

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. 220118-006

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency has proposed traffic modifications as follows:

- A. ESTABLISH - BUS AND TAXI ONLY LANE - 7th Street, northbound, from Townsend Street to Mission Street; 8th Street, southbound, from Market Street to Bryant Street
- B. ESTABLISH - RIGHT LANE MUST TURN RIGHT - 7th Street, northbound, at Townsend Street; and,

WHEREAS, The 19 Polk connects several neighborhoods, including neighborhoods identified in the SFMTA Service Equity Strategy; and,

WHEREAS, The 27 Bryant was rerouted in January 2021 to share part of 7th and 8th Streets with the 19 Polk, and also serves several neighborhoods identified in the SFMTA Service Equity Strategy; and,

WHEREAS, Prior to the Temporary Emergency Transit Lanes Program, 19 Polk buses along the 7th Street and 8th Street couplet were required to share lanes with traffic, which caused frequent delays for transit riders; and,

WHEREAS, In June 2020, the SFMTA Board of Directors approved temporary traffic modifications including the 19 Polk Temporary Emergency Transit Lanes project; and,

WHEREAS, Evaluation of the temporary changes has found that they were successful in achieving their goals, including protecting transit from traffic; and,

WHEREAS, Community engagement found support for making the changes permanent, especially among people who use the 19 Polk transit route; and,

WHEREAS, Approval of permanent full-time transit-only areas on 7th Street between Townsend and Mission streets and 8th Street between Market and Bryant streets requires an amendment of the Transportation Code; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed transit lanes and traffic modifications may be removed by the SFMTA Board of Directors at the recommendation of the SFMTA Director of Transportation based on consultation with the San Francisco Fire Chief regarding impacts to emergency vehicle response times as determined through joint data analysis conducted with the San Francisco Fire Department; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed 19 Polk transit modifications (Items A-B) are subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); CEQA provides a statutory exemption from

environmental review for transit prioritization projects pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.25; and,

WHEREAS, The Planning Department determined, on November 17, 2021, that the proposed 19 Polk transit modifications (Items A-B) (Case Number 2021-009694ENV) are statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.25; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by the S. F. Administrative Code Chapter 31; 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 at <https://sfplanninggis.org/pim/?tab=Planning+Applications&search=2021-009694ENV> and 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400 in San Francisco, and is incorporated herein by reference; and,

WHEREAS, Typically, City staff prepare legislation amending the Transportation Code simultaneously with SFMTA Board approval, but this inadvertently did not occur for four transit-only lanes; and,

WHEREAS, SFMTA staff recommends amending the Transportation Code Division II to add the following transit-only lane listed below which was previously reviewed by City staff and approved by the SFMTA Board on June 18, 2019 (Resolution No. 190618-075):

- C. ESTABLISH- BUS AND TAXI ONLY LANE - Folsom Street, eastbound, between 10th and Mabini streets; and,

WHEREAS, SFMTA staff cannot locate prior SFMTA Board approval actions for three transit-only lanes including Powell Street, Sansome Street, and Judah Street although these restrictions have been in place for years; and,

WHEREAS, SFMTA staff have competent engineering estimates on the effects of these lanes on safety, congestion, and highway capacity in compliance with state law and now request approval by the SFMTA Board of the following transit-only lanes:

- D. ESTABLISH - CABLE CAR ONLY LANE - Powell Street, southbound, from Sacramento Street to California Street.
- E. ESTABLISH - BUS, TAXI, COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ONLY LANE - Sansome Street, southbound, between Broadway and Washington streets.
- F. ESTABLISH - BUS AND TAXI ONLY LANE - Judah Street, westbound, between 19th and 20th avenues; and,

WHEREAS, On May 10, 2018, the San Francisco Planning Commission in Motion 20182 certified the Central SoMa Plan Final Environmental Impact Report (Central SoMa FEIR) and in Motion 20183 adopted findings under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the CEQA Guidelines, and Chapter 31 of the Administrative Code (CEQA Findings), including a Statement of Overriding Considerations and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

(MMRP); On April 12, 2019, the Planning Department determined in a Note to File that the Folsom-Howard Streetscape Project (which includes the Folsom Street transit lanes) (Planning Case No. 2011.1356E) is within the scope of the Central SoMa Plan EIR; and,

WHEREAS, On June 18, 2019, the SFMTA Board of Directors approved Resolution 190618-075 approving the Folsom-Howard Streetscape Project, including the Folsom Street transit lanes, and adopted the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Findings and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan; and,

WHEREAS, The Folsom Street transit lanes (Item C) fall within the scope of the Central SoMa FEIR and Note to File; and,

WHEREAS, The Central SoMa FEIR and Note to File are on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors and may be found in the records of the Planning Department at <https://sfplanninggis.org/pim/?tab=Planning+Applications&search=2011.1356E> and 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400 in San Francisco and is incorporated herein by reference; and,

WHEREAS, On November 4, 2021, the SFMTA, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, determined that the proposed amendments to Transportation Code Division II, Section 601 (Items D-F), is not a “project” under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Sections 15060(c) and 15378(b); and,

WHEREAS, A copy of the CEQA determination is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors and is incorporated herein by reference; and,

WHEREAS, These modifications are proposed under the authority granted to the SFMTA under California Vehicle Code Section 21655.1 (designation of lanes for use by public transit buses) and Section 21655.5 (designation of lanes for exclusive or preferential use by high occupancy vehicles); and,

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

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board has reviewed and considered the Central SoMa FEIR and Note to File, and record as a whole, and finds that the Central FEIR and Note to File is adequate for the Board’s use as the decision-making body for the actions taken herein and incorporates the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) findings by this reference as though set forth in this Resolution; and be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors approves the traffic modifications as set forth in Items A and B above which may be removed by the SFMTA Board at the recommendation of the Director of Transportation based on consultation with the San Francisco Fire Chief regarding impacts to emergency vehicle response times as determined through joint data analysis conducted with the San Francisco Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors approves the parking and traffic modifications including the proposed transit-only lanes listed as items C through F above; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board of Directors amends the Transportation Code Division II, Section 601 to reflect previously approved transit-related traffic modifications on designated transit-only areas on Folsom, Powell, Sansome, and Judah streets; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors amends Transportation Code Division II, Section 601, to designate full-time transit-only areas on 7th Street between Townsend and Mission streets and 8th Street between Market and Bryant streets which may be removed by the SFMTA Board at the recommendation of the Director of Transportation based on consultation with the San Francisco Fire Chief regarding impacts to emergency vehicle response times as determined through joint data analysis conducted with the San Francisco Fire Department.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of January 18, 2022.



Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency

[Transportation Code – Various Transit-Only Lanes]

Resolution amending Division II of the Transportation Code to make permanent several existing temporary transit-only areas including on 7th Street, 8th Street, Bosworth Street, California Street, Clay Street (eastbound), Folsom Street (eastbound), Judah Street (westbound), Masonic Avenue, Presidio Avenue, and Sacramento Street (westbound); modifying existing exclusive Cable Car lanes on Powell Street, and transit-only areas on Clay Street, Judah Street, and Sacramento Street; and authorizing taxis to use Sansome Street transit-only areas.

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deletions are ~~strike-through Times New Roman~~.

The Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors of the City and County of San Francisco enacts the following regulations:

Section 1. Article 600 of Division II of the Transportation Code is hereby amended by amending Section 601 and Section 602, to read as follows:

SEC. 601. DESIGNATED TRANSIT-ONLY AREAS.

(a) The locations listed in this Section 601 are designated as Transit-only Areas. Any vehicle operating within a Transit-only Area during times that the Transit-only Area is enforced is in violation of Transportation Code, Division I, Section 7.2.72 (Driving in Transit-only Area).

(1) **Cable Car Lanes on Powell Street, southbound, Between Sacramento Street and Sutter Street and, northbound, Between Sutter Street and California Street** ~~and Sutter Street~~. Except as to cable cars, Municipal Railway vehicles, and authorized emergency vehicles, no vehicle may operate within, over, upon, or across the cable car lanes, or make

any left or U-turn on the exclusive cable car lanes on Powell Street between ~~California~~Sacramento and Sutter Streets except to pass a disabled vehicle.

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(5) **Exclusive Commercial Vehicle/Transit Area on Sansome Street.**

Except as to buses, taxis, authorized emergency vehicles, and commercial vehicles, no vehicle may operate within the Transit-only Area running southbound on Sansome Street between Broadway and Washington Street between the hours of 6AM – 8PM seven days a week.

(6) **Judah Street, westbound, from 9th Avenue to 19th Avenue and (Eastbound) from 9th Avenue to 20th Avenue to 9th Avenue.** Except as to streetcars and Municipal Railway vehicles, no vehicle may operate within Transit-only Areas on Judah Street from 9th Avenue to 20th Avenue.

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(33) ~~(33)~~ **Market Street, westbound, from 50 feet east of Kearny Street to Kearny Street.** Except as to buses, authorized emergency vehicles, and bicycles, no vehicle may operate within Transit-only Areas on Market Street, westbound, from 50 feet east of Kearny Street to Kearny Street.

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(36) **Bosworth Street, westbound, from Lippard Avenue to Elk Street.** Except as to buses, bicycles, taxis, vehicles preparing to make a turn, vehicles entering into or exiting from a stopped position at the curb, vehicles entering into or exiting from a driveway, and authorized emergency vehicles, no vehicle may operate within the Transit-only Areas on Bosworth Street, westbound, from Lippard Avenue to Elk Street.

(37) Masonic Avenue, southbound, from Fell Street to Oak Street. Except as to buses, bicycles, taxis, and authorized emergency vehicles, no vehicle may operate within the Transit-only Areas on Masonic Avenue, southbound, from Fell Street to Oak Street.

(38) Presidio Avenue, southbound, from Bush Street to Sutter Street. Except as to buses, bicycles, taxis, vehicles preparing to make a turn, vehicles entering into or exiting from a stopped position at the curb, vehicles entering into or exiting from a driveway, and authorized emergency vehicles, no vehicle may operate within the Transit-only Areas on Presidio Avenue, southbound, from Bush Street to Sutter Street.

~~(3639)~~ Other Transit-Only Areas. Except for buses, taxicabs, vehicles preparing to make a turn, vehicles entering into or exiting from a stopped position at the curb, and vehicles entering into or exiting from a driveway, no vehicle may operate in the following Transit-only Areas during the times indicated:

Hours of Operation	Street	From	To
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All Times	1st St.	Market St.	Howard St.
	3rd St.	Townsend St.	Market St.
	4th St.	Market St.	Folsom St.
	4th St. (Southbound)	Berry St.	Channel St.
	<u>7th St.</u>	<u>Townsend St.</u>	<u>Mission St.</u>
	<u>8th St.</u>	<u>Market St.</u>	<u>Bryant St.</u>
	16th St. (Westbound)	Third St.	Church St.
	16th St. (Eastbound)	Bryant St.	Potrero Ave.
	16th St. (Eastbound)	Vermont St.	Third St.
	Bush St. (Eastbound)	151 feet east of Sansome St.	Battery St.
	<u>California St.</u>	<u>Presidio Ave.</u>	<u>Steiner St.</u>
	Church St.	16th St.	Duboce Ave.

Clay St.	Sansome St.	Davis St.
<u>Clay St. (Eastbound)</u>	<u>Van Ness Ave.</u>	<u>Larkin St.</u>
<u>Folsom St., (Eastbound)</u>	<u>10th St.</u>	<u>Mabini St.</u>
Fremont St.	Mission St.	Market St.
Fremont St. (Northbound)	Harrison St.	Folsom St.
Geary St.	Market St.	Gough St.
Geary Blvd. (Westbound)	Gough St.	Baker St.
Geary Blvd. (Eastbound)	Fillmore St.	Gough St.
Geary Blvd. (Eastbound)	Baker St.	Steiner St.
Geary Blvd. (Eastbound)	Masonic Ave.	Presidio Ave.
Geary Blvd. (Eastbound)	15th Ave.	14th Ave.
Geary Blvd. (Eastbound)	26th Ave.	24th Ave.
Geary Blvd. (Eastbound)	33rd Ave.	32nd Ave.
Geary Blvd.	14th Ave.	Collins St.
Geary Blvd.	32nd Ave.	28th Ave.
Geneva Ave. (Outbound)	Delano Ave.	280 Freeway Overpass
<u>Judah St. (Westbound)</u>	<u>19th Ave.</u>	<u>20th Ave.</u>
Judah St.	20th Ave.	La Playa St.
Mission St. (Northbound)	Randall St.	Cesar Chavez St.
Mission St. (Eastbound)	1st St.	Beale St.
Mission St. (Westbound)	Main St.	1st St.
Mission St.	1st St.	11th St.
Mission St. (Westbound)	11th St.	South Van Ness Ave.
Mission St. (Southbound)	Duboce Ave.	Randall St.
O'Farrell St.	Stockton St.	Grant St.
O'Farrell St.	Franklin St.	Powell St.
Otis St. (Outbound)	South Van Ness Ave.	Duboce Ave.
Post St.	Gough St.	Grant St.

	Potrero Ave. (Southbound)	25th St.	18th St.
	Sacramento St. (Westbound)	Drumm St.	Front St. <u>Leidesdorff St.</u>
	<u>Sacramento St. (Westbound)</u>	<u>Larkin St.</u>	<u>Franklin St.</u>
	Starr King Way	Gough St.	Franklin St.
	Stockton St.	Bush St.	Market St.
	Sutter St.	Gough St.	Kearny St.
	Taraval St. (Eastbound)	46th Ave.	17th Ave.
	Taraval St. (Westbound)	15th Ave.	46th Ave.
	Townsend St. (Eastbound)	Lusk St.	3rd St.
6:00 AM – 10:00 AM, Monday – Friday	Bush St. (Eastbound)	Montgomery St.	Sansome St.
	Bush St. (Eastbound)	Sansome St.	151 Feet Easterly
7:00 AM – 9:00 AM, Monday – Friday	Clay St. (Eastbound)	Powell St.	Sansome St.
	Sacramento St. (Westbound)	Kearny St.	Grant Ave. <u>Stockton St.</u>
<u>7:00 AM – 10:00 AM, Monday – Friday</u>	<u>Clay St. (Eastbound)</u>	<u>Larkin St.</u>	<u>Powell St.</u>
7:00 AM-7:00 PM, Monday-Friday	Sacramento St.	Front St. <u>Leidesdorff St.</u>	Kearny St.
3:00 PM – 8:00 PM, Monday – Friday	Bush St. (Eastbound)	Montgomery St.	Sansome St.
3:30 PM – 7:00 PM, Monday – Friday	Sacramento St. (Westbound)	Kearny St.	Larkin St.
3:00 PM-6:00 PM, Monday-Friday	Sutter St.	Sansome St.	Kearny St.
	Clay St. (Eastbound)	Grant Ave.	Sansome St.
3:00 PM-7:00 PM, Monday-Friday	Bush St. (Eastbound)	Sansome St.	151 feet Easterly
	<u>Clay St. (Eastbound)</u>	<u>Larkin St.</u>	<u>Powell St.</u>
	<u>Sacramento St. (Westbound)</u>	<u>Kearny St.</u>	<u>Larkin St.</u>

SEC. 602. DESIGNATED TEMPORARY TRANSIT-ONLY AREAS AND TOW AWAY ZONES.

(a) The locations listed in this subsection (a) are designated as Temporary Transit-only Areas. For purposes of this Section 602, "Temporary Transit-only Areas" are defined as the locations that are reserved for the use of buses, streetcars, taxis, bicycles, authorized emergency vehicles, vehicles preparing to make a turn, vehicles entering into or exiting from a stopped position at the curb, and/or vehicles entering into or exiting from a driveway, as specified in this subsection (a) and in any determinations made by the City Traffic Engineer to designate such locations as authorized by subsection (b) to reduce the impact of traffic congestion resulting from the COVID-19 emergency referenced in the Proclamation of the Mayor Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency, dated February 25, 2020 ("COVID-19 Emergency").

(1) Except for buses, taxis, authorized emergency vehicles, vehicles preparing to make a turn, vehicles entering into or exiting from a stopped position at the curb, and vehicles entering into or exiting from a driveway, no vehicle may operate in the following Temporary Transit-only Areas:

(A) Laguna Honda Boulevard, both directions, from Clarendon Avenue to Dewey Boulevard;

(B) O'Shaughnessy Boulevard, both directions, from Portola Drive to 800 feet southerly;

~~(C) 7th Street, northbound, from Townsend to Market Streets;~~

~~(D) 8th Street, southbound, from Market to Townsend Streets;~~

~~(E) Masonic Avenue, both directions, from Haight Street to Geary Boulevard;~~

~~(F) Clay Street;~~

~~(i) — 7AM to 10AM and 3PM to 7PM, Monday to Friday, eastbound, from Larkin Street to Leavenworth Street, from Jones Street to Taylor Street, and from Mason Street to Powell Street;~~

~~(ii) — 7AM to 9AM and 3PM to 6PM, Monday to Friday, eastbound direction, from Powell Stockton Street to Grant Avenue; and~~

~~(G) — Sacramento Street~~

~~(i) — 7AM to 9AM and 3PM to 7PM, Monday to Friday, westbound, from Kearny Street to Stockton Street;~~

~~(ii) — 3PM to 7PM, Monday to Friday, westbound, from Stockton Street to Powell Street, and from Mason Street to Larkin Street.~~

(2) Except as to buses, taxis, bicycles, authorized emergency vehicles, vehicles preparing to make a turn, vehicles entering into or exiting from a stopped position at the curb, and vehicles entering into or exiting from a driveway, no vehicle may operate in the Temporary Transit-only Areas on the following corridors:

~~(A) — Woodside Avenue, both directions, from Laguna Honda Boulevard to Portola Drive;~~

~~(B) — Bosworth Street, both directions, from Elk to Arlington Streets; and~~

~~(C) — Presidio Avenue, both directions, from Sacramento Street to Geary Boulevard.~~

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Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 31 days after enactment. Enactment occurs when the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors approves this ordinance.

Section 3. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors intends to amend only those words,

phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles, numbers, letters, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Transportation Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions or deletions in accordance with the "Note" that appears under the official title of the ordinance.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of January 18, 2022.


Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency