

# Investing in Your Community

SOUTHEAST UPDATE 2025

## COMMITTED TO BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) strives to be a good neighbor. We are committed to the communities most impacted by our operations such as Bayview-Hunters Point which is home to the Southeast Treatment Plant.



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Built in 1952, the Southeast Treatment Plant is the City's largest wastewater treatment facility, but many of its facilities are past their useful life and generate odors that impact the neighborhood.

We are investing over \$3 billion in critical upgrades to transform this facility into a modern resource recovery center. By doing so, we will continue to protect our communities and environment.

Once complete, the facility will look better, smell better, and work better for the community and entire City.

**SFPUC Water Division Campus**  
*2000 Marin St.*

**Channel Force Main Intertie Project**  
*Construction Completion: Fall 2025*

**Islais Channel Outfall Crossing Rehabilitation**  
*In Planning and Design*

**Islais Creek Bridge Rehabilitation Project**  
*Led by SFDPW/SFMTA (2026 - 2029)*

## Southeast Treatment Plant

**New Headworks Facility Project**  
*Construction Completion: Mid 2025*

**Biogas Utilization Project**  
*Construction Completion: Early 2027*

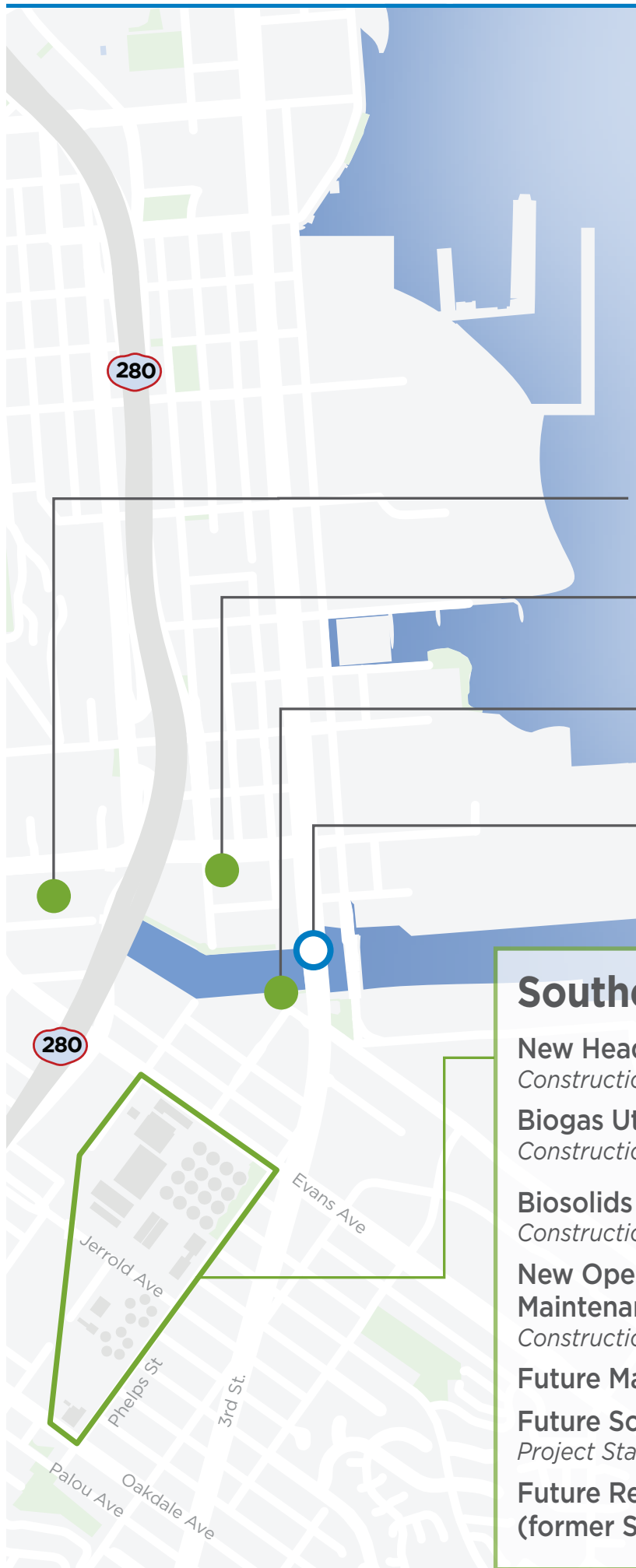
**Biosolids Digester Facilities Project**  
*Construction Completion: Mid 2028*

**New Operations, Engineering, and Maintenance Buildings**  
*Construction Start: 2025*

**Future Mainstream Nutrients Reduction Project**

**Future South Campus Improvements**  
*Project Start: 2025-2026*

**Future Redevelopment of 1800 Oakdale Ave (former SFPUC Community Center)**

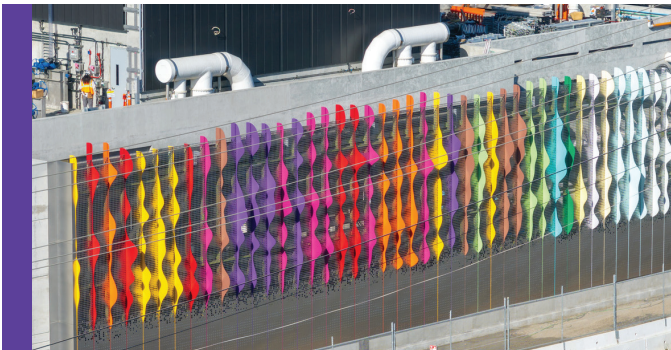


## WORK BETTER

The Southeast Treatment Plant operates 24/7/365 to protect public health and the environment. For more than 70 years, San Francisco has relied on the Plant to treat the majority 80% of the City's combined wastewater. We are making generational investments so this vital facility can continue to work around the clock by increasing operational reliability and efficiency of the treatment processes, as well as improving the Plant's ability to withstand a 7.8 earthquake on the San Andreas Fault.

## LOOK BETTER

We are partnering with the community to make aesthetic improvements to the Southeast Treatment Plant during and after construction including public art and street-scape. Recognizing the important role of art in the community, a portion of above ground construction costs goes to integrating arts and cultural elements into the new facilities including the Art Wall on Evans Ave. We partner with the San Francisco Arts Commission to utilize the Bayview Artist Registry to ensure we support local artists, and recognize and celebrate the people, values, and history of the Bayview-Hunters Point community.



*The Art Wall titled Whirl Whorl: Our Circular Nature by the noted artist Norie Sato on Evans Avenue was completed in early 2024!*

## SMELL BETTER

The New Headworks Facility Project includes a new Odor Control Facility, consisting of a two-stage system with biological filters, where bacteria digest contaminants and neutralize odor, followed by carbon absorption. The Biosolids Project includes a three-stage system using ammonia, biofiltration and carbon adsorption, along with wet chemical scrubbers that use a chemical and water solution to absorb odors. Recently completed projects added lids, scrubbers and additional odor control on older facilities.

## **Biosolids Digester Facilities Project**

The Biosolids Digester Facilities Project will replace the aging facilities with cleaner, greener technologies. The new facilities will produce a higher quality biosolids, capture and treat odors more effectively, and maximize biogas utilization. In addition, the project will locate the digesters farther away from existing residences and make visual improvements in and around the Plant. [sfpuc.gov/digesters](https://sfpuc.gov/digesters)



## **Biogas Utilization Project**

As part of the Biosolids Project, the Biogas Utilization Project will provide 100% beneficial use of the biogas generated by the new digesters during the solids-digestion treatment process. The Project will convert the biogas into renewable natural gas to enhance sustainability, reliability, and affordability.

## **New Headworks Facility Project**

The Headworks Facility – also known as preliminary treatment – is the first line of defense for the Southeast Treatment Plant. SF's unique combined system brings wastewater flows to Headworks first and this facility removes debris (such as plastic and floatables) and grit (sand particles). This preliminary treatment is critical to protect downstream equipment, help control odors, and ensure that the Plant can operate efficiently.

[sfpuc.gov/headworks](https://sfpuc.gov/headworks)



## **New Operations, Engineering, and Maintenance Buildings**

Two new buildings will replace an existing aging engineering building and two trailers on Jerrold Ave. at Phelps St. The buildings will provide much-needed shop space for maintenance and trade crews as well as workspaces and facilities for operation, engineering, and maintenance staff within a central location on the Plant campus. The buildings will also be the SFPUC and City of San Francisco's first Mass Timber buildings.

For more information, visit [sfpuc.gov/sepconstruction](https://sfpuc.gov/sepconstruction)

## COMMUNITY

### New Southeast Community Center

The Southeast Community Center at 1550 Evans Avenue features an expanded low-cost childcare center, nonprofit workspaces, community meeting rooms, large multi-purpose rooms, and a stand-alone Alex Pitcher Pavilion for community events. The open spaces include an amphitheater, gardens, outdoor dining areas, and play spaces for children. The new center provides a wide range of workforce development and education services for Southeast residents of all ages. [sfpuc.gov/learning/come-visit/southeast-community-center](https://sfpuc.gov/learning/come-visit/southeast-community-center)



Southeast Community Center (SECC) at 1550 Evans.

## WORKFORCE AND SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT

As the agency invests in its infrastructure, it is also investing in local, underserved communities by connecting youth and adults with learning, apprenticeship, job training, employment, and business opportunities. To ensure local residents have the opportunity to participate on Wastewater Capital Improvement Projects, we actively partner with multiple public and community-based organizations in the community, including the Office of Economic and Workforce Development's CityBuild Program and the SF Building and Construction Trades.

SFPUC's **Jobs Information Hotline:** (415) 934-5777  
**Contractors Assistance Center email:**  
[acp@sfgwater.org](mailto:acp@sfgwater.org)

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## 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 from 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. [sfpuc.gov/ssip](https://sfpuc.gov/ssip)



### Resources

#### Construction Updates

To stay up to date on Southeast Treatment Plant construction, sign-up for email updates at [sfpuc.gov/newsletters](https://sfpuc.gov/newsletters), visit [sfpuc.gov/SEPConstruction](https://sfpuc.gov/SEPConstruction) or connect to a member of our outreach team via (415) 551-4SEP (4737).

#### Job Training

CityBuild offers construction industry training and employment networking services. (415) 701-4848  
[oewd.org/city-build](https://oewd.org/city-build)

#### Contractors Assistance

The Contractors Assistance Center is a free resource for professional service firms, construction companies, vendors, and suppliers to help establish or grow their business. (415) 467-1040  
[sfpuc.gov/contractorcenter](https://sfpuc.gov/contractorcenter)

#### San Francisco Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD)

Office of Economic and Workforce Development Neighborhood Access Points provide workforce services to assist jobseekers. (415) 554-6969  
[oewd.org/employment](https://oewd.org/employment)

#### Odor Complaint? Contact 311

Submit a complaint to the San Francisco Customer Service Hotline by:

- Calling 3-1-1
- Going to [sf311.org](https://sf311.org)
- Or using the free SF311 smartphone app

