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**SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY**

DIVISION: Sustainable Streets

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Approving various temporary parking modifications which will remain in effect until 120 days after the termination or expiration of the COVID-19 Emergency.

SUMMARY:

- The SFMTA Board of Directors has authority to adopt parking and traffic regulations changes.
- Taxis are not exempt from any of these regulations.
- The proposed parking and traffic modifications have been reviewed pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- Items A-B will be in effect until 120 days after the termination or expiration of the COVID-19 Emergency.
- Certain items listed below with a “#” are Final SFMTA Decisions as defined by Ordinance 127-18. Final SFMTA Decisions can be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors. Information about the review process can be found at:
https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/SFMTA_Action_Review_Info_Sheet.pdf

ENCLOSURES:

1. SFMTAB Resolution

APPROVALS:

DIRECTOR  _____

SECRETARY  _____

DATE

October 28, 2020

October 28, 2020

ASSIGNED SFMTAB CALENDAR DATE: November 3, 2020

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PURPOSE

Approving various temporary parking modifications which will remain in effect until 120 days after the termination or expiration of the COVID-19 Emergency.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS AND TRANSIT FIRST POLICY PRINCIPLES:

- Goal 1: Create a safer transportation experience for everyone
 - Objective 1.1: Achieve Vision Zero by eliminating all traffic deaths.
 - Objective 1.2: Improve the safety of the Transit System.
- Goal 2: Make transit and other sustainable modes of transportation the most attractive and preferred means of travel
 - Objective 2.1: Improve transit service.
 - Objective 2.2: Enhance and expand use of the city's sustainable modes of transportation.
 - Objective 2.3: Manage congestion and parking demand to support the Transit First Policy.

This action supports the following SFMTA Transit First Policy Principles:

1. To ensure quality of life and economic health in San Francisco, the primary objective of the transportation system must be the safe and efficient movement of people and goods.
2. Public transit, including taxis and vanpools, is an economically and environmentally sound alternative to transportation by individual automobiles. Within San Francisco, travel by public transit, by bicycle and on foot must be an attractive alternative to travel by private automobile.
3. Decisions regarding the use of limited public street and sidewalk space shall encourage the use of public rights of way by pedestrians, bicyclists, and public transit, and shall strive to reduce traffic and improve public health and safety.

BACKGROUND

The Geary Temporary Emergency Transit Lane project will implement transit priority treatments to keep buses out of traffic and reduce crowding and travel times on Geary Boulevard between Stanyan Street and 34th Avenue. Most of the project parking and traffic changes were approved by the City Traffic Engineer following a Public Hearing on September 24, 2020. However, two proposed items require approval by the SFMTA Board as described below.

ITEMS

The following items were considered at Public Hearing on September 24, 2020:

- A. ESTABLISH – GREEN METERED PARKING, 30-MINUTE TIME LIMIT, 9 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY – Geary Boulevard, south side, from 138 feet to

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182 feet west of 15th Avenue (converts green metered spaces #5119-G and #5117-G from angled to parallel parking) #.

- B. ESTABLISH – GENERAL METERED PARKING, 2-HOUR TIME LIMIT, 9 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY – Geary Boulevard, south side, from 94 feet to 138 feet west of 15th Avenue (converts general metered spaces #5113 and #5111 from angled to parallel parking and rescinds parking space #5115) #.

Modifications A and B convert five angled parking spaces to four parallel spaces to allow the establishment of an eastbound transit lane on Geary Boulevard between 16th and 15th Avenues as part of the Geary Temporary Emergency Transit Lane project (Geary TETL). These temporary parking modifications associated with the Geary TETL project will expire 120 days after the termination or expiration of the COVID-19 Emergency (Proclamation of the Mayor Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency dated February 25, 2020).

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The proposed modifications (Items A-B) are subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). CEQA provides a statutory exemption from environmental review for emergency projects pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15269. CEQA provides a categorical exemption for operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities, including transit improvements such as bus lanes, pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301.

On June 10, 2020, the Planning Department determined (Case Number 2020-005472ENV) that the proposed Geary TETL project is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15269 and categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301. On October 8, 2020, the Planning Department determined that the proposed modifications (Items A-B) to the Geary TETL project did not constitute a substantial modification and no further environmental review is necessary.

A copy of the CEQA determination is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors, and may be found in the records of the Planning Department at 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400 in San Francisco, and is incorporated herein by reference.

OTHER APPROVALS

Certain final SFMTA decisions, whether made by the City Traffic Engineer or the SFMTA Board, can be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors pursuant to Ordinance 127-18. Information about the review process can be found at http://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/SFMTA_Action_Review_Info_Sheet.pdf. SFMTA staff have determined that items A-B are such final SFMTA decisions.

The City Attorney has reviewed this item.

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RECOMMENDATION

SFMTA staff recommend that the SFMTA Board of Directors approve the proposed temporary parking changes, as set forth in Items A-B above, which will remain in effect until 120 days after the termination or expiration of the COVID-19 Emergency.

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. _____

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency has received a request, or identified a need for parking and traffic modifications as follows:

- A. ESTABLISH – GREEN METERED PARKING, 30-MINUTE TIME LIMIT, 9 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY – Geary Boulevard, south side, from 138 feet to 182 feet west of 15th Avenue.
- B. ESTABLISH – GENERAL METERED PARKING, 2-HOUR TIME LIMIT, 9 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY – Geary Boulevard, south side, from 94 feet to 138 feet west of 15th Avenue, and,

WHEREAS, The proposed modifications (Items A-B) will be temporary in nature and will expire 120 days after the termination or expiration of the COVID-19 Emergency; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed modifications (Items A-B) are subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); CEQA provides a statutory exemption from environmental review for emergency projects pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15269; CEQA provides a categorical exemption for operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities, including transit improvements such as bus lanes, pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301; and,

WHEREAS, On June 10, 2020, the Planning Department determined (Case Number 2020-005472ENV) that the proposed Geary TETL project is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15269 and categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301; and,

WHEREAS, On October 8, 2020, the Planning Department determined that the proposed modifications (Items A-B) to the Geary TETL project did not constitute a substantial modification and no further environmental review is necessary; and,

WHEREAS, A copy of the CEQA determination is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors, and may be found in the records of the Planning Department 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400 in San Francisco, and is incorporated herein by reference; and,

WHEREAS, Certain final SFMTA decisions, whether made by the City Traffic Engineer or the SFMTA Board, can be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors pursuant to Ordinance 127-18, and SFMTA staff have determined that items A-B are such final SFMTA decisions; and,

WHEREAS, The public has been notified about the proposed modifications and has been given the opportunity to comment on those modifications through the public hearing process; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors approves the parking and traffic modifications, as listed in Items A through B above, to remain in effect until 120 days after the termination or expiration of the COVID-19 Emergency.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of November 3, 2020.

Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency