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**SAN FRANCISCO  
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY**

**DIVISION:** Streets

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION:**

Approving various routine parking and traffic modifications.

**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).
- The proposed action is the Approval Action for Items A-B as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.
- 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](https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/SFMTA_Action_Review_Info_Sheet.pdf)

**ENCLOSURES:**

1. SFMTAB Resolution
2. Final Mitigated Negative Declaration; [http://sfmea.sfplanning.org/2007.1238E\\_FMND.pdf](http://sfmea.sfplanning.org/2007.1238E_FMND.pdf)
3. CEQA Findings, Planning Commission Resolution; [https://default.sfplanning.org/meetingarchive/planning\\_dept/sf-planning.org/index.aspx-page=2528.html](https://default.sfplanning.org/meetingarchive/planning_dept/sf-planning.org/index.aspx-page=2528.html)

**APPROVALS:**

DIRECTOR



**DATE**

May 10, 2021

SECRETARY



May 10, 2021

**ASSIGNED SFMTAB CALENDAR DATE:** May 18, 2021

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### **PURPOSE**

To approve various routine parking and traffic modifications.

### **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.

### **ITEMS**

The following items were considered at Public Hearing on April 2, 2021:

- A. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE, Folsom Street, east side, from Ripley Street to 18 feet northerly (Approvable by City Traffic Engineer).
- B. RESCIND - TOW-AWAY NO PARKING ANYTIME, Folsom Street, west side, from Ripley Street to 30 feet southerly. (A and B requested by SFMTA).

Modification A and B would restrict parking across two existing spots to improve operations for Muni buses and visibility for pedestrians. This parking loss is offset by adding parking across the street.

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- C. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME, Fern Street, south side, from Polk Street to 201 feet westerly (for midblock 3-foot sidewalk widening and 6-foot north-side corner sidewalk widening, removes blue zone, bike share station, parking meter #119) (Requires MTAB Approval). (Requested by SF Public Works).

Modification C will extend streetscape enhancements on Fern Street east of Polk Street to the half-block of Fern Street west of Polk Street. The project will add sidewalk extensions, a raised crosswalk at Polk Street, a mid-block speed table, decorative paving treatments, improved lighting and new street trees.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

The proposed traffic and parking modifications are subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). CEQA provides a categorical exemption from environmental review for operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301.

The SFMTA, under authority delegated by the San Francisco Planning Department, has determined that the proposed parking and traffic modifications in Items A-B (Case No. 2021-003190ENV) are categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301.

The proposed action is the Approval Action for Items A-B as defined by San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 31.

On March 18, 2021, the San Francisco Planning Department determined that Item C is within the scope of the Better Streets Plan Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (FMND, Case No. 2007.1238E) as adopted by the Planning Department on September 15, 2010, and that the proposal would not require the preparation of a subsequent negative declaration under CEQA Guidelines section 15162. On October 28, 2010, the Planning Commission in Resolution No. 18211, adopted findings under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the CEQA Guidelines, and Chapter 31 of the Administrative Code (CEQA Findings), and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), associated with the Better Streets Plan. The SFMTA Board of Directors adopts these findings as its own, and to the extent the above actions are associated with any mitigation measures, the SFMTA Board of Directors adopts those measures as conditions of this approval.

Copies of the CEQA determination 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://sfplanning.org/> or 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400 in San Francisco, and are incorporated herein by reference.

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 – RED ZONE, Folsom Street, east side, from Ripley Street to 18 feet northerly.
- B. RESCIND - TOW-AWAY NO PARKING ANYTIME, Folsom Street, west side, from Ripley Street to 30 feet southerly.
- C. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME, Fern Street, south side, from Polk Street to 201 feet westerly, and,

WHEREAS, The proposed traffic and parking modifications are subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); CEQA provides a categorical exemption from environmental review for operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301; and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA, under authority delegated by the San Francisco Planning Department, has determined that the proposed parking and traffic modifications in Items A-B (Case No. 2021-003190ENV) are categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed action is the Approval Action for Items A-B as defined by San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 31; and,

WHEREAS, On September 15, 2010, the San Francisco Planning Department adopted the Better Streets Plan Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (Better Streets Plan FMND, Case No. 2007.1238E), and under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the CEQA Guidelines, and Chapter 31 of the Administrative Code—the San Francisco Planning Commission adopted CEQA Findings, a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) on October 28, 2010 under Motion 18211; and,

WHEREAS, On March 18, 2021, the San Francisco Planning Department determined that the Item C is within the scope of the Better Streets Plan FMND and that Item C would not require the preparation of a subsequent negative declaration under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162 and 15168; and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA Board of Directors has reviewed the Better Streets Plan Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (FMND) and finds that since adoption of the FMND, no changes have occurred in the proposed project or in the circumstances under which the project would be implemented that would cause new significant impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of impacts identified and analyzed in the FMND, and that no new information has emerged that

would materially change the analysis or conclusions set forth in the FMND; The actions approved herein would not necessitate implementation or additional or considerably different mitigation measures that those identified in the FMND; and,

WHEREAS, Copies of the CEQA determinations are on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors, and some may be found in the records of the Planning Department at [sfplanning.org](http://sfplanning.org) or 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400 in San Francisco, and are incorporated herein by reference; 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, The SFMTA Board of Directors adopts these CEQA findings as its own, and to the extent the above actions are associated with any mitigation measures, the SFMTA Board of Directors adopts those measures as conditions of this approval; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors, upon recommendation of the Director of Transportation and the Director of the Streets Division approves the changes.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of May 18, 2021.

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Secretary to the Board of Directors  
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency