

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. 210420-058

WHEREAS, On February 25, 2020, San Francisco Mayor London Breed, issued a Proclamation Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency within the City in response to the pandemic (COVID-19 Emergency), and,

WHEREAS, On March 16, 2020, San Francisco's Health Officer issued a Public Health Order in response to the COVID-19 Emergency, requiring that residents shelter in place, with the only exception being for essential needs which significantly impacted San Francisco's transit system; and,

WHEREAS, On June 30, 2020, the SFMTA Board of Directors approved an initial phase of the Temporary Emergency Transit Lanes (TETL) project which creates temporary transit lanes in order to prevent essential Muni trips from being delayed due to congestion and avoid gridlock for transit service as the City reopens; and delegated authority to the City Traffic Engineer to designate additional TETLs pursuant to Division II, Section 602(b) of the Transportation Code; and,

WHEREAS, The 1 California Temporary Emergency Transit Lane (TETL) project would provide a combination of part-time and full-time temporary transit lanes on segments of California, Sacramento, and Clay streets which would serve to reduce travel times on Muni's 1 California line and make transit service and essential trips safer and more reliable; and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA is committed to making San Francisco a Transit First city; and,

WHEREAS, Transportation Code Division II, Section 602(b) delegates authority to the City Traffic Engineer to designate additional TETLs on corridors based upon a determination of public convenience and necessity, including meeting the following criteria and after a public hearing:

1. the corridor is running transit service, or is reasonably expected to run transit service within 45 days of the determination;
2. the corridor will be a Temporary Transit-Only Area 24 hours a day/seven days a week if approved;
3. the corridor is delineated in the color red on the map referenced in Appendix A of Section 602(b) of the Transportation Code and is within the boundaries of the City and County of San Francisco as described in said map; and either
4. the corridor runs bus transit service and
 - a. there has been more than a 12% time travel savings for the bus transit service functioning on the corridor between the time preceding the COVID-19 Emergency (February 2020) and during the COVID-19 Emergency (April 2020); and
 - b. the proposed Transit-only Area will not remove more than one traffic lane in each direction and will preserve one traffic lane in each direction for uses otherwise authorized; or

5. the corridor has a Municipal Railway line; and,

WHEREAS, SFMTA staff have determined that the following segments of the proposed 1 California TETL satisfy criteria 1, 2, 3, and 4 of Section 602(b) such that the City Traffic Engineer can exercise his delegated authority to approve based on a determination of public convenience and necessity: California Street, westbound and eastbound, from Presidio Avenue to Steiner Street; Clay Street, eastbound, from Van Ness Avenue to Larkin Street; and Sacramento Street, westbound, from Larkin Street to Franklin Street; Sacramento Street, westbound, from Front Street to Leidesdorff Street; and,

WHEREAS, SFMTA staff has calendared this hearing before the SFMTA Board of Directors in accordance with the request the SFMTA Board made at its June 30, 2020 meeting to consider TETL proposals that are potentially controversial; and,

WHEREAS, At the close of the public hearing, the SFMTA Board of Directors is asked to consider whether the MTA Board agrees with staff's recommendation that the designated segments of the 1 California TETL meets the criteria in Section 602(b) described above for designation of temporary transit-only lanes; and, if the SFMTA Board so agrees, to provide direction to the City Traffic Engineer whether to establish temporary transit lanes on the designated segments of the 1 California TETL pursuant to the SFMTA Board's delegation under Section 602(b) until 120 days after the termination or expiration of the COVID-19 Local Emergency Proclamation; and,

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency has proposed the installation of temporary parking and traffic modifications as a part of the 1 California TETL project as follows:

- A. ESTABLISH – TRANSIT ONLY LANE, 7AM TO 10AM AND 3PM TO 7PM, MONDAY TO FRIDAY – Clay Street, eastbound, from Larkin Street to Leavenworth Street; Clay Street, eastbound, from Jones Street to Taylor Street; Clay Street, eastbound, from Mason Street to Powell Street
- B. ESTABLISH – TRANSIT ONLY LANE, 7AM TO 9AM AND 3PM TO 6PM, MONDAY TO FRIDAY – Clay Street, eastbound, from Powell Street to Grant Avenue
- C. ESTABLISH – TRANSIT ONLY LANE, 7AM TO 9AM AND 3PM TO 7PM, MONDAY TO FRIDAY – Sacramento Street, westbound, from Kearny Street to Stockton Street
- D. ESTABLISH – TRANSIT ONLY LANE, 3PM TO 7PM, MONDAY TO FRIDAY – Sacramento Street, westbound, from Stockton Street to Powell Street; Sacramento Street, westbound, from Mason Street to Larkin Street
- E. ESTABLISH – TOW AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME – Sacramento Street, north side, from Front Street to Leidesdorff Street
- F. ESTABLISH – TOW AWAY NO STOPPING 7AM TO 10AM AND 3PM TO 7PM, MONDAY TO FRIDAY – Clay Street, south side, Larkin Street to Leavenworth Street; Clay Street, south side, Jones Street to Taylor Street; Clay Street, south side, Mason Street to Powell Street
- G. ESTABLISH – TOW AWAY NO STOPPING 7AM TO 9AM AND 3PM TO 6PM,

- MONDAY TO FRIDAY – Clay Street, south side, from Powell Street to Grant Avenue
- H. ESTABLISH – TOW AWAY NO STOPPING 7AM TO 9AM AND 3PM TO 7PM, MONDAY TO FRIDAY – Sacramento Street, north side, from Kearny Street to Stockton Street
- I. ESTABLISH – TOW AWAY NO STOPPING 3PM to 7PM, MONDAY TO FRIDAY – Sacramento Street, north side, from Stockton Street to Powell Street; Sacramento Street, north side, from Mason Street to Larkin Street
- J. RESCIND – PASSENGER LOADING ZONE, 9AM TO 6PM, MONDAY TO FRIDAY – Clay Street, south side, from 66 feet to 110 feet east of Powell Street
- K. ESTABLISH – PASSENGER LOADING ZONE, 9AM to 6PM, MONDAY TO FRIDAY – Clay Street, south side, from Powell Street to 66 feet easterly
- L. ESTABLISH – COMMERCIAL LOADING FROM 10AM TO 3PM MONDAY TO FRIDAY – Clay Street, south side, from Jones Street to 40 feet easterly
- M. ESTABLISH – COMMERCIAL LOADING 9AM-3PM MONDAY TO SATURDAY – Sacramento Street, north side, from Waverly Place to 51 feet easterly.
- N. ESTABLISH – COMMERCIAL LOADING 9AM TO 3PM, MONDAY TO FRIDAY – Sacramento Street, north side, from 54 feet to 142 feet east of Grant Avenue
- O. ESTABLISH – COMMERCIAL LOADING 9AM TO 3PM MONDAY TO FRIDAY AND 7AM TO 6PM SATURDAY – Sacramento Street, north side, from Grant Avenue to 54 feet easterly; Sacramento Street, north side, from 64 feet to 158 feet west of Kearny Street (modifies existing hours)
- P. ESTABLISH- RIGHT LANE MUST TURN RIGHT EXCEPT MUNI – Clay Street, eastbound at Stockton Street
- Q. ESTABLISH – WHITE ZONE, PASSENGER LOADING ZONE, 7AM TO 3PM AND 3PM TO 10PM, MONDAY TO FRIDAY, 7AM TO 10PM SATURDAY AND SUNDAY – Sacramento Street, north side, from 38 feet to 90 feet west of Mason Street; Sacramento Street, north side, from 20 feet to 40 feet east of Sproule Lane; Sacramento Street, north side, from 20 feet to 40 feet west of Sproule Lane; Sacramento Street, north side, from 15 feet to 35 feet east of Taylor Street; Sacramento Street, north side, from 3 feet to 23 feet west of Taylor Street; and,

WHEREAS, The temporary improvements of the 1 California TETL project shall include a thorough and transparent evaluation process to determine the effectiveness of the changes, including soliciting stakeholder feedback, collecting and analyzing safety and performance data, and posting evaluation results on the SFMTA website; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed traffic modifications will be temporary in nature and will expire 120 days after the termination or expiration of the COVID-19 Local Emergency Proclamation; and,

WHEREAS, The 1 California TETL project is 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 1 California 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 March 31, 2021, the Planning Department determined that the proposed modifications to the 1 California 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 at 49 South Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco, and is incorporated herein by reference; and,

WHEREAS, 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. Items K, L, M, N, O, and Q are Final SFMTA Decisions as defined by Ordinance 127-18; 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 San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors amends Transportation Code Division II, Section 602 to designate transit only areas from 7am to 10am and 3pm to 7pm, Monday to Friday on Clay Street; eastbound, from Larkin Street to Leavenworth Street; eastbound, from Jones Street to Taylor Street; eastbound, from Mason Street to Powell Street; and to designate transit only areas from 7am to 9am and 3pm to 6pm, Monday to Friday on Clay Street eastbound, from Powell Street to Grant Avenue; and to designate transit only areas from 7am to 9am and 3pm to 7pm, Monday to Friday on Sacramento Street westbound, from Kearny Street to Stockton Street; and to designate transit only areas from 3pm to 7pm, Monday to Friday on Sacramento Street westbound, from Stockton Street to Powell Street; westbound, from Mason Street to Larkin Street; and

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors directs the City Traffic Engineer to establish temporary transit-only areas on California Street, westbound and eastbound, from Presidio Avenue to Steiner Street; Clay Street, eastbound, from Van Ness Avenue to Larkin Street; Sacramento Street, westbound, from Larkin Street to Franklin Street; and Sacramento Street, westbound, from Front Street to Leidesdorff Street as a part of the California Temporary Emergency Transit Lane project; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors approves the temporary parking and traffic modifications, as set forth in Items A through Q above, to remain in effect temporarily during the COVID-19 emergency referenced in the Proclamation of the Mayor Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency dated February 25, 2020 and shall expire 120 days after the termination or expiration of such proclamation.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of April 20, 2021.



Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency

[Transportation Code – Clay and Sacramento Streets Temporary Transit-Only Areas]

Resolution amending Division II of the Transportation Code to designate new temporary transit-only areas on Clay and Sacramento Streets in the Nob Hill and Chinatown neighborhoods.

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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 revising Section 602, to read as follows:

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, ~~vehicles~~ 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:

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

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

(G) 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, from Powell Street to Grant Avenue; and

(H) 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.

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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:
DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

By: _____
JOHN I. KENNEDY
Deputy City Attorney

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