

**THIS PRINT COVERS CALENDAR ITEM NO.: 11**

**SAN FRANCISCO  
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY**

**DIVISION:** Sustainable Streets

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION:**

Approving various routine traffic and parking modifications in the vicinity of Castro Street between 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> streets to support the Castro Street Design Project.

**SUMMARY:**

- Under Proposition A, the SFMTA Board of Directors has authority to adopt parking and traffic regulations changes.
- Taxis are not exempt from any of these regulations.
- All items were reviewed by the San Francisco Planning Department in the Castro Street Design Project, Case #2013.0275E, and determined to be categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations section 15301(c).

**ENCLOSURES:**

- A. SFMTAB Resolution
- B. Overview of Castro Street Design Project

**APPROVALS:**

**DATE**

DIRECTOR \_\_\_\_\_ August 12, 2013

SECRETARY \_\_\_\_\_ August 12, 2013

**ASSIGNED SFMTAB CALENDAR DATE:** August 20, 2013

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### **PURPOSE**

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### **GOAL**

This action supports the following SFMTA Strategic Plan Goal and Objectives:

- Goal 1: Create a safer transportation experience for everyone
  - Objective 1.1: Improve security for transportation system users.
  - Objective 1.3: Improve the safety of the transportation system.
- Goal 2: Make transit, walking, bicycling, taxi, ridesharing and carsharing the preferred means of travel
  - Objective 2.1: Improve customer service and communications.
  - Objective 2.2: Improve transit performance.
  - Objective 2.3: Increase use of all non-private auto modes.
  - Objective 2.4: Improve parking utilization and manage parking demand.
- Goal 3: Improve the environment and quality of life in San Francisco
  - Objective 3.2: Increase the transportation system's positive impact to the economy.

### **DESCRIPTION**

The Castro Street Design Project is interagency effort to develop streetscape improvements in the vicinity of Castro Street between 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> streets. The planning phase of the project has been led by the Planning Department in close coordination with the Department of Public Works (DPW) and the SFMTA. The project builds on the Castro/Upper Market Community Benefits District (Castro CBD) 2008 Neighborhood Beautification and Safety Plan which called for sidewalk widening and streetscape improvements along this portion of Castro Street. The project's planning phase included two public workshops in January and April of 2013, with estimated attendance exceeding 150 and 90 people, respectively. More than 90 percent of survey respondents at these workshops indicated support for the conceptual design proposed by the City. The project team also attended numerous neighborhood meetings and worked closely with the Castro CBD, the Eureka Valley Neighborhood Association, and the Merchants of Upper Market and Castro to publicize the project and gather community feedback. A final conceptual design was presented at a public open house on May 14, 2013, attended by more than 170 people.

This portion of Castro Street varies in width but is generally 58.5-foot wide with 12-foot sidewalks midblock. The proposed project would generally narrow the roadway to 40 -feet by widening the sidewalks to 21.25-foot midblock. Dimensions vary at intersections where turn lanes and bus zones are located. Numerous improvements are proposed in conjunction with the sidewalk widening, and are summarized in the enclosed graphics and below:

- New lighting, trees, leaning posts, bicycle racks and other furnishings along the widened sidewalks.
- Narrowed travel lanes midblock and removal of travel lanes at intersection approaches.
- Realignment of crosswalks at the intersection of 17<sup>th</sup>/Castro/Market streets in conjunction with new pedestrian islands and curb extensions adjacent to Jane Warner Plaza, which will

- be resurfaced and upgraded.
- Corner sidewalk bulbs extending into 18<sup>th</sup> Street at the northeast and southwest corners of 18<sup>th</sup>/Castro streets.
- Midblock sidewalk bulb in front of the historic Harvey Milk residence and Castro Camera store.
- Upgraded paving materials and crosswalk markings.
- Changes to metered parking stalls and loading zones to reduce double parking.

The proposed sidewalk widening, corner bulbs and crosswalk changes are expected to improve pedestrian safety and comfort by reducing sidewalk crowding, reducing street crossing distances, improving pedestrian visibility and reducing vehicle speeds. The project has also been designed to minimize negative impacts to transit travel times while improving the conditions for waiting transit customers.

Funding for the project includes \$4.5 million from the 2011 Road Repaving and Street Safety Bond for streetscape work and \$2.5 million from Federal Transit Administration Section 5309 funds for work on Muni's overhead wire infrastructure along the street.

## **ITEMS FOR APPROVAL TO SUPPORT THE PROJECT**

### **A. ESTABLISH – SIDEWALK WIDENING**

Castro Street, both sides, from 17<sup>th</sup> Street to 19<sup>th</sup> Street (width of widening varies from approximately 3 feet to 9 feet; sidewalks generally widened to provide 40-foot roadway width on Castro Street between 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> streets except in both directions approaching 18<sup>th</sup> Street, where a 50-foot roadway width will be provided to accommodate left-turn pockets). **PH 8/2/13 Requested by SFMTA.**

### **B. ESTABLISH – SIDEWALK WIDENING (BULBS)**

Market Street, south side, from 17<sup>th</sup> Street to 72 feet easterly (6-foot wide bulb, no parking impacts); Castro Street, east side, from 108 feet to 148 feet northerly of 19<sup>th</sup> Street (midblock 6-foot wide bulb); 18<sup>th</sup> Street, north side, from Castro Street to 30 feet easterly (6-foot wide corner bulb); and 18<sup>th</sup> Street, south side, from Castro Street to 35 feet westerly (6-foot wide corner bulb). **PH 8/2/13 Requested by SFMTA.**

### **C. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME**

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### **D. RESCIND – TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING 4 PM to 6 PM**

Castro Street, west side, from 16<sup>th</sup> Street to Market Street. **PH 8/2/13 Requested by SFMTA.**

### **E. ESTABLISH – RIGHT LANE MUST TURN RIGHT EXCEPT MUNI**

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### **F. ESTABLISH – BUS ZONES**

Castro Street, east side, from 17<sup>th</sup> Street to 100 feet southerly (100-foot zone, replaces 68-foot bus bulb); Castro Street, west side, from 17<sup>th</sup> Street to 115 feet southerly (115-foot zone, replaces 96-foot bus bulb); Castro Street, east side, from 18<sup>th</sup> Street to 100 feet southerly (100-foot zone, extending existing 66-foot zone); and Castro Street, west side, from 18<sup>th</sup> Street to 115 feet southerly (100-foot zone, extending existing 76-foot zone). **PH 8/2/13 Requested by**

## **SFMTA.**

### **G. ESTABLISH – RED ZONES**

Castro Street, east side, from 18<sup>th</sup> Street to 45 feet northerly and Castro Street, west side, from 18<sup>th</sup> Street to 29 feet northerly. **PH 8/2/13 Requested by SFMTA.**

### **H. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING 3 PM TO 7 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY**

Castro Street, west side, from 18<sup>th</sup> Street to 107 feet northerly. **PH 8/2/13 Requested by SFMTA.**

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### **J. ESTABLISH – GENERAL METERED PARKING**

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## **OTHER APPROVALS RECEIVED OR STILL REQUIRED**

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Sidewalk widening will require a General Plan Referral and Department of Public Works Order before work can commence.

The City Attorney’s Office has reviewed this calendar item.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The SFMTA recommends that the SFMTA Board of Directors approve the traffic and parking modifications, listed above, to support the Castro Street Design Project.

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 traffic modifications as follows:

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WHEREAS, The San Francisco Planning Department has reviewed the proposed traffic and parking modifications, items A through J, and, determined that the proposed traffic and parking modifications are categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations section 15301(c) (“CEQA Guidelines”); and,

WHEREAS, A copy of the San Francisco Planning Department’s determination is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors; 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, approve the proposed traffic and parking modifications, items A through J above, to support the Castro Street Design Project.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of August 20, 2013.

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Secretary to the Board of Directors  
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency