

The Financial District now has its first protected bike lane 

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Back in the bike messenger era of the 1990s and 2000s, the Financial District was the hub of San Francisco bicycle culture. But there have never been any protected bike lanes in the Financial District, and in the recent pandemic years, there's been a [lack of people downtown](#) anyway.

But the SFMTA thinks bike lanes are a way to get people back to the Financial District. And on Tuesday, they [unveiled what they call](#) the “first protected bike lane in the Financial District” on Battery Street.

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Today in partnership with [@sfcta](#) [@AaronPeskin](#) [@BarbaryCoast_sf](#) [@sf_downtown](#), we celebrated the first protected bike lane in the Financial District (back right). To watch the event, visit [youtube.com/live/qk_A-5Bay...](#) To learn more, visit [SFMTA.com/BatterySansome...](#)

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“This the first protected bikeway in downtown,” District 3 Supervisor Aaron Peskin said at a Wednesday bike lane opening ceremony. “I hope in the end, it is going to be one of many protected bikeways.”

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San Francisco Castro

Castro Starbucks removes all seating in latest remodel

In its latest remodel, the Castro Starbucks (4094 18th St.), commonly called Bearbucks in the neighborhood, has removed all of its seating in a switch to a grab-and-go format.

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San Francisco

New Italian eatery coming to Point Richmond's historic Hotel Mac

Point Richmond's beloved Hotel Mac will have an operating restaurant again soon. The local restaurateurs behind Richmond's Mi Casa Grill confirmed to Hoodline that they'll be opening a new Italian eatery in the hotel space.

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San Francisco Inner Richmond

Former Locanda chef to open Pasta Supply Co. in Inner Richmond next week

If you love pasta, you'll be elated over a new shop coming to Inner Richmond that will eventually become a mini pasta factory, a retail pasta and pasta-making supply shop, and a restaurant.

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San Francisco North Beach

Specialty grocery store Luke's Local opens new location in North Beach

Last weekend, specialty grocery store Luke's Local celebrated the opening of its newest market in North Beach. Situated in a building on the corner of Green and Stockton that formerly housed a bank, it joins two other locations in Cole Valley and Cow Hollow.

Dorothy O'Donnell



Image: SFMTA

You get a better sense of these bike lanes (green pavement on the right) in the rendering above from SFMTA. That agency's director Jeffrey Tumlin said Wednesday that there are now 43 miles of protected bike lanes in San Francisco, with more to come. According to the SFMTA, there will eventually be "new bike lanes along Sansome, Battery, Vallejo, and Davis streets from the Embarcadero to Jackson Street."

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