## **SFMTA - TASC SUMMARY SHEET**

<b>PreStaff_Date:</b> 9/13/2022	Public Hearing	Consent	No objections:						
Requested_by: SFMTA	✓ Public Hearing I	Regular	Item Held:						
Handled: Jarrett Hornbostel, 646-2723 GD	☐ Informational / (		Other:						
Section Head : BW PH - Regular									
Location: Castro Street, Divisadero Street, and Waller Street									
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HEARING NOTIFICATION AND PRO	OCESSING NOTES:		MENTAL CLEARANCE BY:  Attached Pending						
CHECK IF PREPARING SEPARATE SFMTA BOARD CALENDAR ITEM FOR PROPOSAL:									

## <u>Castro St / Divisadero St / Waller St</u> PROPOSAL / REQUEST:

ESTABLISH – TRAFFIC SIGNAL Castro Street, Divisadero Street, and Waller Street

#### ESTABLISH - CROSSWALK CLOSURE

Crossing Castro Street, south side, at Divisadero Street (substitute with new signalized south crosswalk at Waller Street)

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Divisadero Street, west side, from Waller Street to 60 feet southerly (for 7-foot sidewalk widening)

#### ESTABLISH - RED ZONE

Divisadero Street, west side, from Waller Street to 20 feet northerly Waller Street, south side, from Castro Street to 10 feet easterly Castro Street, west side, from Divisadero Street to 20 feet southerly

#### ESTABLISH - NO LEFT TURN

Castro Street, northbound, at Waller Street Castro Street, northbound, at Divisadero Street (to southbound Divisadero Street)

## ESTABLISH – RIGHT TURN ONLY

Divisadero Street, northbound at Waller Street

#### **RESCIND - RIGHT TURN ONLY**

Waller Street, westbound at Divisadero Street and Castro Street

#### (Supervisor Districts 5 and 8)

A new traffic signal is proposed as part of SFMTA's Contract 66 – New Traffic Signals project to improve right-of-way allocation. Along with signalization, the project proposes to construct a sidewalk extension (bulb-out) at the southwest corner and to realign the south crosswalk and the northbound Divisadero Street approach. The installation will include all necessary signal infrastructure such as poles, signals, lighting, pedestrian countdown signals (PCS), and accessible pedestrian signals (APS) in addition to standardized new signal treatments such as advance limit lines, visibility red zones, and ADA compliant curb ramps.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION / COMMENTS:**

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Supervisor Mandelman's Office. In response, the Agency has made interim improvements including new daylighting and pedestrian crossing warning signs. Signalizing this location will better clarify right-of-way and provide dedicated crossing time for pedestrians.

Construction of a bulb-out at the southwest corner, extension of the existing Castro Street median island to Waller Street, and realignment of the south crosswalk will create a more standard intersection geometry and greatly simplify operation of the proposed traffic signal. Per the request of SFFD, the median island will be constructed with 2" mountable curb to reduce impacts to SFFD operations in the event of a fire or other emergency.

This intersection is currently side-street STOP controlled.

The intersection is located on the Vision Zero High Injury Network with six reported injury collisions in the last five years. Of the six collisions, three were broadside collisions and two involved vehicles failing to yield to pedestrians crossing in the Castro Street crosswalk.

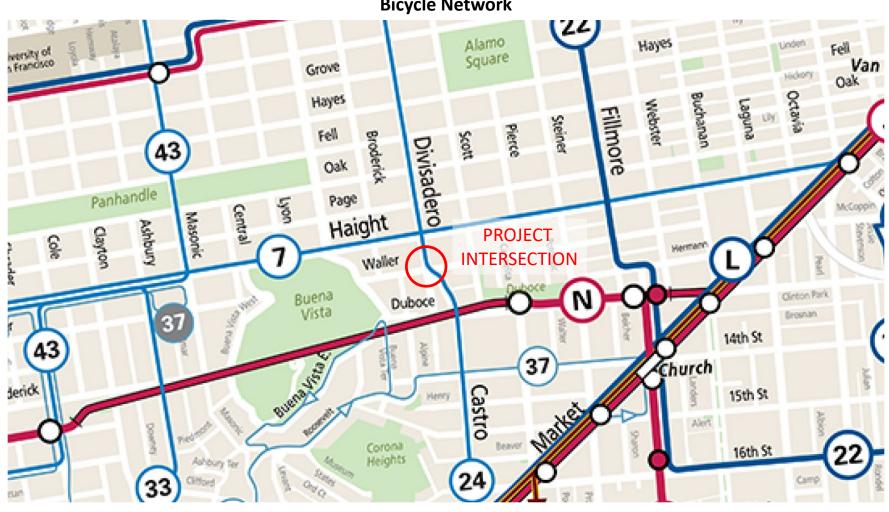
Muni's 24-Divisadero route operates through this intersection.

The proposed traffic signal is funded by Proposition K Sales Tax funds.

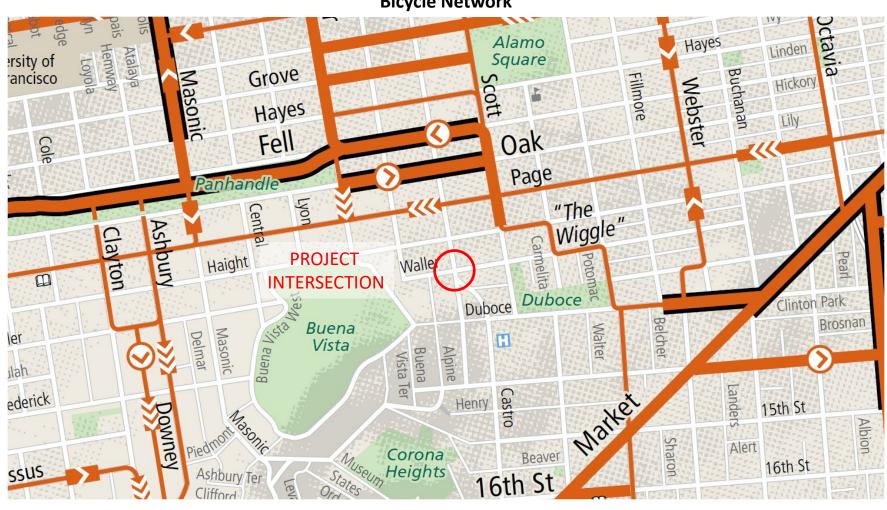
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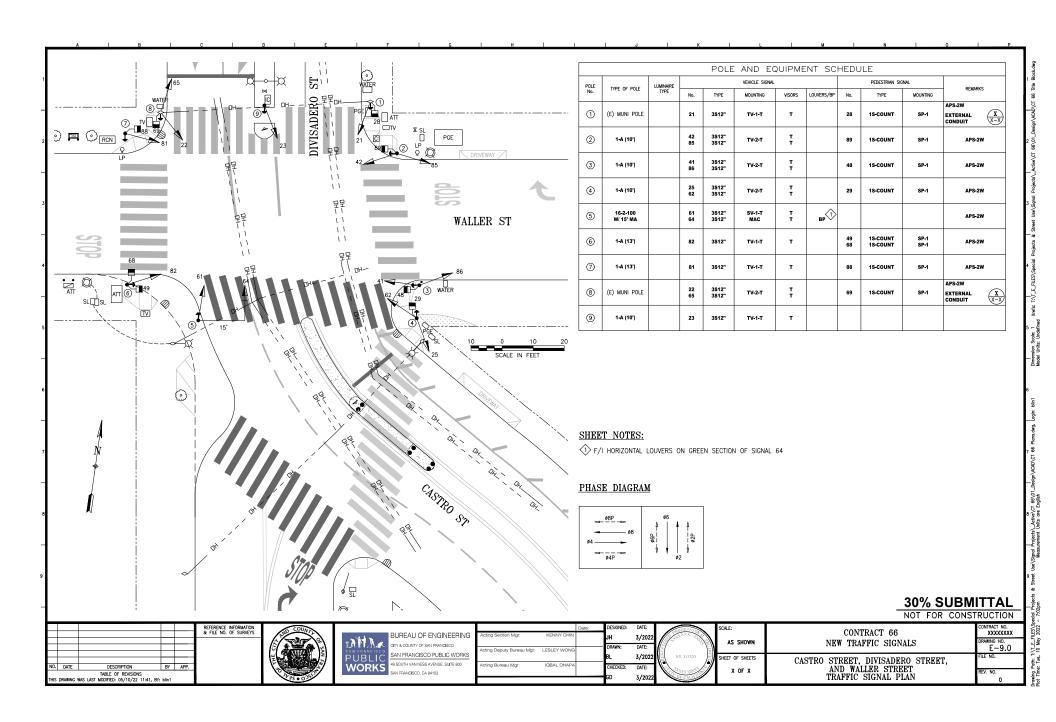


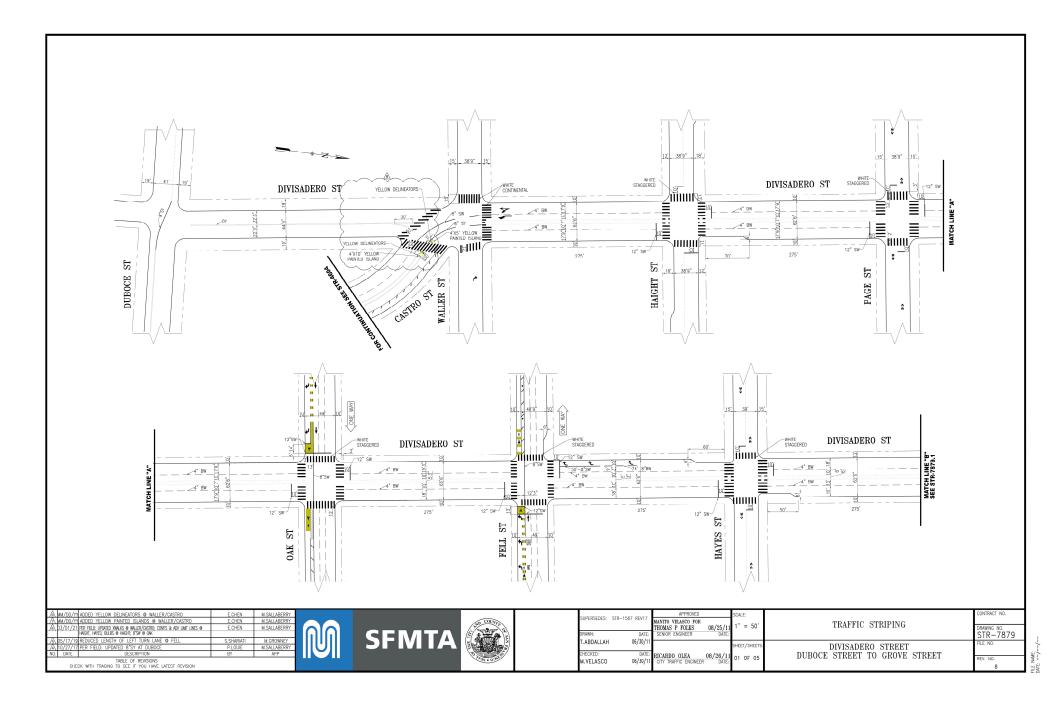
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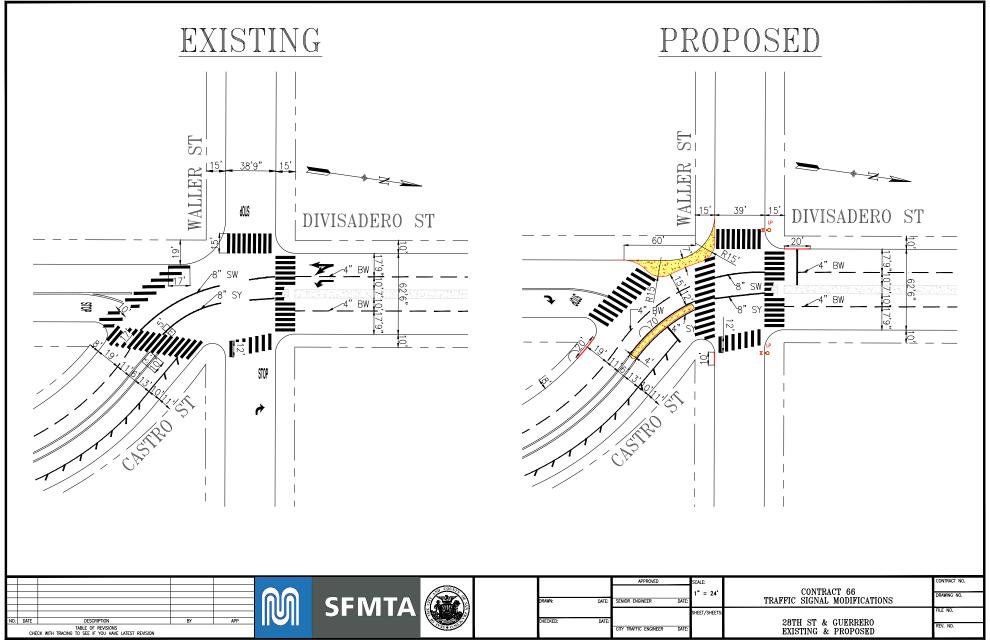


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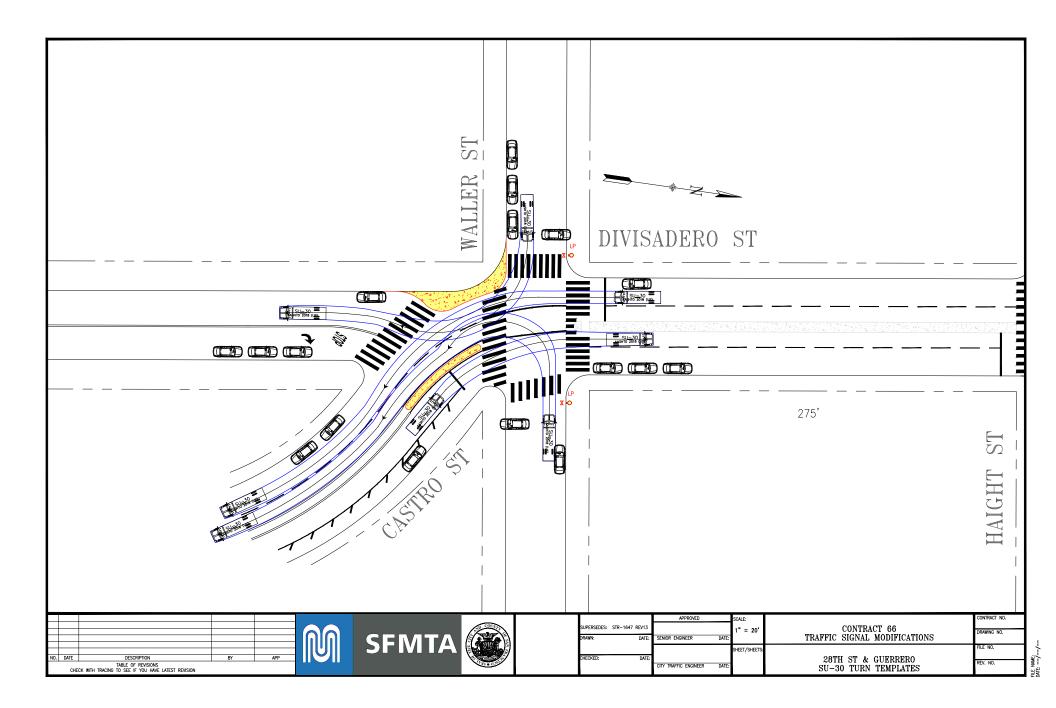


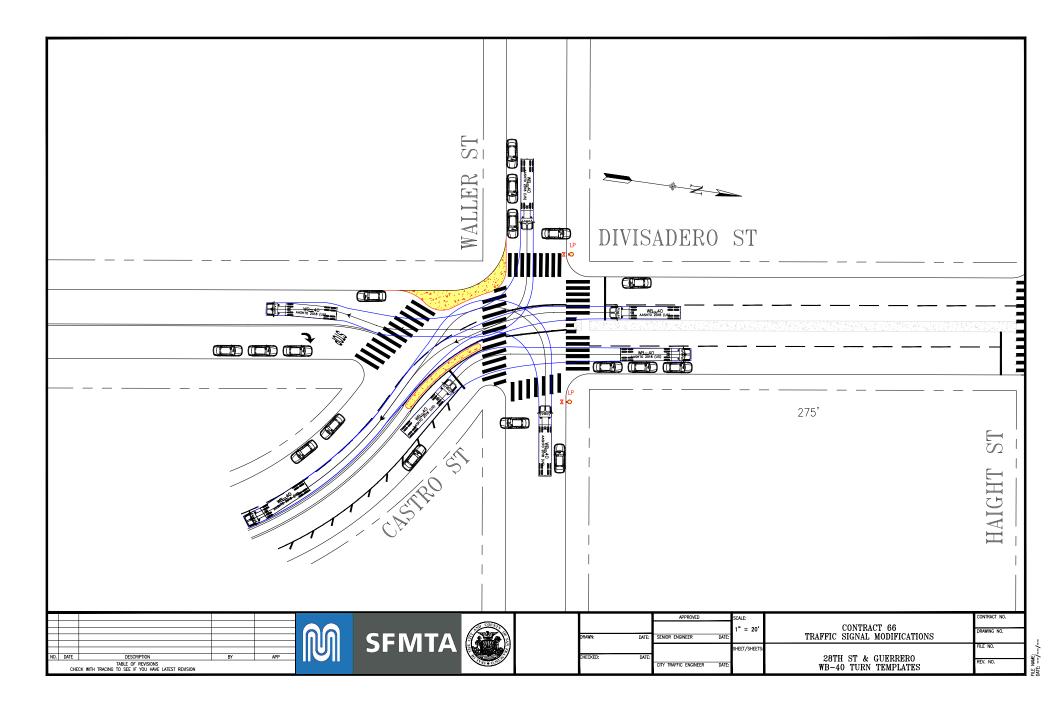


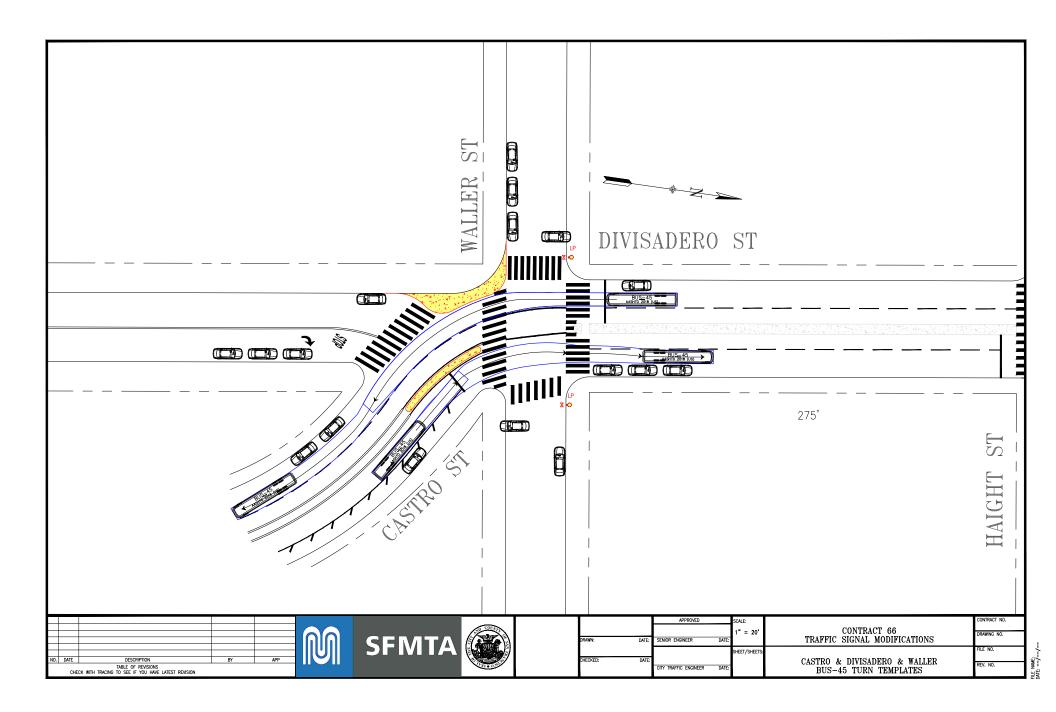


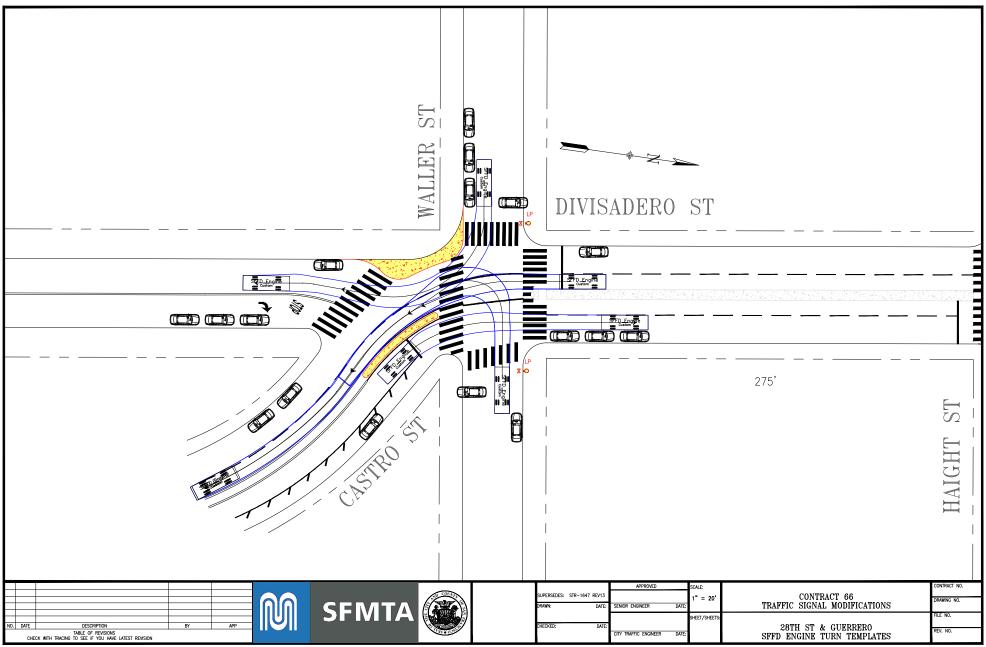


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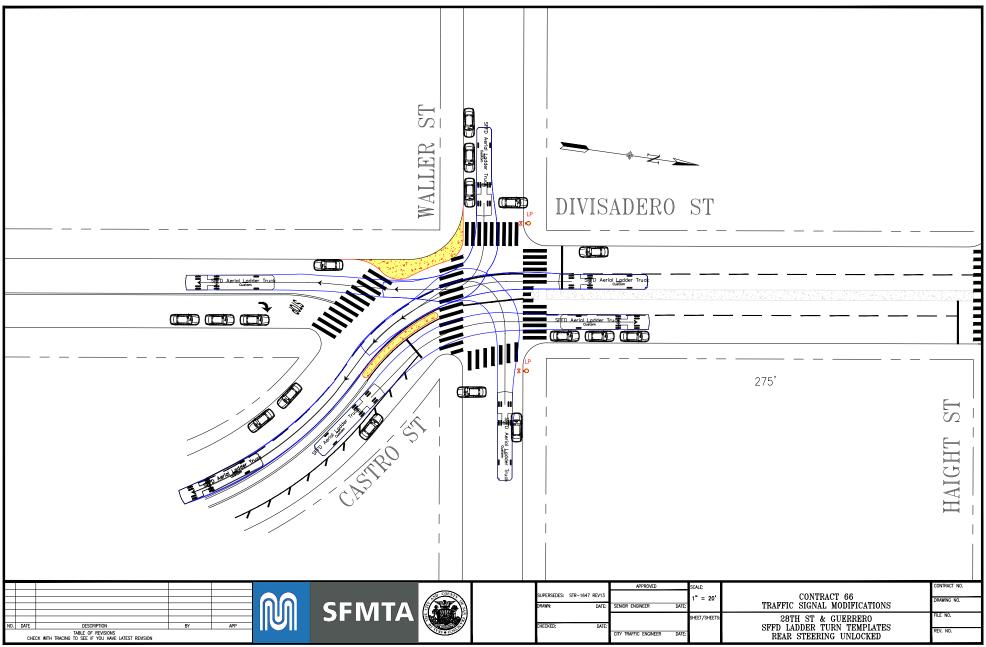




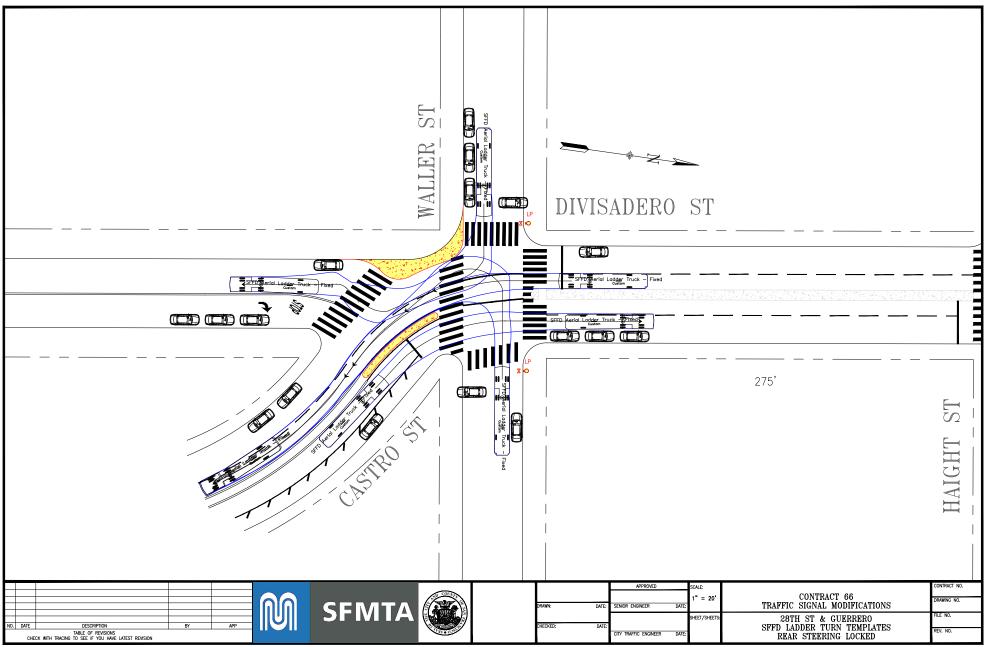




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## TransBASE Internal Dashboard

Geographic Extent: 26011000: WALLER ST at DIVISADERO ST

Spatial Intersect: SFMTA Intersection Related (<=20ft or <=150ft if Rear End)

Data Range: 01/01/2017 to 12/31/2021

Pull Date: 4/13/2022

## Collision/Party/Victim Table Showing 1 to 6 of 6 entries

Count of Fatal Collisions: 0

Count of Non-Fatal Injury Collisions: 6

Total Count of Fatal/Non-Fatal Injury Collisions: 6

Case ID	Collision Date	Collision Time	Day of Week	Primary Road	Secondary Road	Distance	Direction	Party 1 Type	Party 1 Direction of Travel	Party 1 Movement Preceeding Crash	Party 2 Type	Party 2 Direction of Travel	Party 2 Movement Preceeding Crash	Vehicle Code Violation	Highest Degree of Injury	Type of Collision	Motor Vehicle Involved With	Weather	Lighting
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170634173	08/04/2017	15:52	Friday	DIVISADERO ST	WALLER ST	0	Not Stated	Driver	South	Changing Lanes	Driver	South	Proceeding Straight	CVC 21658(a)	Injury (Complaint of Pain)	Sideswipe	Other Motor Vehicle	Cloudy	Daylight

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#### **Metadata Information**

#### **Collision Filters**

Database Source: TransBASESF.org
Database Pull Date: 4/13/2022
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Collision Distance: Any Distance
Collision Severity Filter(s): No Restrictions

Primary Collision Factor Filter(s): No Restrictions

Collision Type Filter(s): No Restrictions
Intersection/ Midblock: SFMTA Intersection Related (<=20ft or

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Party Involved Insurance: No Restrictions

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Party Involved Vehicle Type: No Restrictions Party Involved Race: No Restrictions Party Involved Special Info: No Restrictions

#### Victim Filters

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## PAGE 2: BASE TIMING, ACTUATION, COORDINATION SETTINGS

Page 2 of 2 5/12/2020 Divisadero and Haight PHASE DIAGRAM Divisadero and Haight ▶ Ф6Р Φ6 Ф2Р Ф8Р Ф4Р Haight Divisadero NB Divisadero SB Are there conflicting protected left turn phases? n/a **BASE TIMINGS:** 2 Phase 4 5 6 8 Movement EB SB **WB** NB Absolute Min Green (whole #) 16 14 Early Walk Yellow 4.0 4.0 4.0 4.0 Red Clearance 2.0 1.5 2.0 1.5 7 7 Absolute Min Walk (whole #) 5 5 16 FRH (whole #) 9 14 9 ACTUATION: \*\* if Actuation setting vary by plan, use special comments. Phase 6 8 2 NONE NONE Vehicle Detection Type NONE NONE Ped Detection Type NONE NONE NONE NONE Vehicle Recall (Max, Min, Soft or None) MAX MAX MAX MAX 16 Absolute Min Green (same as above) 9 14 9 Vehicle Extension (seconds) Max Green (only used for FREE) 21 18 21 18 Pedestrian Recall (Yes or No) YES YES YES YES Ped Recycle (Yes or No) YES YES YES YES "WALK EXPAND" (Yes or No) YES YES YES YES COORDINATION (phase splits = Max G + Y + R Clearance) Cycle (from length Phase 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 page 1) Dial 1 Splits 27 24 27 24 75 21 Min Transition 69 21 24 21 24 Max Transition 101 33 34 33 34 31 33 31 26 69 Dial 2 Splits 90 Min Transition 84 25 33 25 26 Change **Max Transition** 121 42 43 42 36 Dial 3 Splits 90 31 31 31 28 57 Min Transition 84 25 31 25 28 Max Transition 121 41 42 38 42 Coordinated Phases X X **Special Comments** 

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**Sent:** Monday, October 25, 2021 10:11 AM **To:** Maguire, Tom < <a href="mailto:Tom.Maguire@sfmta.com">Tom.Maguire@sfmta.com</a>>

Cc: Qin, Simon < Simon.Qin@sfmta.com >

Subject: Re: Divisadero Street, Castro Street, and Waller Street

Hi Tom and Simon,

We were hoping to get an update on the signalization of the Waller/Castro/Divisadero intersection, which you mentioned in earlier correspondence a year ago was now on the candidate list (#17 at the time).

With all of the "no left turn" signs that are coming as part of the 24 Divisadero Safety and Transit Project (which we are super supportive of - great work on that!), it seems quite likely that more northbound traffic on Castro will end up taking that left onto Waller and using the Waller / Broderick shortcut, making those blocks and the Waller / Castro / Divisadero intersection even less safe. The intersection is close to a blind left when traveling northbound given the gradients on Divisadero, and as a result drivers who are making that left onto Waller are very focused on trying to spot oncoming traffic as it quickly appears on the horizon rather than looking for pedestrians crossing Waller. We've had and seen so many close calls.

If signalizing the intersection is still years away, a much lower cost (and potentially even more effective) alternative could be a no left turn sign at the Waller / Castro / Divisadero intersection for northbound traffic traveling on Castro. It looks like you're already putting in a no left turn sign for Southbound traffic as part of the 24 project... so if you had no left turn signs for both directions, you could even use a median diverter to clean up the whole intersection. Let us know if that line of thinking could be a possibility, and how we can best help advocate for any of these potential solutions.

Thanks so much,

I have the pleasure of sharing with you the good news that SFMTA has secured funding to construct new traffic signals at the intersection of Castro/Divisadero/Waller. The signal will be part of our Contract 66 New Traffic Signals project which will build new traffic signals at 10 intersections throughout San Francisco including this one.

We are just now beginning our design effort which will take about a year to complete. We expect construction to begin in 2023 with completion in 2024. We certainly understand that this schedule still involves lots of waiting before those new traffic signals will be operational, however, we believe the signals will be a significant benefit to the safety and operation of the intersection and are excited that we have been able to identify the funding needed to make these improvements a reality.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any further inquiries about the future traffic signals project. You can also expect a separate response from my colleagues regarding your request to prohibit left turns in the interim.

Best regards, -Jarrett

Jarrett Hornbostel Streets Division Street Use, Development, and Signals



Office 415.646.2723

San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency One South Van Ness Ave, 7<sup>th</sup> Fl San Francisco, CA 94103 Case Details Case Ref 14858073 Classification

PUC >> Electric Power >> Streetlights

Associated with

Intersection of DIVISADERO ST and WALLER ST

Title

Other - Request New Streetlight

Description

I had a request open, service request 10407408, requesting a traffic signal at the dangerous intersection of Castro st, divisadero and Waller. Tom folks informed me that a traffic study was done and that it was on the list of candidates for a new traffic signal. In 2021, a pedestrian crossing sign was put up and destroyed by a car within a couple weeks. It remains a dangerous intersection for cars and pedestrians. Is there an eta for it to be put in? Status

Open

Due Date

Allocated To

SFMTA - Transportation Engineering Queue

**Created Date** 

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Thanks for reaching out to check in on the status of the proposed installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Castro, Divisadero and Waller streets.

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Regarding the damaged pedestrian crossing sign I have reported the missing sign to our maintenance crews who will replace the sign as soon as scheduling permits. In the future please feel free to report damaged or missing signs to SF311 by calling 311 or through the website at <a href="https://www.sf311.org">www.sf311.org</a>.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any further inquiries about the future traffic signals project.

Best,

Jarrett Hornbostel, P.E.
Associate Engineer
Street Use, Development, and Signals



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San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency One South Van Ness Ave, 7<sup>th</sup> Fl San Francisco, CA 94103 Sent: Tuesday, November 23, 2021 9:21 AM

To: Alvarez, Ramses (DPW) < <a href="mailto:ramses.alvarez@sfdpw.org">ramses.alvarez@sfdpw.org</a>>

Subject: Contact for Traffic Light

Good morning, Ramses!

I hope all's well and you're not too busy.

There is something I wanted to ask you. We live close to the intersection of Castro/Divisadero/Waller, that most perilous of crossroads. Not too long ago, some markers and traffic islands were installed, but that has not made much of a difference. Motorists still don't stop; pedestrians still need to jump for safety; and about twice a month, I witness a near-collision.

Over the past year, a number of additional traffic lights went up around the area (on Haight & Scott, for example). I was wondering whom I should contact to see, if that three-way intersection could have one as well?

Thanksgiving is just a couple of days away, so I hope you will have a relaxed and happy long weekend with friends and family.

Be well and stay safe,

My apologies for the delay in responding to your below inquiry which Damon shared with us. It is my pleasure to share the good news with you that SFMTA does have plans to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Castro, Divisadero, and Waller streets.

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Associate Engineer

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## Tracking Number is: 14976041 Feb 12 2022 8:47PM

Please print a copy for your records. You may close your browser when done.

#### **Location Information:**

Location Description:

The 3-way intersection between Waller, Castro and Divisadero

#### **Request Details:**

Category:

Request for Service Department:

Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Sub-Division:

Transportation Engineering

### **Additional Information:**

Additional Request Details:

Hi, can we get a traffic light installed at this intersection? It it very dangerous to cross. Cars are moving very fast, the road curves so it's not always possible to get a clear line of sight, and because of the split in the roadway between Divisadera and Castro many cars are distracted and don't pay any attention to pedestrians.

Thank you for reaching out to share your experience with traffic at the intersection of Castro, Divisadero, and Waller streets and for your suggestion that a traffic signal be installed. It is my pleasure to share the good news with you that SFMTA does have plans to install a traffic signal at this intersection.

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Jarrett Hornbostel, P.E.

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San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency One South Van Ness Ave, 7<sup>th</sup> Fl San Francisco, CA 94103 Case Details

Case Ref

14723914

Classification

City Services >> General Requests >> Request for City Services

Associated with

60 CASTRO ST, SAN FRANCISCO, CA, 94114

Title

Crosswalk - Faded/Defaced

Description

Divisadero and Castro Streets at Waller: THANK YOU for the pedestrian islands here. Please add another where the street veers. It's super scary here for those on foot.

Status

Open

Due Date

20 Dec 21 08:30 (6 days and 21 hours from now)

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11 Dec 21 15:38 (1 day ago)

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Raised by

Thank you for contacting us to request that the traffic median island on Castro Street at Waller be extended and to share your experience as a pedestrian.

The SFMTA shares your concern for pedestrian safety and has proposed to install new traffic signals at the intersection of Castro, Divisadero, and Waller streets to improve intersection safety for all users. As part of our efforts to signalize the intersection we will consider improvements to the intersection geometry and the possibility of augmenting the recently installed traffic island.

The signals will be constructed as part of our Contract 66 New Traffic Signals project which will build new traffic signals at 10 intersections throughout San Francisco including this one. We are just now beginning our design effort which will take about a year to complete. We expect construction to begin in 2023 with completion in 2024.

Happy Holidays!

### Jarrett Hornbostel, P.E.

Associate Engineer Street Use, Development, and Signals



Office 415.646.2723

San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency One South Van Ness Ave, 7<sup>th</sup> Fl San Francisco, CA 94103 Hi Pranav,

Thank you for submitting a 311 request for stop signs at the intersection of Castro, Divisadero, and Waller streets. SFMTA staff have previously conducted an engineering analysis of the intersection and reccomended the installation of traffic signals rather than stop signs at this location.

The SFMTA has secured funding to design and construct new traffic signals at the intersection. These new signals will be constructed as part of our Contract 66 New Traffic Signals project which will build new traffic signals at 10 intersections throughout San Francisco including this one.

We have begun our design effort which will take about a year to complete. We expect construction to begin in 2023 with completion in 2024. We believe the traffic signals will be a significant benefit to the safety and operation of the intersection and are excited that we have been able to identify the funding needed to make these improvements a reality.

Please feel free to contact me with any further inquiries about this future traffic signals project.

