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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 and reduce the risk of flooding near the Lower Alemany Farmer’s Market/Interstate 280 Highway interchange and in the lower Alemany neighborhood.

Project Overview

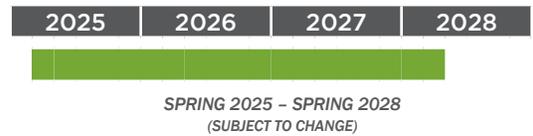
The Lower Alemany area is part of the Islais Creek watershed that historically conveyed stormwater from Glen Canyon, Outer Mission, and the Excelsior down to the Bay. Like many parts of San Francisco, over time, the creek and the low-lying Alemany area were covered with streets, homes, and businesses, 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 convey stormwater away from the area. 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 June 2022

The project is currently in conceptual engineering phase to evaluate additional conveyance capacity and related systems to reduce the possibility of flooding during moderate and heavy storms. These efforts will follow with detailed engineering design and environmental studies. Pending environmental review and SFPUC Commission approvals, construction is anticipated to start in 2025 with an expected duration of 3 years.

Estimated Construction Schedule



PROJECT BENEFITS:

- The objective of this project is to reduce the flood risk to 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



For more information, visit sfpuc.org/loweralemany

PROJECT MAP

Proposed Alignment



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 sfpub.org/rainreadysf, which provides information about planning, preparing, and protecting properties during storms.



Improving stormwater management and flood resilience across the City is a partnership between government and residents like you.

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 sfpub.org/ssip.

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