**SFMTA - TASC SUMMARY SHEET**

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**PROPOSAL / REQUEST:**

ESTABLISH – RECTANGULAR RAPID FLASHING BEACON (RRFB)
Diamond Heights Boulevard at Duncan Street (north)

(Supervisor District 8)

Alison Mathews, alison.mathews@sfmta.com

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION / COMMENTS**

This project will add Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) to the crosswalks at Diamond Heights Boulevard and Duncan Street. This location was selected as part of the FY21 Walkfirst RRFB project based on collision history, engineering judgment and community request.

Diamond Heights Boulevard and Duncan Street is currently an uncontrolled crossing with an existing marked crosswalk and pedestrian warning signage. The 52 Excelsior Muni line runs westbound and southbound at the intersection.

Not on the bike network. Speed limit: 30 MPH.

There has been 1 reported vehicle-pedestrian collision resulting in a severe injury in the past 5 years at the intersection.

**HEARING NOTIFICATION AND PROCESSING NOTES:**

SFMTA  Attached  Pending

**ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE BY:**

SFMTA  Attached  Pending

**CHECK IF PREPARING SEPARATE SFMTA BOARD CALENDAR ITEM FOR PROPOSAL:**

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*Thursday, September 21, 2023*
FY21 Walkfirst RRFB Locations

RRFB Location

1. Cortland Avenue & Moultrie Street
2. Brotherhood Way at Alemany Boulevard and Sagamore Street
3. Diamond Heights Boulevard & Berkeley Way
4. San Bruno Avenue & Woolsey Street
5. Gough Street & Clay Street
6. Diamond Heights Blvd & Duncan St
7. Fulton Street & Clayton Street
8. Castro Street & Henry Street
9. Turk Boulevard & Willard North
GENERAL NOTES:
1. POLE FOUNDATION TYPE TO BE CONSTRUCTED BY SFMTA FORCED 1-4 PER CSFD-KA-16, DATED 10/30/2019, DIMENSION 2' X 2' X 3'-6" DEPTH (REFERENCE ATTACHED)
2. POLE AND OTHER TRAFFIC EQUIPMENT TO BE PROCURED AND INSTALLED BY SFMTA
3. EXACT POLE LOCATIONS TO BE COORDINATED WITH SFMTA SIGNAL SHOP

SHEET NOTES:
- FORIST TECHNOLOGIES AS-7457 SOLAR-DUAL SIDED RECTANGULAR RAPID FLASHING BEACON ASSEMBLY OR EQUIVALENT
- FA ASSEMBLY MODEL FA AND PEDESTRIAN PUSH BUTTON ON POLE.

95% SUBMITTAL
NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION
High Injury Network Map - Diamond Heights Boulevard and Duncan Street

Diamond Heights Boulevard is not on the 2022 Vision Zero High Injury Network at Duncan Street.
## Collision/Party/Victim Table

Showing 1 to 1 of 1 entries

**Count of Fatal Collisions:** 0  
**Count of Non-Fatal Injury Collisions:** 1  
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**Summary:** 1 injury collision involving a vehicle and pedestrian resulting in severe injury.
Hi Jeff,

Thank you for your patience. I’ve received an update from staff. They’ve informed me the intersection is part of the Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacon (RRFB) project. It is currently under design and will be advertised in the Summer of 2023. My colleague, Soroush Roback will be able to assist you further if you wish to receive an update.

Thank you again for your on-going efforts advocating for safer street in San Francisco.

Jeff Rubin

On Aug 19, 2022, at 11:15 AM, ConstituentRqst <ConstituentRqst@sfmta.com> wrote:

Thank you Jackie for connecting us with Mr. Rubin.

Good morning Jeff,

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Sent: Friday, August 19, 2022 10:20 AM
To: jeffrubin58@gmail.com
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Subject: Re: Contact Us Submission - Supervisor Mandelman

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Thank you,

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Here are the results.

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Mathews, Alison

From: Tsui, Eddie
Sent: Tuesday, October 18, 2022 9:04 AM
To: Lee, Chadwick; Roback, Soroush
Cc: Ramos, Joel; Martinsen, Janet; Lam, Alvin
Subject: RE: D8 Constituent Request Status of Evaluation of Diamond Height/Duncan

Looping in Soroush who is handling the RRFB project.

Hi Soroush,

Is Diamond Heights/Duncan still included in the next RRFB project? Is there a status update?

Thanks,
Eddie

From: Lee, Chadwick <Chadwick.Lee@sfmta.com>
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2022 2:42 PM
To: Tsui, Eddie <Eddie.Tsui@sfmta.com>
Cc: Ramos, Joel <Joel.Ramos@sfmta.com>; Martinsen, Janet <Janet.Martinsen@sfmta.com>; Lam, Alvin <Alvin.Lam@sfmta.com>
Subject: RE: D8 Constituent Request Status of Evaluation of Diamond Height/Duncan

Hi Eddie,

The constituent reached out to me for an update regarding Diamond Height and Duncan safety improvement. I think we last discussed in August it was part of the RRFB project. Please let me know if there an update we can share with the constituent.

Thank you!

From: Tsui, Eddie <Eddie.Tsui@sfmta.com>
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To: Lee, Chadwick <Chadwick.Lee@sfmta.com>
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If I’m not mistaken, he was in attendance at the hearing this morning.

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Thanks Eddie for the update. I’ll let the constituent know about the result of the hearing.
Hi Chadwick,

STOP sign at Diamond Heights Blvd and Carnelian Way was heard at this morning’s engineering public hearing. There were comments in support and no comments in opposition so it would most likely be approved by the City Traffic Engineer next week. Installation will follow but timeline is uncertain due to the shops’ backlog.

A separate proposal from last year to reduce the speed limit on Diamond Heights Blvd is being packaged with other speed limit changes in the city and will be headed to the SFMTA Board soon (we don’t have a specific meeting date yet). Diamond Heights/Duncan is on the list of candidate locations for the next RRFB project, but the project scope/list of locations have not been finalized yet.

We also received the same requests from Mr. Rubin and we are logging it in for engineering review. Please see attached.

Thanks,

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Hi Eddie,

There was a D8 constituent request for additional stop signs at Diamond and Carnelian Wy. However, he also mentioned a larger issue on Diamond and Duncan. I reviewed our issue tracking log and it appears Duncan & Diamond was/currently being reviewed by your team. Here’s the latest notes I had on the item:

12/2021 - See Sept update - we provided update for the Sept meeting: speed limit reduction will be taken to MTAB as part of a larger package with other speed limit changes in the city. Also considering adding Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) as part of an upcoming project.

Is there an update the team can share?

Thanks!

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Jeff Rubin

Dangerous Cross Walks in Diamond Heights

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4156479201

jeffrubin58@gmail.com

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Sent via Google Form Notifications
Hi Tom,

Thank you for the update on means to protect pedestrians crossing Diamond Heights Blvd. at Berkeley Way.

Here are my comments in **bold**. I have asked nearby neighbors of the crosswalk for their comments.

- A pedestrian warning sign supplemented with a 150 feet distance on uphill side - **sounds good**
- Moving 30 miles per hour sign down the hill - **sounds good**
- You stated: I don’t think a warning sign is needed for the southbound direction because of the excellent visibility of the crosswalk on that straight-away section. **I think "excellent visibility" is an overstatement. This morning I stood at the crosswalk to cross from west to east. You cannot see cars starting off down the road at Addison until they come farther down the hill. The problem remains that some drivers exceed the speed limit going down the hill and may not be able to stop to avoid hitting pedestrians. I think a pedestrian warning sign is needed in the south direction as well.**
- Install a flashing warning light at this intersection. **I hope funding will be found for flashing warning signs in both directions.**

Do the potential signs flash only when cars approach or pedestrians activate them?

Though MTA does not think the intersection needs STOP signs, STOP signs may be the only means to keep traffic moving too fast down the hill.

The DHCA and nearby neighbors do appreciate that MTA is making changes to make the crosswalk safer.

Gratefully,

Betsy Eddy

415-867-5774
Hi Betsy,

I’m following up on your concerns about the new crosswalk at Berkeley Way and Diamond Heights Boulevard.

As a near term measure, I am recommending that we replace the 30 MPH sign in the northbound direction near this crosswalk with a pedestrian warning sign supplemented with a 150 feet distance plate to warn drivers of the proximity of this crosswalk as they are approaching it going up the hill. The 30 MPH sign would be located further down the hill so that it comes before the existing 25 MPH curve warning sign. We do not want drivers to think that they should increase their speed right after the 25 MPH sign before approaching the crosswalk.

I don’t think a warning sign is needed for the southbound direction because of the excellent visibility of the crosswalk on that straight-away section. The aforementioned sign changes have been written up in a work order and submitted to our Sign Shop to be completed as soon as their scheduling permits.

I have also copied other SFMTA staff members to consider the possibility of programming funds to install a flashing warning light at this intersection. Due to limited funding, we are unable to install warning lights at all potential locations. This intersection would have to be considered in relation to the other candidate locations on a priority basis.

Although we can also appreciate the suggestion to install STOP signs at this intersection, we feel that would not be the proper form of traffic control for a street like Diamond Heights Boulevard at an intersection with infrequent pedestrian crossings.

We appreciate your concerns about the safety of this intersection and thank you for contacting the City.

Sincerely,

Thomas Folks
Senior Engineer
CEQA Exemption Determination

**PROPERTY INFORMATION/PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

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- **Addition/Alteration**
- **Demolition (requires HRE for Category B Building)**
- **New Construction**

Project description for Planning Department approval.

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) proposes to install new Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) at nine intersections across San Francisco to improve pedestrian safety. RRFBs would be installed at the intersections of San Bruno Avenue at Woolsey Street, Brotherhood Way at Sagamore Street and Alemany Boulevard, Gough Street at Clay Street, Fulton Street at Clayton Street, Turk Boulevard at Willard North, Castro Street at Henry Street, Diamond Heights Boulevard at Duncan Street, Cortland Avenue at Moultrie Street, and Diamond Heights Boulevard at Berkeley Way. The proposed project (project) would involve the installation of new RRFB signal poles and foundations, pull boxes, and conduits. The project would also upgrade curb ramps in select locations, in addition to grade adjustment for select existing stormwater catch basins.

Full project description attached below.

**STEP 1: EXEMPTION TYPE**

The project has been determined to be exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

- **Class 1 - Existing Facilities.** Interior and exterior alterations; additions under 10,000 sq. ft.
- **Class 3 - New Construction.** Up to three new single-family residences or six dwelling units in one building; commercial/office structures; utility extensions; change of use under 10,000 sq. ft. if principally permitted or with a CU.
- **Class 32 - In-Fill Development.** New Construction of seven or more units or additions greater than 10,000 sq. ft. and meets the conditions described below:
  - (a) The project is consistent with the applicable general plan designation and all applicable general plan policies as well as with applicable zoning designation and regulations.
  - (b) The proposed development occurs within city limits on a project site of no more than 5 acres substantially surrounded by urban uses.
  - (c) The project site has no value as habitat for endangered rare or threatened species.
  - (d) Approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality.
  - (e) The site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.

**FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING USE ONLY**

- **Other ____**

- **Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3)).** It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility of a significant effect on the environment. **FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING USE ONLY**
## STEP 2: ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING ASSESSMENT
TO BE COMPLETED BY PROJECT PLANNER

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<td><strong>Hazardous Materials:</strong></td>
<td>If the project site is located on the Maher map or is suspected of containing hazardous materials (based on a previous use such as gas station, auto repair, dry cleaners, or heavy manufacturing, or a site with underground storage tanks): Would the project involve 50 cubic yards or more of soil disturbance - or a change of use from industrial to residential? Note that a categorical exemption shall not be issued for a project located on the Cortese List if box is checked, note below whether the applicant has enrolled in or received a waiver from the San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) Maher program, or if Environmental Planning staff has determined that hazardous material effects would be less than significant. (refer to The Environmental Information tab on the <a href="https://sfplanninggis.org/pim/">https://sfplanninggis.org/pim/</a>)</td>
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<td>Does the project involve a child care facility or school with 30 or more students, or a location 1,500 sq. ft. or greater? Does the project have the potential to adversely affect transit, pedestrian and/or bicycle safety (hazards) or the adequacy of nearby transit, pedestrian and/or bicycle facilities?</td>
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<td>(Landslide or Liquefaction Hazard Zone): Does the project involve any of the following: (1) New building construction, except one-story storage or utility occupancy, (2) horizontal additions, if the footprint area increases more than 50%, (3) horizontal and vertical additions increase more than 500 square feet of new projected roof area, or (4) grading performed at a site in the landslide hazard zone? (refer to The Environmental tab on the <a href="https://sfplanninggis.org/pim/">https://sfplanninggis.org/pim/</a>) If box is checked, a geotechnical report is required and Environmental Planning must issue the exemption.</td>
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**Comments and Planner Signature (optional):** Jennifer M Barbour Mckellar

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED
STEP 3: PROPERTY STATUS - HISTORIC RESOURCE
TO BE COMPLETED BY PROJECT PLANNER

PROPERTY IS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: (refer to Property Information Map)

☐ Category A: Known Historical Resource. GO TO STEP 5.
☐ Category B: Potential Historical Resource (over 45 years of age). GO TO STEP 4.
☒ Category C: Not a Historical Resource or Not Age Eligible (under 45 years of age). GO TO STEP 6.

STEP 4: PROPOSED WORK CHECKLIST
TO BE COMPLETED BY PROJECT PLANNER

Check all that apply to the project.

☐ 1. Change of use and new construction. Tenant improvements not included.
☐ 2. Regular maintenance or repair to correct or repair deterioration, decay, or damage to building.
☐ 3. Window replacement that meets the Department’s Window Replacement Standards. Does not include storefront window alterations.
☐ 4. Garage work. A new opening that meets the Guidelines for Adding Garages and Curb Cuts, and/or replacement of a garage door in an existing opening that meets the Residential Design Guidelines.
☐ 5. Deck, terrace construction, or fences not visible from any immediately adjacent public right-of-way.
☐ 6. Mechanical equipment installation that is not visible from any immediately adjacent public right-of-way.
☐ 7. Dormer installation that meets the requirements for exemption from public notification under Zoning Administrator Bulletin No. 3: Dormer Windows.
☐ 8. Addition(s) that are not visible from any immediately adjacent public right-of-way for 150 feet in each direction; does not extend vertically beyond the floor level of the top story of the structure or is only a single story in height; does not have a footprint that is more than 50% larger than that of the original building; and does not cause the removal of architectural significant roofing features.

Note: Project Planner must check box below before proceeding.

☐ Project is not listed. GO TO STEP 5.
☐ Project does not conform to the scopes of work. GO TO STEP 5.
☐ Project involves four or more work descriptions. GO TO STEP 5.
☐ Project involves less than four work descriptions. GO TO STEP 6.

STEP 5: ADVANCED HISTORICAL REVIEW
TO BE COMPLETED BY PRESERVATION PLANNER

Check all that apply to the project.

1. Reclassification of property status. (Attach HRER Part I)
   ☐ Reclassify to Category A
   ☐ Reclassify to Category C
     a. Per HRER
     b. Other (specify): (No further historic review)

☐ 2. Project involves a known historical resource (CEQA Category A) as determined by Step 3 and conforms entirely to proposed work checklist in Step 4.
☐ 3. Interior alterations to publicly accessible spaces that do not remove, alter, or obscure character defining features.
☐ 4. Window replacement of original/historic windows that are not “in-kind” but are consistent with existing historic character.
☐ 5. Façade/storefront alterations that do not remove, alter, or obscure character-defining features.
6. **Raising the building** in a manner that does not remove, alter, or obscure character-defining features.

7. **Restoration** based upon documented evidence of a building’s historic condition, such as historic photographs, plans, physical evidence, or similar buildings.

8. **Work consistent** with the *Secretary of the Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties* (Analysis required):

9. **Work compatible** with a historic district (Analysis required):

10. **Work that would not materially impair** a historic resource (Attach HRER Part II).

Note: If ANY box in STEP 5 above is checked, a Preservation Planner MUST sign below.

Project can proceed with exemption review. The project has been reviewed by the Preservation Planner and can proceed with exemption review. **GO TO STEP 6.**

**Comments (optional):**

Preservation Planner Signature:

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**STEP 6: EXEMPTION DETERMINATION**

**TO BE COMPLETED BY PROJECT PLANNER**

No further environmental review is required. The project is exempt under CEQA. There are no unusual circumstances that would result in a reasonable possibility of a significant effect.

**Project Approval Action:**
City Traffic Engineer’s Directive

**Signature:**
Jennifer M Barbour Mckellar
08/18/2023

Supporting documents are available for review on the San Francisco Property Information Map, which can be accessed at https://sfplanninggis.org/pim/. Individual files can be viewed by clicking on the Planning Applications link, clicking the “More Details” link under the project’s environmental record number (ENV) and then clicking on the “Related Documents” link.

Once signed and dated, this document constitutes an exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines and Chapter 31 of the SF Admin Code. Per Chapter 31, an appeal of an exemption determination to the Board of Supervisors shall be filed within 30 days after the Approval Action occurs at a noticed public hearing, or within 30 days after posting on the Planning Department’s website a written decision or written notice of the Approval Action, if the approval is not made at a noticed public hearing.
Step 2: Environmental Screening Comments
The proposed project meets the definition of a class 1 (CEQA Guidelines section 15301) categorical exemption, as a minor alteration of an existing public structure, because it would install new Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) to improve pedestrian visibility and safety at nine intersections across San Francisco.

San Francisco Public Works Standard Construction Measures would be implemented, as applicable, as part of the project: (1) Seismic and Geotechnical Studies; (2) Air Quality; (3) Water Quality; (4) Traffic; (5) Noise; (6) Hazardous Materials; (7) Biological Resources; (8) Visual and Aesthetic Considerations (Project Site); and (9) Cultural Resources: Archeological Resources (Public Works Standard Archeological Measure I: Discovery during Construction) and Historic (Built Environment) Resources. Project-related physical environmental impacts would be less than significant.

None of the CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 exceptions apply to the proposed project.
STEP 7: MODIFICATION OF A CEQA EXEMPT PROJECT
TO BE COMPLETED BY PROJECT PLANNER

In accordance with Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code, when a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exempt project changes after the Approval Action and requires a subsequent approval, the Environmental Review Officer (or his or her designee) must determine whether the proposed change constitutes a substantial modification of that project. This checklist shall be used to determine whether the proposed changes to the approved project would constitute a “substantial modification” and, therefore, be subject to additional environmental review pursuant to CEQA.

MODIFIED PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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If this box is checked, the proposed modifications are exempt under CEQA, in accordance with prior project approval and no additional environmental review is required. This determination shall be posted on the Planning Department website and office and mailed to the applicant, City approving entities, and anyone requesting written notice. In accordance with Chapter 31, Sec 31.08j of the San Francisco Administrative Code, an appeal of this determination can be filed to the Environmental Review Officer within 10 days of posting of this determination.

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Project Description

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) proposes to install new Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) at nine intersections across San Francisco to improve pedestrian safety by alerting divers that pedestrians are crossing the street. RRFBs would be installed at the intersections of San Bruno Avenue at Woolsey Street, Brotherhood Way at Sagamore Street and Alemany Boulevard, Gough Street at Clay Street, Fulton Street at Clayton Street, Turk Boulevard at Willard North, Castro Street at Henry Street, Diamond Heights Boulevard at Duncan Street, Cortland Avenue at Moultrie Street, and Diamond Heights Boulevard at Berkeley Way. The proposed project (project) would involve the installation of new RRFB signal poles and foundations, pull boxes, and conduits. The project would also upgrade curb ramps in select locations, in addition to grade adjustment for select existing stormwater catch basins.

At the intersection of San Bruno Avenue and Woolsey Street, one new RRFB signal pole would be installed on each corner (four new poles in total). One existing curb ramp on the northeast corner of the intersection would be upgraded.

At the intersection of Brotherhood Way at Sagamore Street and Alemany Boulevard, one new RRFB pole would be installed along the eastern side and one new RRFB signal pole would be installed on the western side on the median island (two new poles in total). One new pedestrian push button pole would be installed on the eastern side of the intersection. Partial curb ramp wing reconstruction would occur for two curb ramps.

At the intersection of Gough Street and Clay Street, one new RRFB signal pole would be installed at three of the four corners (three new poles in total). No new RRFB signal pole would be installed at the northwest corner of the intersection.

At the intersection of Fulton Street and Clayton Street, one new RRFB signal pole would be installed at
the northeast corner and one new RRFB signal pole would be installed at the southeast corner (two new poles in total). One streetlight pole would be installed on the southeast corner of the intersection, and one pedestrian push button pole would be installed on the northwest corner of the intersection.

At the intersection of Turk Boulevard and Willard North, one new RRFB signal pole would be installed at the northeast corner.

At the intersection of Castro Street and Henry Street, one new RRFB signal pole would be installed at the northeast corner.

At the intersection of Diamond Heights Boulevard and Duncan Street, one new RRFB signal pole would be installed at the northeast corner and one new RRFB signal pole would be installed at the southeast corner (two new poles in total). One dual streetlight pole would be installed within the median of the intersection.

At the intersection of Cortland Avenue and Moultrie Street, one new RRFB signal pole would be installed at the southwest corner. Curb ramps would be reconstructed on the northeast corner of the intersection. Two existing on-street metered parking spaces (approximately 20 feet each in length) would be removed to improve visibility of the new RRFBs.

At the intersection of Diamond Heights Boulevard and Berkeley Way, one new RRFB signal pole would be installed at the southwest corner and one new RRFB signal pole would be installed at the southeast corner (two new poles in total). Partial curb ramp reconstruction would occur for one curb ramp on the southwest corner of the intersection.

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- Gough/Clay streets intersection (historic buildings on adjacent block/lots 0617/008-010)
- Castro/Henry streets intersection (historic building on adjacent block/lot 3540/092)
- Diamond Heights Boulevard/Duncan Street intersection (historic buildings on adjacent block/lots 7515A/001-012 and 7504A/005-018; these buildings comprise part of the Diamond Heights Historic District)

The proposed work would be carried out by SFMTA and San Francisco Public Works crews, in addition to a licensed contractor managed by San Francisco Public Works with funding/oversight from SFMTA. Construction is anticipated to last approximately three months at each intersection. San Francisco Public Works Standard Construction Measures would be implemented, as applicable, as part of the project: (1) Seismic and Geotechnical Studies; (2) Air Quality; (3) Water Quality; (4) Traffic; (5) Noise; (6) Hazardous Materials; (7) Biological Resources; (8) Visual and Aesthetic Considerations (Project Site); and (9) Cultural Resources: Archeological Resources (Public Works Standard Archeological Measure I: Discovery during Construction) and Historic (Built Environment) Resources. Contractors would use concrete saws and jackhammers but no pile-drivers. The project would not result in the removal of any existing trees or on-street loading spaces.

There are no past, present or reasonably foreseeable projects within the vicinity of each of the proposed project sites that would combine with the project to result in a cumulative impact.

**Attachments**

Attachment A: WalkFirst FY21 Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon Location Map
Attachment B: Site Plans

**Approval Action**

The project would be approved by the City Traffic Engineer’s Directive, which does not occur at a noticed public hearing. Therefore, as defined by San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 31, Sections 31.04(h)(2) and 31.08(g), the Approval Action for the purpose of CEQA would be the posting of the date of the Engineer’s Directive on the Planning Department website. The Approval Action starts the 30-day exemption appeal period.