SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY

DIVISION: Sustainable 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 Item 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

ENCLOSURES:

A. SFMTAB Resolution
B. 1066 Market Street Project Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (FMND) and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP)
   https://commissions.sfplanning.org/cppackets/2013.1753E.pdf
   https://commissions.sfplanning.org/cppackets/2013.1753XCV.pdf
C. Eastern Neighborhoods Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR), CEQA Findings and MMRP:
   http://sf-planning.org/area-plan-eirs

APPROVALS:

DIRECTOR ________________________________ DATE March 9, 2020
SECRETARY ________________________________ DATE March 9, 2020

ASSIGNED SFMTAB CALENDAR DATE: March 17, 2020
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 February 7, 2020

A. ESTABLISH – MIDBLOCK CROSSWALK — Minna Street at Shaw Alley.

B. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGN — Minna Street, eastbound, at Shaw Alley.

Modifications A and B would install a STOP sign and mark a crosswalk for San Francisco Transbay Terminal users.

C. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME, ESTABLISH – SIDEWALK EXTENSION (5 FEET) — Golden Gate Avenue, south side, from Jones Street to 186 feet easterly.
Modification C removes parking (5 metered spaces) due to sidewalk widening for 1066 Market Street. Golden Gate Avenue sidewalk would be widened from 10 to 15 feet.

D. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE, ESTABLISH – SIDEWALK EXTENSION (6 FEET), Mariposa Street, south side, from Carolina Street to 24 feet easterly, 18th Street, north side, from Arkansas Street to 48 feet westerly, 18th Street, north side, from 221 feet to 280 feet west of Arkansas Street, Arkansas Street, west side, from 18th Street to 81 feet northerly.

E. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE, ESTABLISH – SIDEWALK EXTENSION (7 FEET), Carolina Street, east side, from 67 feet to 126 feet south of Mariposa Street.

F. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE — ESTABLISH – SIDEWALK EXTENSION (13 FEET), Carolina Street, east side, from Mariposa Street to 67 feet southerly.

Modifications D, E, and F are due to the sidewalk improvements for the new 1601 Mariposa Street and 210 Arkansas Street projects.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The proposed traffic and parking modifications are subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). California Environmental Quality Act (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 as defined in 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. 2020-001361ENV) are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (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 17, 2016, the San Francisco Planning Department in Motion 19592 approved the 1066 Market Street Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (1066 Market FMND, Case No. 2013.175E), 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). The proposed modification in Item C falls within the scope of the 1066 Market FMND.

On August 7, 2008, the San Francisco Planning Commission in Motion 17659 certified the Eastern Neighborhoods Rezoning and Area Plans Final Environmental Impact Report (Eastern Neighborhoods FEIR, Case No. 2004.0160E), and adopted CEQA Findings including a Statement of Overriding Considerations and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program. The Planning Department has determined that the proposed parking and traffic modification in
Items D-F (Case No. 2012.1398E) is consistent with the Eastern Neighborhoods FEIR and is therefore exempt from further environmental review pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15183. No new significant effects have been identified, there is no substantial increase in significant effects already identified, and no new mitigation is required for the Items D-F.

Copies of the CEQA determinations are on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors, and may be found in the records of the Planning Department at 1650 Mission Street in San Francisco, and are incorporated herein by reference.
WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency has received a request, or identified a need for parking and traffic modifications as follows:

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WHEREAS, The SFMTA, under authority delegated by the San Francisco Planning Department, has determined that the proposed parking and traffic modifications in in Items A-B (Case No. 2020-001361ENV), are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (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 March 17, 2016, the San Francisco Planning Department in Motion 19592 approved the 1066 Market Street Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (1066 Market FMND, Case No. 2013.175E), 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); and,
WHEREAS, The proposed modification in Item C falls within the scope of the 1066 Market FMND; and,

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WHEREAS, The Planning Department has determined that the proposed parking and traffic modification in Items D-F (Case No. 2012.1398E) is consistent with the Eastern Neighborhoods FEIR and is therefore exempt from further environmental review pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15183; No new significant effects have been identified, there is no substantial increase in significant effects already identified, and no new mitigation is required for the Items D-F; and,

WHEREAS, Copies of the CEQA determinations are on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors, and may be found in the records of the Planning Department at 1650 Mission Street 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 has subsequently reviewed the 1066 Market FMND, and hereby adopts the 1066 Market CEQA Findings and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program as its own; and, be it further,

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RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors, upon recommendation of the Director of Transportation and the Director of the Sustainable 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 March 17, 2020.

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Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency