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Lower Alemany Area Stormwater Improvements Project

Our Sewer System Upgrades are Underway

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) operates a combined sewer system that collects and treats wastewater (sewage and stormwater). At the SFPUC, we continually monitor how our sewer system operates during rainstorms. Our Sewer System Improvement Program (SSIP) is actively upgrading and modernizing our system to ensure we can protect our community and environment, including projects that specifically reduce flood risk.

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 conveyed stormwater from Glen Canyon, Outer Mission, and the Excelsior down 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 Ave to Industrial St via Alemany Blvd, Gaven St and Boutwell St to increase conveyance capacity. Construction would involve three tunnel portals or shafts to construct the tunnel and other sewer connections and related improvements in the area.

Project Status as of Fall 2024

The project is currently in design phase to refine the infrastructure design that will provide additional conveyance capacity and improve stormwater management during moderate and heavy storms. Pending environmental review and SFPUC Commission approvals, construction is anticipated to start in 2026 with an expected duration of 3 years.

Estimated Construction Schedule

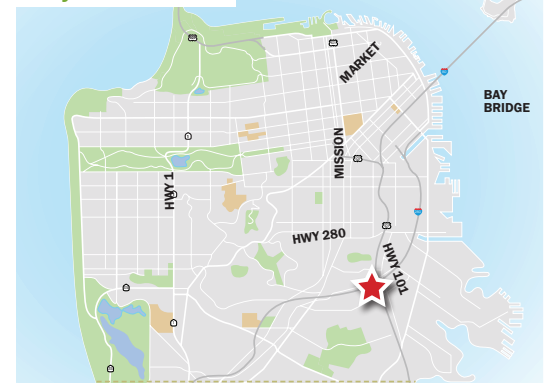
2026	2027	2028	2029

FALL 2026 – END 2029
(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





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.

About the Sewer System Improvement Program

The Lower Alemany Area Stormwater Improvements Project is part of the Sewer System Improvement Program (SSIP), a multi-billion-dollar citywide investment required to upgrade our aging sewer system. The program is the result of an extensive community planning process and will ensure a reliable, sustainable and seismically safe sewer system now and for generations to come. For more information on SSIP and to stay up to date, please visit sfpuc.gov/ssip.

Contact Information

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