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**SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY**

DIVISION: Streets

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Approving a Roadway Shared Spaces street closure of Irving Street between 9th and 11th avenues, Sunday, April 14, 2024, through Sunday, November 10, 2024, 7 am to 6 pm, the second Sunday of each month; and making environmental review findings.

SUMMARY:

- Pursuant to California Vehicle Code section 21101 and Div. II, section 206 of the Transportation Code, the SFMTA Board of Directors may approve the Longer-Term Closure of a Traffic Lane of any Street for Roadway Shared Spaces activities.
- Roadway Shared Spaces street closures which significantly interfere with or delay a public transit service, exceed ten consecutive hours per day over four consecutive days per week, or exceed a total period of time more than two years are considered to be Longer-Term Closure and therefore require approval from this Board.
- The proposed Roadway Shared Spaces street closure would close Irving Street to vehicular traffic between 9th and 11th avenues, Sunday, April 14, 2024, through Sunday, November 10, 2024, 7 am to 6 pm, the second Sunday of each month.
- The proposed Roadway Shared Spaces street closure has been presented at an Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation (ISCOTT) public hearing.
- The proposed Roadway Shared Spaces street closure has been reviewed pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- The decision of the SFMTA Board of Directors with respect to any proposed Longer-Term Closure of a Traffic Lane shall be final.

ENCLOSURES:

1. SFMTAB Resolution
2. Better Streets Plan Mitigated Negative Declaration
http://sfmea.sfplanning.org/2007.1238E_FMND.pdf
3. Better Streets Plan CEQA Findings, Planning Commission Resolution
https://sfplanning.s3.amazonaws.com/default/files/meetingarchive/planning_dept/sf-planning.org/ftp/files/Commission/cpcpackets/2007.1238emrtu.pdf
4. Better Streets Plan Mitigated Negative Declaration Shared Spaces Addendum
<https://citypln-m.extnل.sfgov.org/SharedLinks.aspx?accesskey=bc61363c7effb77e5715d781677a071ae265f0cdbf27c18bd9d91b3402e0900a&VaultGUID=A4A7DACD-B0DC-4322-BD29-F6F07103C6E0>

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APPROVALS:

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DIRECTOR  _____

February 28, 2024

SECRETARY  _____

February 28, 2024

ASSIGNED SFMTAB CALENDAR DATE: March 5, 2024

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PURPOSE

Approving a Roadway Shared Spaces street closure of Irving Street between 9th and 11th avenues, Sunday, April 14, 2024, through Sunday, November 10, 2024, 7 am to 6 pm, the second Sunday of each month; and making environmental review findings.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS AND TRANSIT FIRST POLICY PRINCIPLES

This item will support the following goals and objectives of the SFMTA Strategic Plan:

Goal 6: Eliminate pollution and greenhouse gas emissions by increasing use of transit, walking and bicycling.

Goal 7: Build stronger relationships with stakeholders.

This item will support the following 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.
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.

DISCUSSION

Sunset Mercantile (the applicant) has applied for a Roadway Shared Spaces permit which would close Irving Street between 9th and 11th avenues to vehicular traffic on the second Sunday of each month from April through November. (The intersection of Irving Street at 10th Avenue would remain open to vehicular traffic.)

Sunset Mercantile has operated a monthly street closure of Irving Street between 9th and 10th avenues since 2017, originally permitted by the Interdepartmental Committee on Traffic and Transportation (ISCOTT). In March 2023 the sponsor was granted a permit under the permanent Roadway Shared Spaces program.

The proposed closure would allow Sunset Mercantile to expand the footprint of the Inner Sunset Flea Market from one block to two blocks. The expanded footprint will allow more local businesses to participate and more community activities. The proposed closure would expand the previous year's closure hours from 7:30 am-5:30 pm to 7:00 am-6 pm to provide sufficient time for vendors to set-up and break down. The proposed closure is supported by the Inner Sunset Merchants Association.

The request is to close Irving Street between 9th and 11th avenues, Sunday, April 14, 2024, through Sunday, November 10, 2024, 7 am to 6 pm, on the second Sunday of each month to vehicular traffic, with the intersection of Irving Street at 10th Street remaining open to vehicular traffic. The SFMTA Board of Directors is asked to consider the approval of a Longer-Term

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Closure under the authority granted by California Vehicle Code section 21101 and Div. II, section 206 of the Transportation Code for the purpose of issuing a Roadway Shared Spaces permit. In doing so the Board would find based upon a determination of public convenience and necessity that the subject portion of Irving Street is no longer needed for vehicular traffic during the proposed closure hours, and that the street closure is necessary for the safety and protection of the public who will use the street during the closure.

ITEMS

The following items were considered at a Public Hearing held on January 25, 2024, by the Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation (ISCOTT).

- A. ESTABLISH – SHARED SPACES ROAD CLOSURE – of Irving Street between 9th and 11th avenues, (Intersection of 10th Avenue and Irving Street to remain open), Sunday, April 14, 2024, through Sunday, November 10, 2024, 7 am to 6 pm, second Sunday of each month.

Item A would grant a permit for a Shared Spaces Road Closure for a community flea market organized by Sunset Mercantile.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Item A was considered at a Public Hearing held on January 25, 2024, by the Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation (ISCOTT). No public comments were received at the hearing. In advance of the hearing, ISCOTT received a letter of support from the Inner Sunset Merchants Association.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The details of the proposed closure presented in item A are as requested by the applicant.

FUNDING IMPACT

This item has no financial impact.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

On April 19, 2021, the San Francisco Planning Department determined that the Shared Spaces Program (Case No. 2021-003010ENV), inclusive of Item A, is within the scope of the Better Streets Plan Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (FMND, Case No. 2007.1238E, September 17, 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

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Better Streets Plan.

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 by Case Number at <https://sfplanninggis.org/pim> or 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400 in San Francisco, and are incorporated herein by reference.

OTHER APPROVALS RECEIVED OR STILL REQUIRED

Pursuant to section 206 of the Transportation Code, the decision of the SFMTA Board of Directors with respect to any proposed Longer-Term Closure of a Traffic Lane shall be final.

A public hearing for item A was held at the January 25, 2024 meeting of the Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation (ISCOTT).

The City Attorney has reviewed this item.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board approve a Roadway Shared Spaces street closure of Irving Street between 9th and 11th avenues, Sunday, April 14, 2024, through Sunday, November 10, 2024, 7 am to 6 pm, the second Sunday of each month; and make environmental review findings.

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. _____

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency has received an application for a Roadway Shared Spaces street closure as follows:

- A. ESTABLISH – SHARED SPACES ROAD CLOSURE – Irving Street between 9th and 11th avenues, (intersection of 10th Avenue and Irving Street to remain open), Sunday, April 14, 2024, through Sunday, November 10, 2024, 7 am to 6 pm, the second Sunday of each month; and,

WHEREAS, the subject portion of the above listed streets is no longer needed for vehicular traffic during the proposed closure hours and the street closure is necessary for the safety and protection of the public who will use that portion of the street during the closure; and,

WHEREAS, On September 17, 2010, the San Francisco Planning Department published 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 April 19, 2021, the San Francisco Planning Department determined that the Shared Spaces Program (Case No. 2021-003010ENV), inclusive of Item A, is within the scope of the Better Streets Plan FMND and that it would not require the preparation of a subsequent negative declaration under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162; and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA Board of Directors has reviewed the Better Streets Plan Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (FMND) and Addendum 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 may be found in the records of the Planning Department by Case Number at <https://sfplanninggis.org/pim/> 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 San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors adopts these CEQA findings as its own; a copy of the Planning Commission Resolution, the CEQA findings, and 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 <https://sfplanning.org/> and 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400 in San Francisco, and is incorporated herein by reference; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency approves Item A above, and finds that the subject portion of the above listed street is no longer needed for vehicular traffic during the proposed closure hours and the street closure is necessary for the safety and protection of the public who will use that portion of the street during the closure.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of March 5, 2024.

Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency