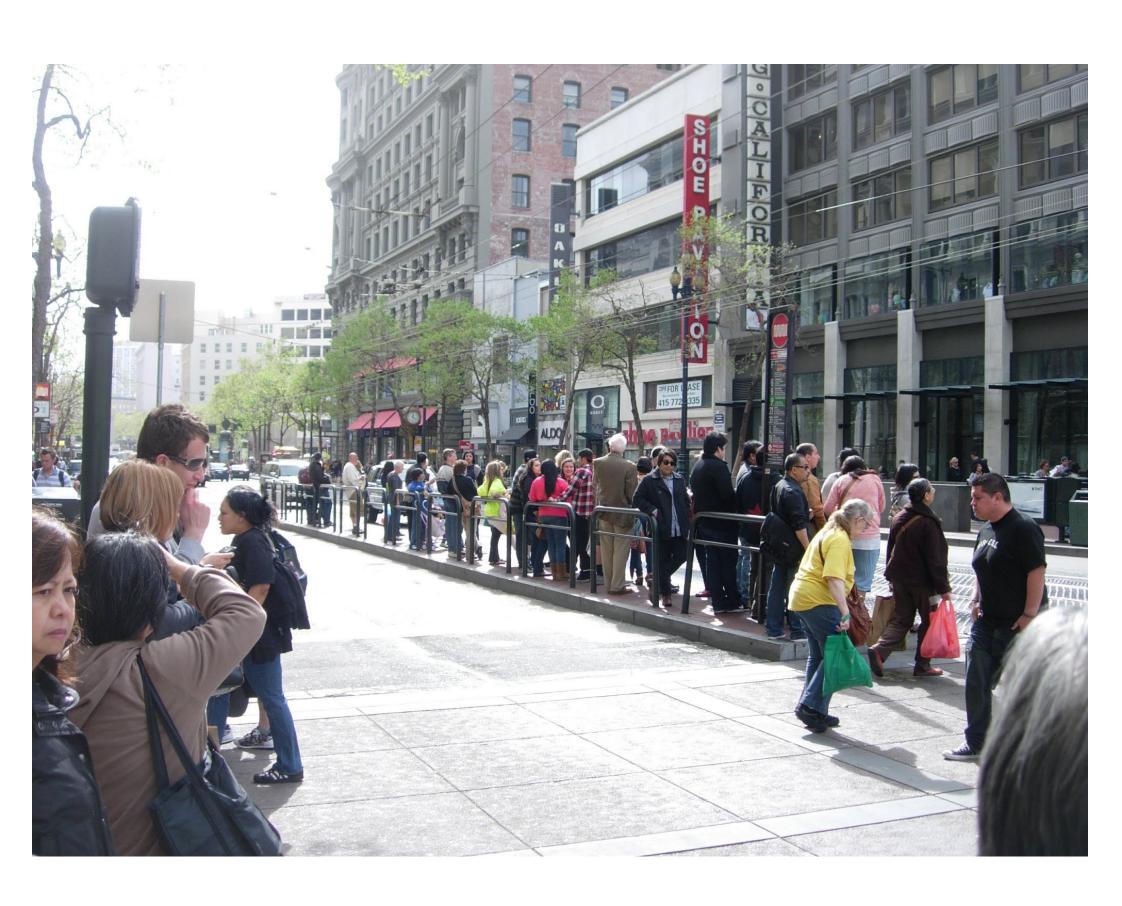


Operational flexibility

Use of all four lanes provides all 24 surface transit lines with capacity as well as flexibility, allowing transit vehicles to pass other vehicles and minimize delays

Transit vehicle volumes

There is a bus or streetcar about every 40 seconds during the busiest times on the busiest segments of Market Street



Transit is relatively slow

Average surface transit speeds along Market Street generally range from 4 to 8 miles per hour, including stops. Transit vehicles experience delays along Market Street for many reasons, including:

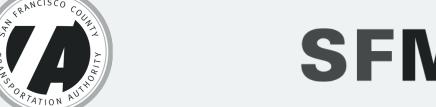
- General delays due to boarding and crowding
- Waiting at a red traffic light
- Unable to access transit stop due to vehicle blockage
- Lane blocked by vehicles waiting to turn left or right
- Conflict with other travel modes
- Traffic congestion

SAFETY

- The highest number of transit vehicle collisions has occurred at Market Street's intersections with Eddy/ Stockton/4th and with Geary/Kearny/3rd. An equal number of collisions have occurred along and across Market Street at these locations
- Other transit collision "hot spots" include Market Street's intersections with Van Ness Avenue and with Golden Gate/Taylor/6th







WALKING

3 DISTINCT TYPES OF PEDESTRIAN USE AND INTENSITIES <u>ALONG</u> MARKET



Changes throughout the day

There is a drastic reduction in pedestrian activity after 7pm. Low levels of pedestrian volume conveys a feeling of insecurity at several points along Market Street

Pedestrian decreases after 7pm on weekdays

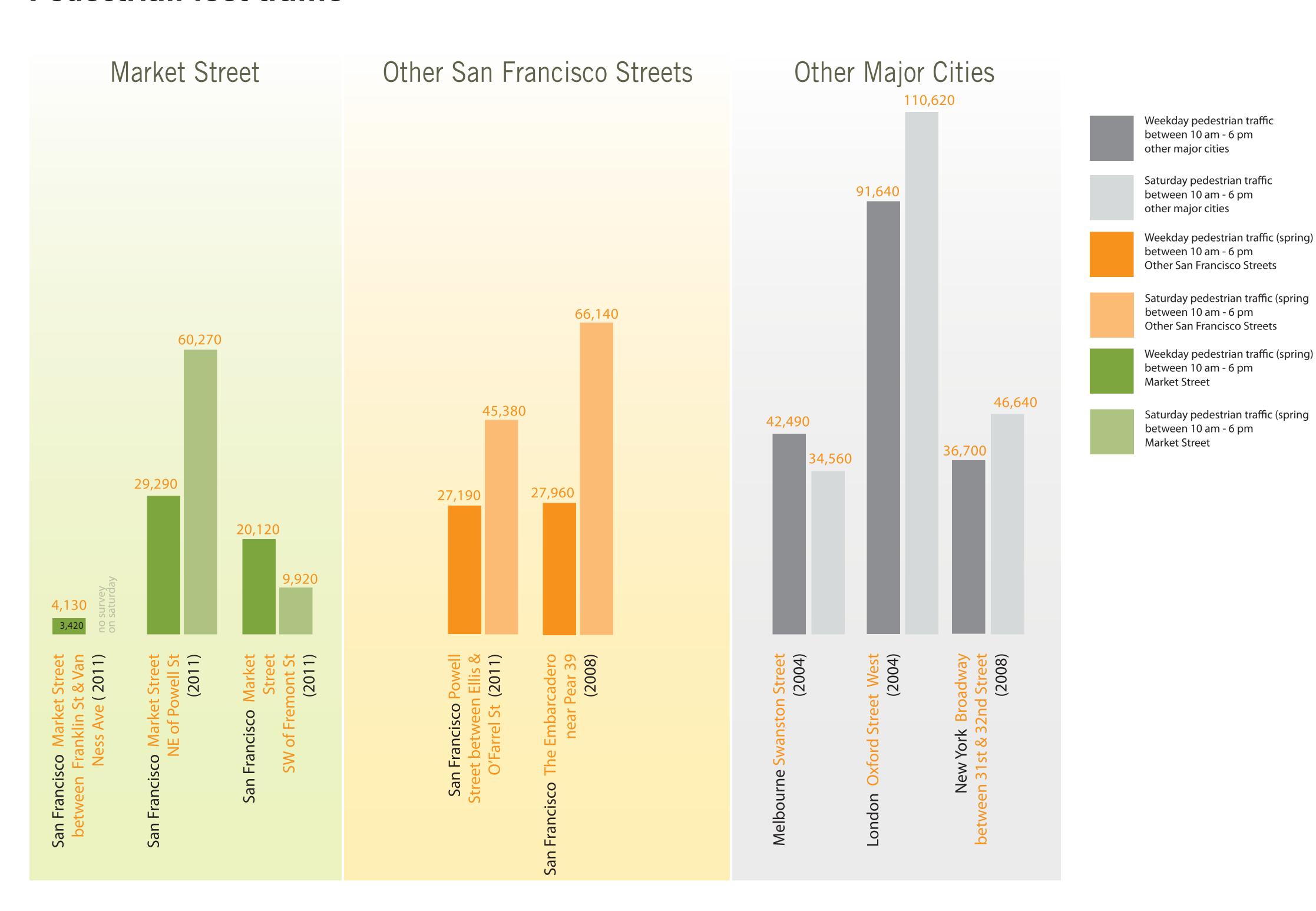


Pedestrian decreases after 7pm on weekends

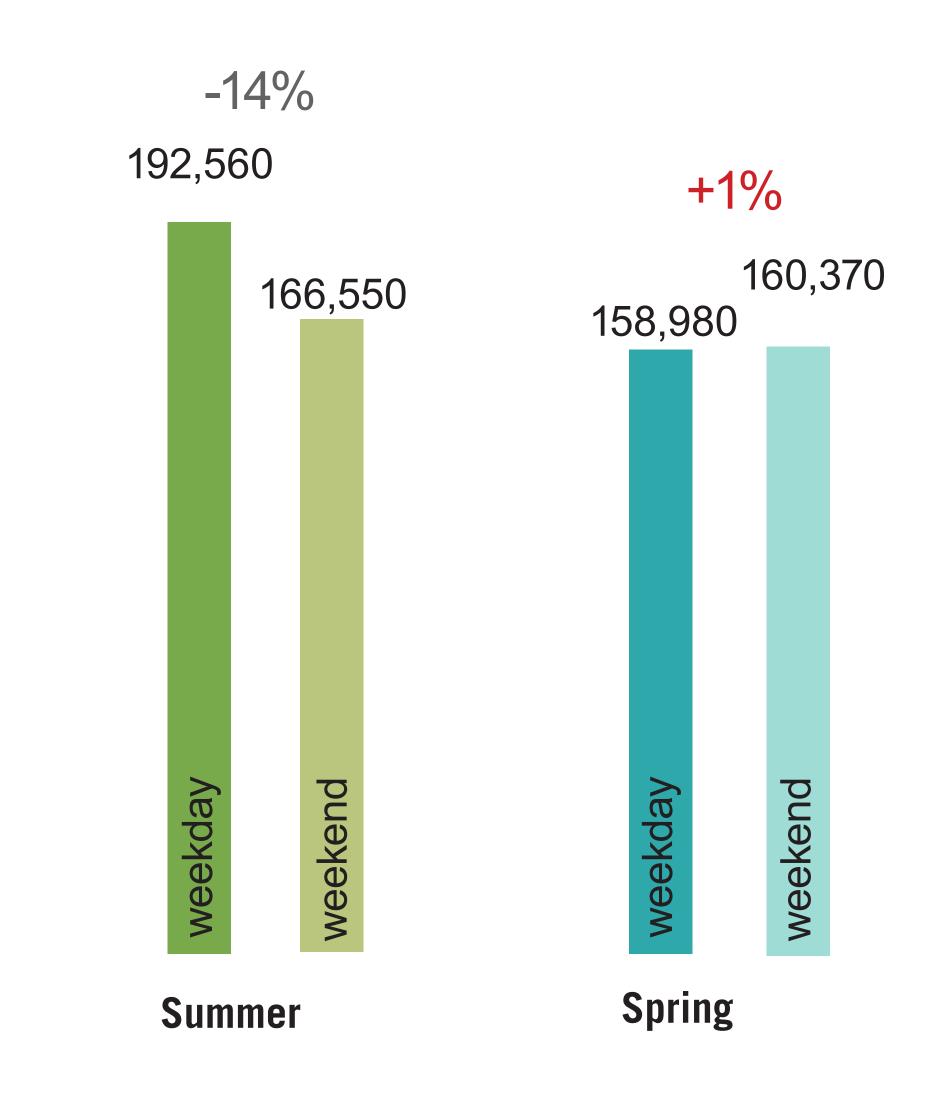


MARKET STREET COMPARED TO OTHER MAJOR STREETS IN THE WORLD

Pedestrian foot traffic



SEASONAL CHANGES



Pedestrian traffic

Similar daytime pattern and levels in summer, but differences between weekday and weekend are in general smaller at each location

GETTING ACROSS MARKET STREET







SAFETY

Collisions involving pedestrians

- About 25% of all police-reported collisions on Market Street involve a pedestrian
- Pedestrian collisions are concentrated in the mid-Market area (3rd-8th street) where pedestrian activity is highest
- The highest pedestrian collision location in San Francisco is at Market Street and 6th Street

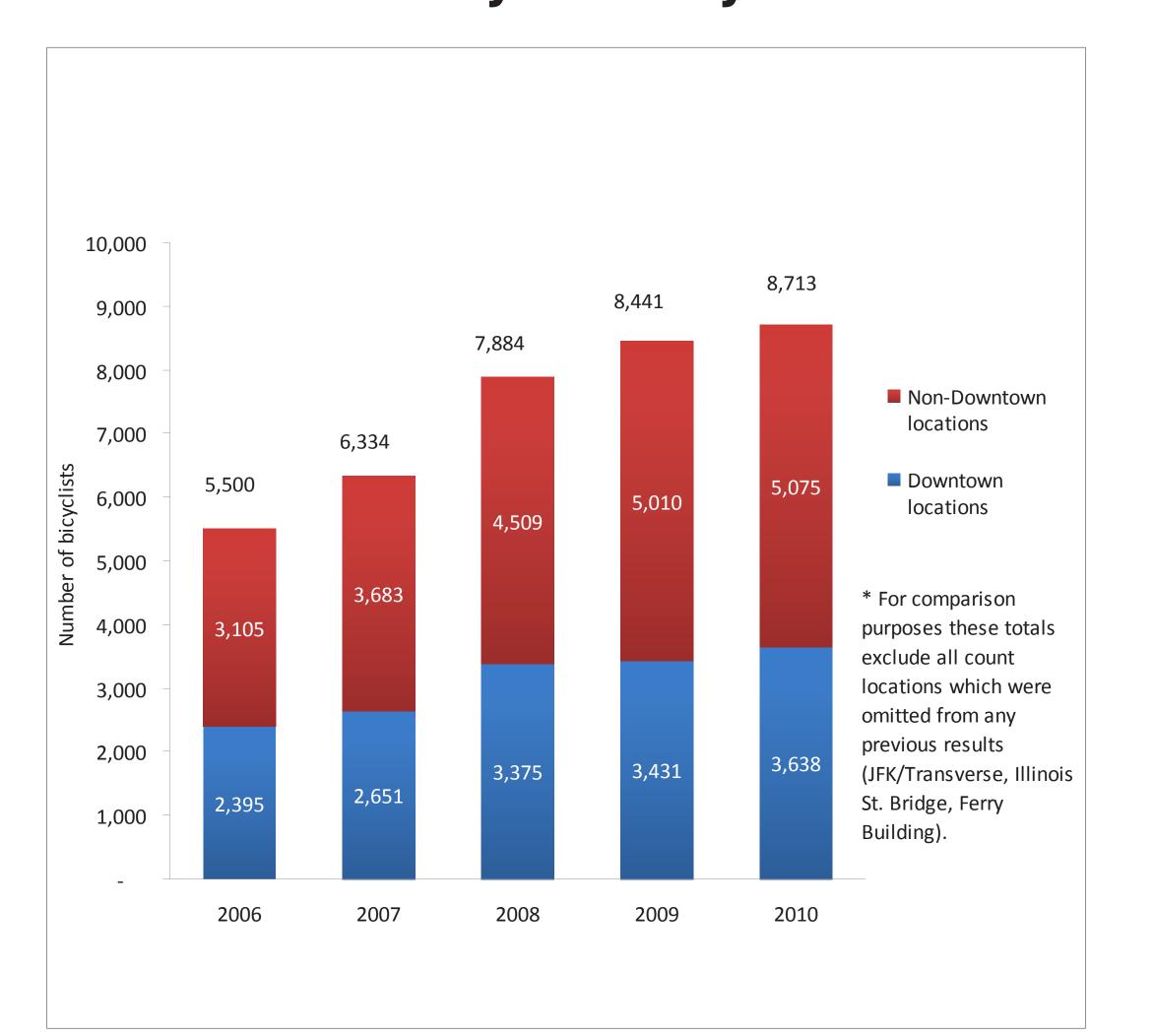




BICYCLING

BICYCLE AND TRAVEL

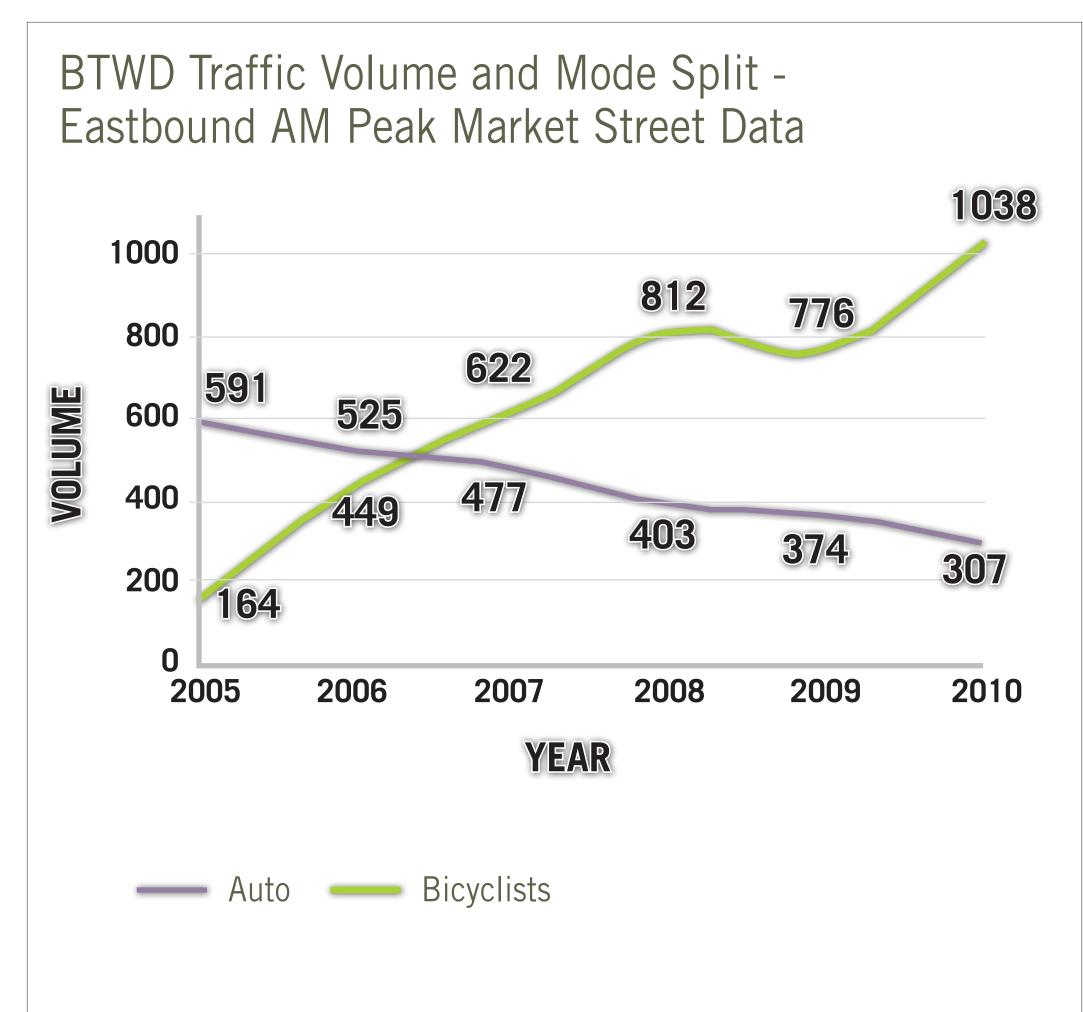
San Francisco citywide bicycle counts



Bicycle traffic is increasing

- 58% increase in bicycling in San Francisco since 2006
- Market Street is among the highest bicycling streets in the U.S.

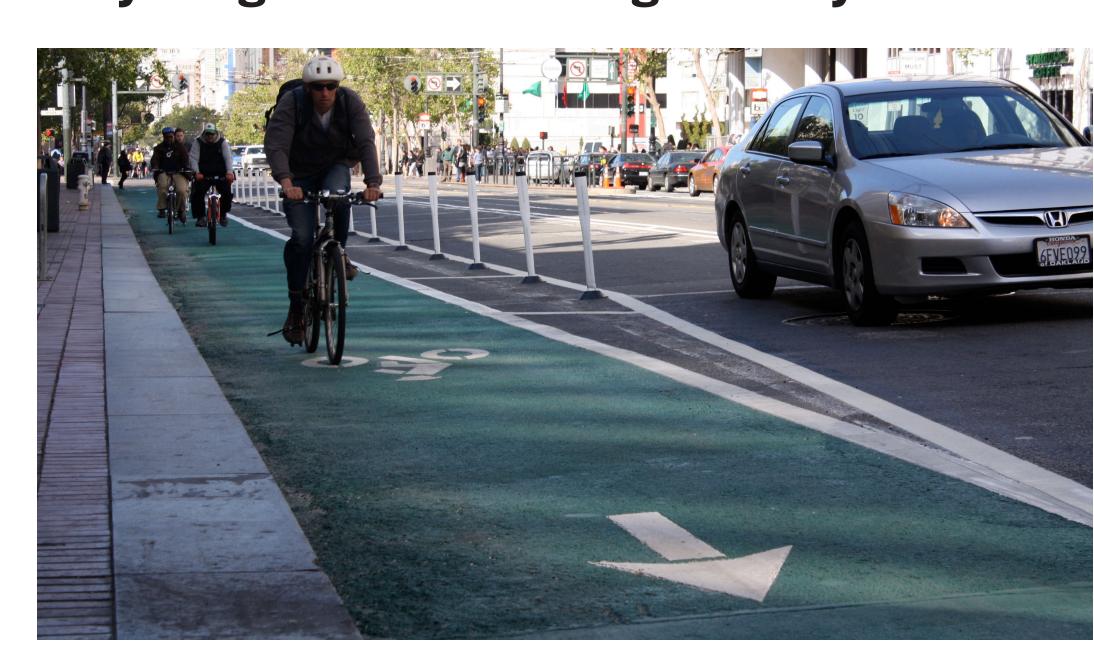
Market Street bicycle counts



Bicycle trips outnumber auto trips

Bicycle trips now outnumber auto trips by up to three times during peak periods and in peak directions

Bicycling is a commuting activity



Market Street is the principal bicycle commute route in San Francisco. 75% of bicyclists on Market Street are traveling to and from work

Perception of safety in numbers

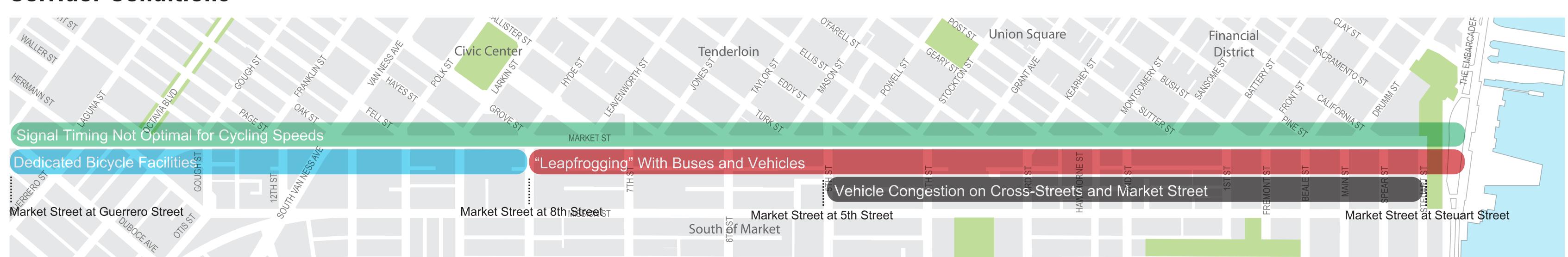
Half of those riding along Market Street do so because other people on bikes use the same route

Lack of continuous lanes

Dedicated bicycle facilities are concentrated west of 8th Street. These facilities continue to be improved and extended, making it more comfortable for bicyclists

EXISTING BICYCLE CONDITIONS

Corridor Conditions





Bus conflicts

Pinch points



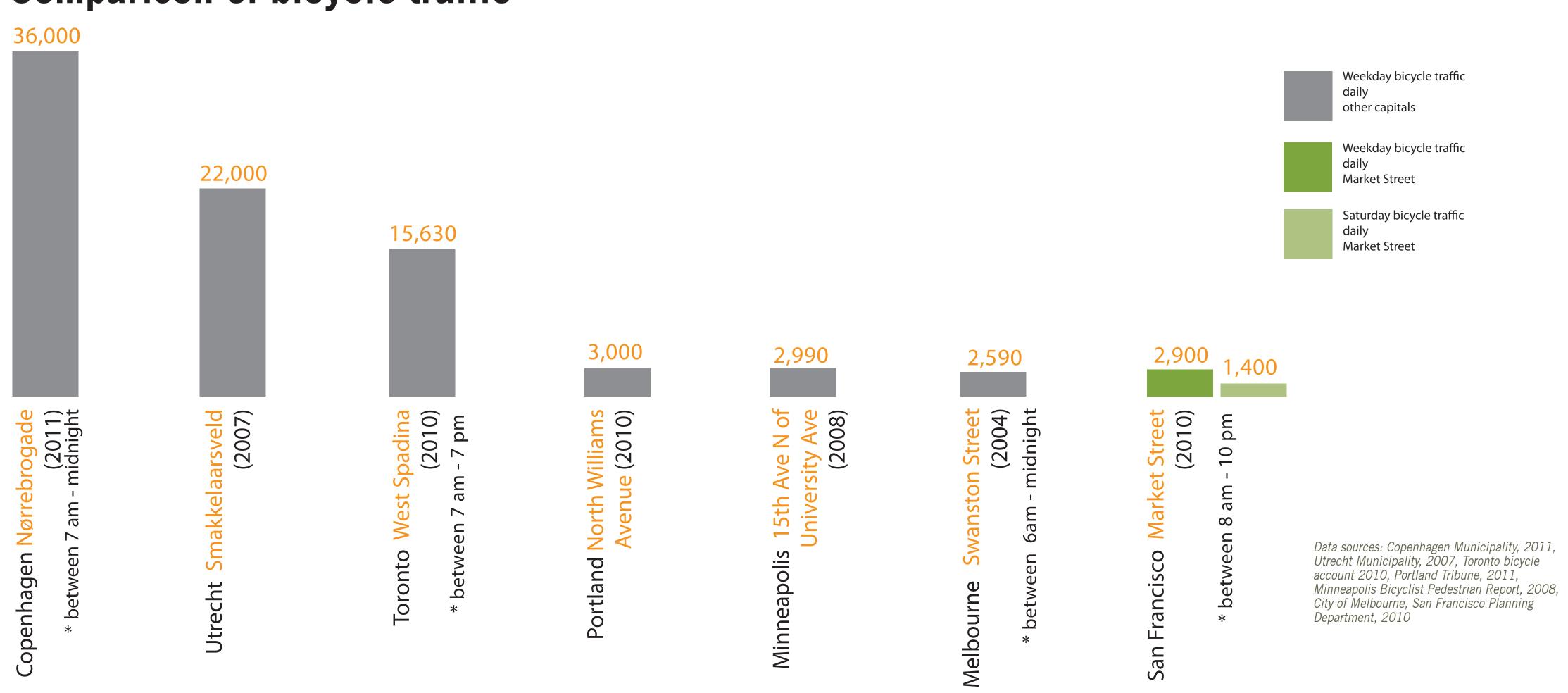
Right Hand turn conflicts

Bicycle circulation issues:

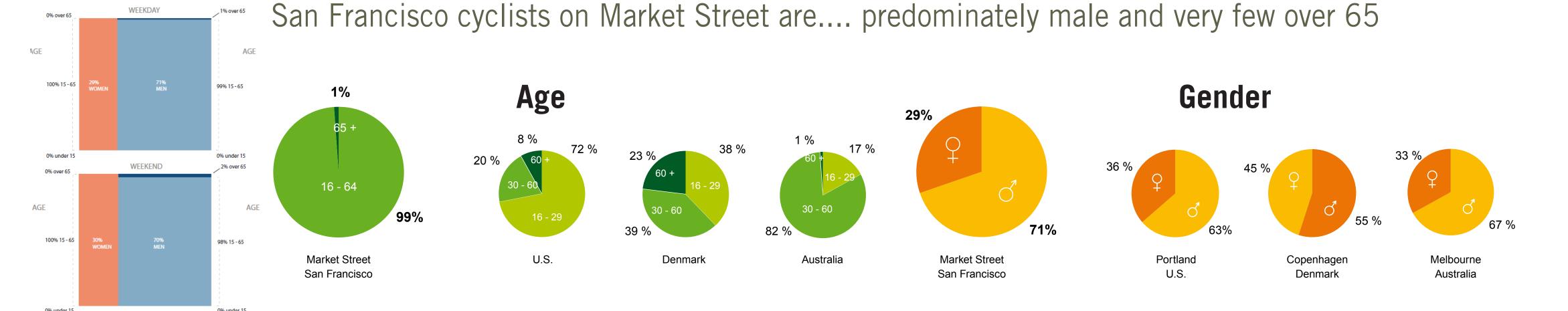
- Pinch points at intersections
- Blocked lanes
- Right-turning traffic
- Conflicts with pedestrians at boarding islands
- "Leap-frogging" effect with buses
- Left-turns prohibited from Market Street
- Uneven paving, BART vents and streetcar tracks
- Signal timing

MARKET STREET COMPARED TO OTHER MAJOR STREETS IN THE WORLD

Comparison of bicycle traffic

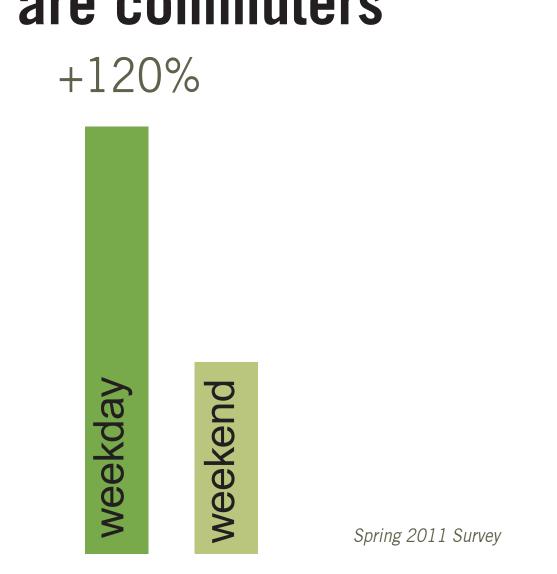


Age and Gender



WEEKDAY VS. WEEKEND

Most cyclists are commuters



Counts from 6 locations on Market Street

SAFETY

- About 25% of all police-reported collisions on Market Street involve a bicyclist
- Bicycle collisions peak at Market Street's intersections with Octavia and Gough, where there is heavier and faster moving vehicle traffic
- The second highest bicycle collision location in San Francisco is at Market Street and Octavia Boulevard

DRIVING, PARKING, LOADING

VEHICLE TRAFFIC VOLUMES

PM PEAK HOUR





Traffic on Market Street is low

- 80-85% of traffic at Market Street intersections crosses Market Street
- Only 15-20% travel along Market Street

Most vehicles travel a short distance along Market Street

- Average vehicle trip along Market Street is only for 2 blocks
- Majority of motorists are circling around looking for parking

Intersections are difficult to navigate

Skewed intersections may require swerving vehicle movements and can reduce line of sight between drivers and pedestrians and drives and bicyclists

Traffic across Market Street is heaviest west of 6th Street

More freeway ramps and wider streets encourage more traffic on western crossstreets than those to east

OFF-STREET PARKING



Substantial parking supply is available near Market Street

There are about 30,000 parking spaces within publically-accessible garages and lots within 1/4 mile of Market Street. A third of this is in small garages or lots with less than 250 spaces

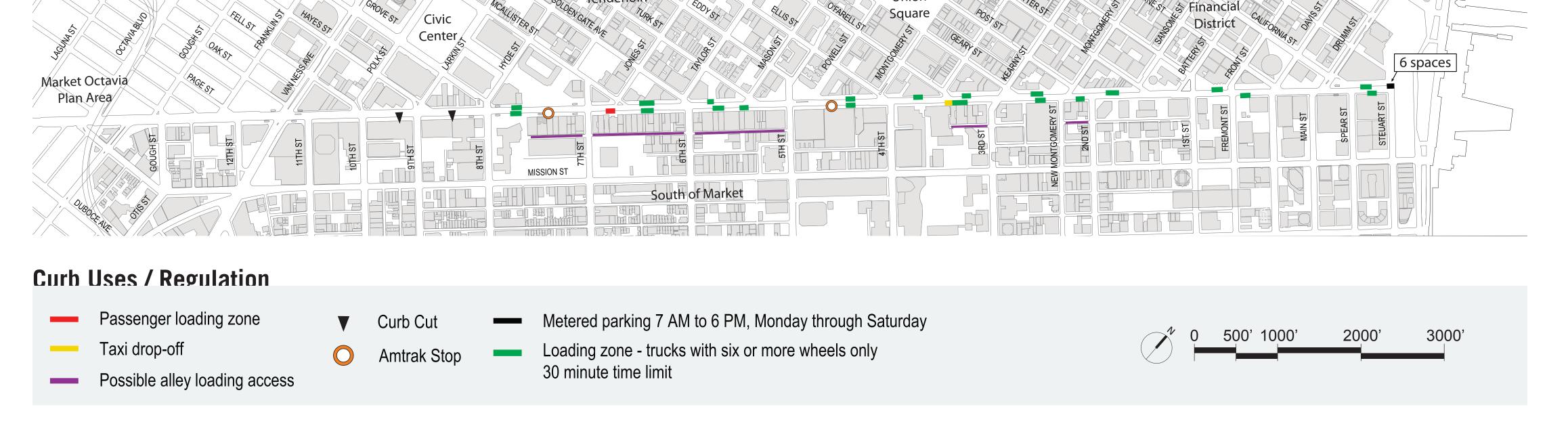
Parking garages are under-used

The average occupancy of SFMTA public parking garages near Market Street is between 45% and 73%

Wayfinding to parking needs improvement

Drivers often have difficult time locating parking due to lack of directional signage on Market Street and crossstreets

LOADING ZONES AND TAXIS



Heavy use of loading bays

Passenger loading, tour buses, shuttle buses, taxis, valet parking, paratransit and other uses compete for loading bays

Illegal parking

Because loading bays are often in use or not conveniently located, vehicles double-park in the travel lane or pull up onto the curb

Lack of alleys

Most businesses must take delivery from Market, as there are few alleys or rear loading docks

Importance of accommodating loading

Delivery is crucial for the economic vitality of Market Street

Challenging to access taxis

It is difficult to find a taxi and there is a lack of taxi zones

SAFETY

Almost 50% of police-reported collisions on Market Street are between motor vehicles.

Of San Francisco's highest 10 injury collision intersections, 3 are located on Market Street:

- Gough Street
- Octavia Boulevard
- 6th Street

Vehicle collisions are generally concentrated to the west, where higher traffic volumes and faster speed contribute to collisions.

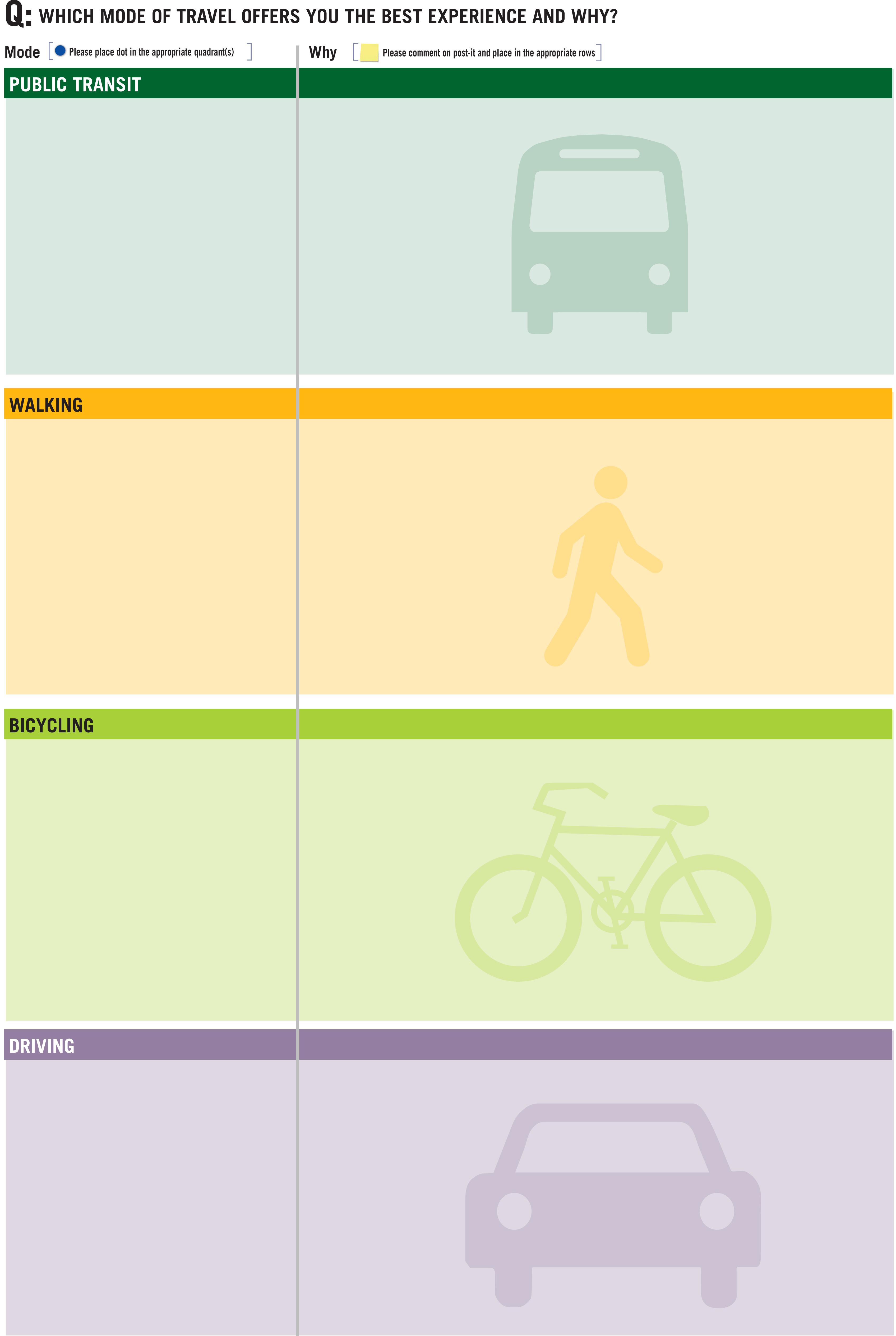
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QUESTIONS

Q: WHAT ARE THE MAJOR OBSTACLES YOU ENCOUNTER ALONG MARKET? WHY IS IT A MAJOR OBSTACLE? Please comment on post-it and place in the appropriate rows PUBLIC TRANSIT Choose top 2 and place dot in the appropriate rows Can't tell which line to take **Travels too slowly** Doesn't go where you need to go to Doesn't come frequently enough Vehicles are too crowded Choose top 2 and place dot in the appropriate rows WALKING Uninteresting place to walk Don't feel secure Intersections tough to cross Market is not most convenient route Too windy/uncomfortable microclimate Choose top 2 and place dot in the appropriate rows **BICYCLING** Pavement too uneven Lacks continuous bike lane **Conflicts with buses** Conflicts with cars and/or trucks Difficult connections to/from Market Street CAR/COMMERCIAL VEHICLE/TAXI [Choose top 2 and place dot in the appropriate rows] Don't know where to get a taxi Don't know where to find parking Not clear where to pick-up/deliver goods Not clear where to pick-up/drop off customers

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Confusing one-way streets, signs and turns