Best,

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## **CEQA Exemption Determination**

## PROPERTY INFORMATION/PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Proje	ct Address	Block/Lot(s)							
SFMT	A_Contract 66: New Traffic Signals and Rectangular Rapid Flas	hing							
Case	No.	Permit No.							
2022-	006667ENV								
Ad	Idition/ Demolition (requires HRE for	New							
Alt	teration Category B Building)	Construction							
ten in bicycl includ	Project description for Planning Department approval.  The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) proposes the installation of new traffic signals at ten intersections and a rectangular rapid flashing beacon (RRFB) at one intersection to improve traffic, pedestrian, bicycle safety, and traffic operations. All intersections are currently STOP-controlled. The scope of work would include the installation of new traffic signals (mast arms, signal heads, controllers, conduit, wiring, and poles),								
inters Mission Stand Water	pedestrian countdown signals, and accessible (audible) pedestrian signals. Curb ramps would be upgraded at all intersections. A new rectangular rapid flashing beacon would be installed at the intersection of 4th Street and Mission Rock Street to improve safety. The project would implement the following San Francisco Public Works Standard Construction Measures as part of the project: (1) Seismic and Geotechnical Studies; (2) Air Quality; (3) Water Quality; (6) Hazardous Materials; and (9) Cultural Resources, Archeological Resources (Public Works Standard Archeological Measure I: Accidental Discovery).								
Full p	roject description attached below.								
STEP	1: EXEMPTION TYPE								
The p	project has been determined to be exempt under the Californi	Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).							
	Class 1 - Existing Facilities. Interior and exterior alterations; a	dditions under 10,000 sq. ft.							
	Class 3 - New Construction. Up to three new single-family recommercial/office structures; utility extensions; change of use with a CU.								
	Class 32 - In-Fill Development. New Construction of seven or sq. ft. and meets the conditions described below:	more units or additions greater than 10,000							
	<ul> <li>(a) The project is consistent with the applicable general plan of policies as well as with applicable zoning designation and regular</li> </ul>								
	(b) The proposed development occurs within city limits on a proposed substantially surrounded by urban uses.								
	(c) The project site has no value as habitat for endangered ran	•							
	(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 1506								
	there is no possibility of a significant effect on the environmen	. FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING USE ONLY							

STEP 2: ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING ASSESSMENT TO BE COMPLETED BY PROJECT PLANNER

	Air Quality: Would the project add new sensitive receptors (specifically, schools, day care facilities, hospitals, residential dwellings, and senior-care facilities within an Air Pollution Exposure Zone? Does the project have the potential to emit substantial pollutant concentrations (e.g. use of diesel construction equipment, backup diesel generators, heavy industry, diesel trucks, etc.)? (refer to The Environmental Information tab on the San Francisco Property Information Map)
	Hazardous Materials: 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 San Francisco Property Information Map)
	<b>Transportation:</b> 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?
	<b>Archeological Resources:</b> Would the project result in soil disturbance/modification greater than two (2) feet below grade in an archeological sensitive area or eight (8) feet in a non-archeological sensitive area? If yes, archeology review is required.
	Subdivision/Lot Line Adjustment: Does the project site involve a subdivision or lot line adjustment on a lot with a slope average of 20% or more? (refer to The Environmental Information tab on the San Francisco Property Information Map) If box is checked, Environmental Planning must issue the exemption.
	Average Slope of Parcel = or > 25%, or site is in Edgehill Slope Protection Area or Northwest Mt.  Sutro Slope Protection Area: 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%, or (3) horizontal and vertical additions increase more than 500 square feet of new projected roof area? (refer to The Environmental Planning tab on the San Francisco Property Information Map) If box is checked, a geotechnical report is likely required and Environmental Planning must issue the exemption.
	Seismic Hazard: 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 San Francisco Property Information Map) If box is checked, a geotechnical report is required and Environmental Planning must issue the exemption.
Com	ments and Planner Signature (optional): Jennifer M McKellar
PLEA	ASE 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 П 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) П Reclassify to Category A Reclassify to Category C a. Per HRER (No further historic review) b. Other (specify): 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. <b>Raising the building</b> in a manner that does not remove, alter, or obscure character-defining features.							
	7. <b>Restoration</b> based upon documented evidence of a building's historic condition, such as historic photographs, plans, physical evidence, or similar buildings.							
]	8. <b>Work consistent</b> 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 (A	uttach HRER Part II).						
	Note: If ANY box in STEP 5 above is checked, a Preservation Planner MUST sign below.							
	<b>Project can proceed with exemption review</b> . The project has be Preservation Planner and can proceed with exemption review. <b>G</b>	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·						
Comm	ents (optional):							
Preser	vation Planner Signature:							
	STEP 6: EXEMPTION DETERMINATION TO BE COMPLETED BY PROJECT PLANNER							
	No further environmental review is required. The project is excunusual circumstances that would result in a reasonable poss							
	Project Approval Action:	Signature:						
	City Traffic Engineer's Directive	Jennifer M McKellar 08/15/2022						
	Once signed or stamped and dated, this document constitutes an exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines and Chapter 31of the Administrative Code.  In accordance with Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code, an appeal of an exemption determination to the Board of Supervisors can only be filed within 30 days of the project receiving the approval action.							

#### **Step 2: Environmental Screening Comments**

AIR QUALITY: The proposed project's construction would be subject to the Dust Control Ordinance (Article 22B of the Health Code). The following project intersections are located in an air pollutant exposure zone: 4th Ave/Fulton St; 10th Ave/Lincoln Way; 4th St/Long Bridge St; 4th St/Mission Rock St; 28th St/Guerrero St; Alemany Blvd/Cotter St; Cesar Chavez St/Florida St; and Mary St/Mint St/Mission St. If project construction at these locations would require 20 or more days of cumulative days of work, San Francisco Public Works Standard Construction Measure (2) Air Quality would be implemented at these locations as part of the project. Therefore, air quality impacts would be less than significant.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: Project construction, including excavation, would occur only in the public right of way. Excavation would result in the removal of between 0 and 100 cubic yards of soil at each intersection. None of the project intersections are listed on the GeoTracker database as a Cortese site (California Government Code Section 65962.5). The following intersections are on the Maher map: 4th St/Long Bridge St; 4th St/Mission Rock St; and Castro St/Divisadero St/Waller St; Mary St/Mint St/Mission St (south side of intersection only). San Francisco Public Works Standard Construction Measure (6) Hazardous Materials would be implemented as part of the project. Therefore, hazardous materials impacts would be less than significant.

ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES: All project intersections, except for 4th St/Mission Rock St, would require excavation to a maximum depth of 12 feet below ground surface. Planning staff conducted preliminary archeological review of the project and determined on August 4, 2022, that the project would be required to implement San Francisco Public Works Standard Construction Measure (9) Cultural Resources, Standard Archeological Measures I (Accidental Discovery). Therefore, impacts on archeological resources would be less than significant.

GEOLOGY & SOILS: The following project intersections are within a liquefaction hazard zone: 4th St/Long Bridge St; 4th St/Mission Rock St (RRFB location); and Mary St/Mint St/Mission St. San Francisco Public Works Standard Construction Measure (1) Seismic and Geotechnical Studies would be implemented as applicable.

The project scope, the installation of new traffic signals at ten intersections and installation of a rectangular rapid flashing beacon (RRFB) at one intersection, is not large enough to combine with nearby land use or roadworks projects to result in a cumulative impact.

For the reasons above, none of the CEQA 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**

Modif	ied Project Description:						
DET	ERMINATION IF PROJECT O	CONSTITUTES SUBSTANTIAL MODIFICATION					
Comp	pared to the approved project, wo	ould the modified project:					
	Result in expansion of the build	ding envelope, as defined in the Planning Code;					
	Result in the change of use the Sections 311 or 312;	at would require public notice under Planning Code					
	Result in demolition as defined	under Planning Code Section 317 or 19005(f)?					
	Is any information being presented that was not known and could not have been known at the time of the original determination, that shows the originally approved project may no longer qualify for the exemption?						
If at I	east one of the above boxes is	checked, further environmental review is required					
DET	ERMINATION OF NO SUBSTAN	NTIAL MODIFICATION					
	The proposed modification wou	uld not result in any of the above changes.					
approva Departi accorda	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.						
Plani	Planner Name: Date:						



Date: August 15, 2022

To: Jennifer McKellar, San Francisco Planning Department

From: Jarrett Hornbostel, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency
Through: Forrest Chamberlain, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency

Re: Contract 66: New Traffic Signals and Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon at

Various Locations

Case No.: 2022-06667ENV

### **Project Description**

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) proposes the installation of new traffic signals at ten intersections and a rectangular rapid flashing beacon (RRFB) at one intersection to improve traffic, pedestrian, bicycle safety, and traffic operations. All intersections are currently STOP-controlled. New traffic signals would be installed at the locations summarized in Table 1 below (see Attachment A for maps of locations):

Table 1. Project Description Summary.

#	Intersection	Maximum Excavation Depth (Feet)	Excavation (Cubic Yards)	Improvement Description	Historic Districts or Adjacent Historic Structures
1	4th Ave / Fulton St	12	100	New traffic signals, ADA compliant curb ramps.	None
2	10th Ave / Lincoln Way	12	100	New traffic signals, ADA compliant curb ramps, crosswalk changes	None
3	39th Ave / Fulton St	12	100	New traffic signals, ADA compliant curb ramps.	None
4	41st Ave / Lincoln Way	12	80	New traffic signals, ADA compliant curb ramps.	None
5	4th St / Long Bridge St	12	80	New traffic signals, ADA compliant curb ramps.	None
6	4th St / Mission Rock St	0	0	New rectangular rapid flashing beacons	None
7	28th St / Guerrero St	12	40	New traffic signals	None
8	Alemany Blvd / Cotter St	12	100	New traffic signals, turn	None

#	Intersection	Maximum Excavation Depth (Feet)	Excavation (Cubic Yards)	Improvement Description	Historic Districts or Adjacent Historic Structures
				restriction changes	
9	Castro St / Divisadero St / Waller St	12	60	New traffic signals, ADA compliant curb ramps, corner bulb-out, crosswalk changes, turn restriction changes	None
10	Cesar Chavez St / Florida St	12	60	New traffic signals, ADA compliant curb ramps.	None
11	Mary St / Mint St / Mission St	12	60	New traffic signals, ADA complaint curb ramps.	Not within a historic district.  Adjacent historic resources:  • 66-90 Mint St (Listed in Mint-Mission Conservation District)  • 88 5th St (The Old Mint)  • 901-925 Mission St

The Mary Street/Mint Street/Mission Street intersection project location is not located within the Mint-Mission Conservation District but is adjacent to three historic buildings: 66-90 Mint St (listed in the Mint-Mission Conservation District); 88 5th St (The Old Mint); and 901-925 Mission St. All other project locations are not within any historic district and are not adjacent to any historic buildings.

The scope of work would include the installation of new traffic signals (mast arms, signal heads, controllers, conduit, wiring, and poles), pedestrian countdown signals, and accessible (audible) pedestrian signals. Curb ramps would be upgraded at all intersections. A new rectangular rapid flashing beacon would be installed at the intersection of 4th Street and Mission Rock Street to improve safety.

The project would also construct a corner bulbout at the southwest corner of Castro, Divisadero, and Waller streets. No-left turn restrictions would be implemented on Castro Street at Waller Street and on Castro Street at Divisadero Street in the northbound direction. A right-only lane would be established on Divisadero Street at the approach to Castro Street in the northbound direction (south of Waller Street). New turn restrictions would be marked with signage. An existing right-turn only

restriction would be rescinded on Waller Street at Divisadero Street and Castro Street in the westbound direction. Existing right-turn only restrictions would also be rescinded on Cotter Street at Alemany Boulevard.

At the intersection of 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Lincoln Way, the existing unmarked crosswalk crossing Lincoln Way on the eastern side of the intersection would be closed and a new crosswalk would be established crossing Lincoln Way along the western side of the intersection. At the intersection of Castro, Divisadero, and Waller streets, the existing crosswalk crossing Castro Street east of Divisadero Street would be closed and a new crosswalk would be established crossing Castro Street along the southern side of Waller Street. The proposed changes are shown in Attachment B: Traffic Signal Plans.

The maximum depth of excavation would be twelve (12) feet for pole foundations, eighteen (18) inches for the pull boxes, sixteen (16) inches for the cabinet foundation, and twenty-four (24) inches for the underground conduits. The installation of the rectangular rapid flashing beacon would not require excavation. All excavation would occur only within the public right-of-way. The project would not employ pile driving; all pole foundations would be cast in drilled holes. Concrete saws/jackhammers would be used to demolish the roadway during construction.

The proposed work would be carried out by a licensed contractor managed by San Francisco Public Works with funding/oversight from SFMTA. The project would implement the following San Francisco Public Works Standard Construction Measures as part of the project: (1) Seismic and Geotechnical Studies (as applicable); (2) Air Quality (as applicable); (3) Water Quality; (6) Hazardous Materials; and (9) Cultural Resources, Archeological Resources (Public Works Standard Archeological Measure I: Accidental Discovery).

#### Attachments:

Attachment A: Maps of Locations Attachment B: Traffic Signal Plans

### Approval Action:

City Traffic Engineer's Directive

## Attachment A - Maps of Contract 66 Traffic Signals

