

**THIS PRINT COVERS CALENDAR ITEM NO: 10.3**

**SAN FRANCISCO  
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY**

**DIVISION:** Streets

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION:**

Approving various Roadway Shared Spaces street closure applications and making environmental review findings.



**SUMMARY:**

- Roadway Shared Spaces 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 a Longer-Term Closure and therefore require approval from this Board.
- Five applicants have applied for proposed Roadway Shared Spaces street closures to close various streets to vehicular traffic part-time.
- The proposed Roadway Shared Spaces closures have been presented at an Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation public hearing.
- The proposed Roadway Shared Spaces street closures have been reviewed pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

**ENCLOSURES:**

1. SFMTAB Resolution
2. Better Streets Plan Mitigated Negative Declaration  
[http://sfmea.sfplanning.org/2007.1238E\\_FMND.pdf](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](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.extnl.sfgov.org/SharedLinks.aspx?accesskey=bc61363c7effb77e5715d781677a071ae265f0cdbf27c18bd9d91b3402e0900a&VaultGUID=A4A7DACD-B0DC-4322-BD29-F6F07103C6E0>

**APPROVALS:**

		<b>DATE</b>
DIRECTOR	 _____	April 2, 2026
SECRETARY	 _____	April 2, 2026

**ASSIGNED SFMTAB CALENDAR DATE:** April 7, 2026

## **PURPOSE**

Approving five Roadway Shared Spaces street closure applications for: (A) Kerouac Alley between Grant and Columbus avenues, Sunday, April 12, 2026, through Sunday, December 6, 2026, 11 am to 11 pm, each Wednesday, 11 am to 10 pm, each Friday and Saturday, and 9 am to 7 pm, each Sunday; and (B) Gold Street between Montgomery and Balance streets, Saturday, May 16, 2026, through Sunday, May 16, 2027, 4 pm to 11:59 pm, daily; and (C) Harlan Place between Grant Avenue and Mark Lane, Monday, May 25, 2026, through Tuesday, May 25, 2027, 11 am to 11 pm, each Sunday and Monday, 11 am to 1:30 am, each Tuesday through Saturday; and (D) Larkin Street between Eddy and O'Farrell streets, Saturday, April 11, 2026, through Saturday, December 12, 2026, 8 am to 8 pm, every second Saturday of each month; and (E) Noe Street between Market and Beaver streets, Sunday, May 3, 2026, through Sunday, May 2, 2027, 11:30 am to 9:30 pm every first Sunday of each month; and making environmental review findings.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS AND TRANSIT FIRST POLICY PRINCIPLES**

This item will support the following SFMTA Strategic Plan Goals:

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**

### *Vesuvio Proposed Roadway Shared Spaces Closure*

Vesuvio Cafe is a local saloon located on Columbus Avenue at Jack Kerouac Alley in the North Beach neighborhood. Jack Kerouac Alley is a narrow alley with entrances on Columbus Avenue and Grant Avenue, connecting North Beach and Chinatown. Janet Clyde of Vesuvio Cafe has applied for a Roadway Shared Spaces permit which would close Jack Kerouac Alley between Grant and Columbus avenues, Sunday, April 12, 2026, through Sunday, December 6, 2026, 11 am to 11 pm, each Wednesday, 11 am to 10 pm, each Friday and Saturday, and 9 am to 7 pm, each Sunday. Vesuvio proposes variable programming for the space, including live jazz and holiday market fairs. This application is a renewal of Vesuvio's previous Roadway Shared Spaces permit with minor changes to the closure hours.

*Bix Proposed Roadway Shared Spaces Closure*

Bix is a restaurant on Gold Street in the Jackson Square area. Gold Street is a narrow one-way alley running eastbound parallel to and north of Jackson Street, between Montgomery and Sansome streets, with an intersecting narrow alley, Balance Street, providing northbound access from Jackson Street to Gold Street. Will Sanders of Bix has applied for a Roadway Shared Spaces permit which would close Gold Street between Montgomery and Balance streets to vehicular traffic from May 16, 2026, through Sunday, May 16, 2027, 4 pm to 11:59 pm, daily. This closure was originally permitted under the pandemic-era Shared Spaces program beginning in 2020. Since April 2023, Bix was granted a permit under the permanent Roadway Shared Spaces program. This current application is a renewal of Bix's previous Roadway Shared Spaces permit and proposes no changes to their closure footprint and setup.

*Harlan Records Proposed Roadway Shared Spaces Closure*

Harlan Records is a cocktail bar located in the Union Square area. Hector Will Herrera of Harlan Records has applied for a Roadway Shared Spaces permit which would close Harlan Place between Grant Avenue and Mark Lane to vehicular traffic from Monday, May 25, 2026, through Tuesday, May 25, 2027, 11 am to 11 pm, each Sunday and Monday, 11 am to 1:30 am, each Tuesday through Saturday. This closure was originally permitted under the pandemic-era Shared Spaces program beginning in 2021 and sponsored by a previous business at the same location. In late 2022, Harlan Records opened in place of the previous sponsor and was granted a permit to continue the Roadway Shared Spaces closure. Since April 2023, Harlan Records was granted a permit under the permanent Roadway Shared Spaces program. This proposed closure is a renewal of Harlan Records' street closure and proposes no changes to their closure footprint and setup.

*Tenderloin Proposed Roadway Shared Spaces Closure*

The Tenderloin Merchants and Property Owners Association (TLMPA) promotes the Tenderloin neighborhood and advocates for better business conditions. Rene Colorado of TLMPA has applied for a Roadway Shared Spaces permit which would close Larkin Street between Eddy and O'Farrell streets, Saturday, April 11, 2026, through Saturday, December 12, 2026, 8 am to 8 pm, every second Saturday of each month with the exception of the August date being on August 1, 2026, to reduce conflict with Outside Lands, which is scheduled for the second weekend in August. The intersection of Larkin Street at Ellis Street would remain open to vehicular traffic. This street closure was originally permitted under the pandemic-era Shared Spaces program beginning in September 2020 for every Saturday and Sunday. Since April 2023, the applicant was granted a permit under the permanent Roadway Shared Spaces program. This proposed closure is a renewal of TLMPA's street closure and proposes no changes to their closure footprint and setup from last year. The Tenderloin Shared Space is a monthly community event that includes art, music, children's activities, and community resources.

The street closure requires the temporary reroute of the 19 Polk every second Saturday to accommodate the proposed closure. This reroute was implemented under TLMPA's pandemic-

era Shared Spaces permit and has not posed any significant issues.

*ArtyHood aka Castro Art Mart Proposed Roadway Shared Spaces Closure*

ArtyHood Foundation is a local event producer focused on supporting local artists, performers, and businesses. Lauro Gonzalez of ArtyHood has applied for a Roadway Shared Spaces permit which would close Noe Street between Market and Beaver streets in the Castro District to vehicular traffic, Sunday, May 3, 2026, through Sunday, May 2, 2027, 11:30 am to 9:30 pm every first Sunday of each month. ArtyHood proposes monthly events with live music, performances, and art vendors. This closure was originally permitted under the pandemic-era Shared Spaces program in 2020. Since April 2023, the applicant was granted a permit under the permanent Roadway Shared Spaces program. This current application is a renewal of ArtyHood's previous Roadway Shared Spaces permit with a change in hours from 9:30 am-6:30 pm.

The requests are to close the following areas to vehicular traffic, as requested by the applicants:

- Jack Kerouac Alley between Grant and Columbus avenues, Sunday, April 12, 2026, through Sunday, December 6, 2026, 11 am to 11 pm, each Wednesday, 11 am to 10 pm, each Friday and Saturday, and 9 am to 7 pm, each Sunday; and
- Gold Street between Montgomery and Balance streets, May 16, 2026, through Sunday, May 16, 2027, 4 pm to 11:59 pm, daily; and
- Harlan Place between Grant Avenue and Mark Lane, Monday, May 25, 2026, through Tuesday, May 25, 2027, 11 am to 11 pm, each Sunday and Monday, 11 am to 1:30 am, each Tuesday through Saturday; and
- Larkin Street between Eddy and O'Farrell streets (intersection of Larkin and Ellis streets to remain open), Saturday, April 11, 2026, through Saturday, December 12, 2026, 8 am to 8 pm, every second Saturday of each month with the exception of the August date being on August 1, 2026; and
- Noe Street between Market and Beaver streets, Sunday, May 3, 2026, through Sunday, May 2, 2027, 11:30 am to 9:30 pm every first Sunday of each month.

The SFMTA Board of Directors is asked to consider the approval of a Longer-Term Closure of the above areas 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. Roadway Shared Spaces street closures which exceed a total period of time more than two years are considered to be a Longer-Term Closure and therefore require approval from this Board. Vesuvio, Bix, Harlan Recods, TLMPA, and Artyhood have held their respective street closures for over two years. Staff has found that, based upon a determination of public convenience and necessity, that the subject portions of the above listed streets are no longer needed for vehicular traffic during the proposed closure hours, and that the street closures are necessary for the safety and protection of the public who will use the street during the closures. Staff recommends the Board make these findings and approve the street closures as discussed below.

## ITEMS

The following items were considered at a Public Hearing held on February 26, 2026, by the Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation (ISCOTT).

- A. ESTABLISH – SHARED SPACES ROAD CLOSURE – Jack Kerouac Alley between Grant and Columbus avenues, Sunday, April 12, 2026, through Sunday, December 6, 2026, 11 am to 11 pm, each Wednesday, 11 am to 10 pm, each Friday and Saturday, and 9 am to 7 pm, each Sunday.

Item A would grant a permit for a Shared Spaces Road Closure for Vesuvio Cafe for outdoor dining and variable events.

- B. ESTABLISH – SHARED SPACES ROAD CLOSURE – Gold Street between Montgomery and Balance streets, May 16, 2026, through Sunday, May 16, 2027, 4 pm to 11:59 pm, daily.

Item B would grant a permit for a Shared Spaces Road Closure for Bix for outdoor dining.

The following items were considered at a Public Hearing held on March 12, 2026, by ISCOTT.

- C. ESTABLISH – SHARED SPACES ROAD CLOSURE – Harlan Place between Grant Avenue and Mark Lane, Monday, May 25, 2026, through Tuesday, May 25, 2027, 11 am to 11 pm, each Sunday and Monday, 11 am to 1:30 am, each Tuesday through Saturday.

Item C would grant a permit for a Shared Spaces Road Closure for Harlan Records for outdoor dining.

- D. ESTABLISH – SHARED SPACES ROAD CLOSURE – Larkin Street between Eddy and O'Farrell streets (intersection of Larkin and Ellis streets to remain open), Saturday, April 11, 2026, through Saturday, December 12, 2026, 8 am to 8 pm, every second Saturday of each month with the exception of the August date being on August 1, 2026.

Item D would grant a permit for a Shared Spaces Road Closure for the Tenderloin Merchants and Property Owners Association for monthly community events.

- E. ESTABLISH – SHARED SPACES ROAD CLOSURE – Noe Street between Market and Beaver streets, Sunday, May 3, 2026, through Sunday, May 2, 2027, 11:30 am to 9:30 pm every first Sunday of each month.

Item E would grant a permit for a Shared Spaces Road Closure for ArtyHood Foundation for monthly events.

## **STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**

Items A and B were considered at a Public Hearing held on February 26, 2026, by ISCOTT. No public comments concerning these items were received at the hearing. Items C, D, and E were considered at a Public Hearing held on March 12, 2026, by ISCOTT. No public comments concerning these items were received at the hearing.

## **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

The details of the proposed closures presented in Items A through E are as requested by the applicants. The alternative would be to not grant the Roadway Shared Spaces permits, which may negatively affect the local economy by not activating the streets for events and outdoor dining.

## **FUNDING IMPACT**

The ISCOTT application fee, which applies to Roadway Shared Spaces (Transportation Code SEC 6.16(g)), is set at a cost recovery rate to cover staff's time and effort to review the subject application. The applicants for Items A and D have each paid an application fee of \$1,921 for applications submitted 60-89 days before the first event. The applicant for Item B has paid an application fee of \$1,280 for applications submitted more than 120 days before the first event. The applicants for Item C and E have each paid an application fee of \$1,601 for applications submitted 90-120 days before the first event.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

On April 19, 2021, the San Francisco Planning Department determined that the Shared Spaces Program (Case No. 2021-003010ENV), inclusive of Items A through E, 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 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 Items A and B was held at the February 26, 2026 meeting of ISCOTT. A public hearing for Items C, D, and E was held at the March 12, 2026 meeting of ISCOTT.

The City Attorney has reviewed this item.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the SFMTA Board approve five Roadway Shared Spaces street closure applications for: (A) Kerouac Alley between Grant and Columbus avenues, Sunday, April 12, 2026, through Sunday, December 6, 2026, 11 am to 11 pm, each Wednesday, 11 am to 10 pm, each Friday and Saturday, and 9 am to 7 pm, each Sunday; and (B) Gold Street between Montgomery and Balance streets, May 16, 2026, through Sunday, May 16, 2027, 4 pm to 11:59 pm, daily; and (C) Harlan Place between Grant Avenue and Mark Lane, Monday, May 25, 2026, through Tuesday, May 25, 2027, 11 am to 11 pm, each Sunday and Monday, 11 am to 1:30 am, each Tuesday through Saturday; and (D) Larkin Street between Eddy and O'Farrell streets (intersection of Larkin and Ellis streets to remain open), Saturday, April 11, 2026, through Saturday, December 12, 2026, 8 am to 8 pm, every second Saturday of each month with the exception of the August date being on August 1, 2026; and (E) Noe Street between Market and Beaver streets, Sunday, May 3, 2026, through Sunday, May 2, 2027, 11:30 am to 9:30 pm every first 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 applications for Roadway Shared Spaces street closures as follows:

- A. ESTABLISH – SHARED SPACES ROAD CLOSURE – Jack Kerouac Alley between Grant and Columbus avenues, Sunday, April 12, 2026, through Sunday, December 6, 2026, 11 am to 11 pm, each Wednesday, 11 am to 10 pm, each Friday and Saturday, and 9 am to 7 pm, each Sunday; and
- B. ESTABLISH – SHARED SPACES ROAD CLOSURE – Gold Street between Montgomery and Balance streets, May 16, 2026, through Sunday, May 16, 2027, 4 pm to 11:59 pm, daily; and,
- C. ESTABLISH – SHARED SPACES ROAD CLOSURE – Harlan Place between Grant Avenue and Mark Lane, Monday, May 25, 2026, through Tuesday, May 25, 2027, 11 am to 11 pm, each Sunday and Monday, 11 am to 1:30 am, each Tuesday through Saturday; and
- D. ESTABLISH – SHARED SPACES ROAD CLOSURE – Larkin Street between Eddy and O’Farrell streets (intersection of Larkin and Ellis streets to remain open), Saturday, April 11, 2026, through Saturday, December 12, 2026, 8 am to 8 pm, every second Saturday of each month with the exception of the August date being on August 1, 2026; and
- E. ESTABLISH – SHARED SPACES ROAD CLOSURE – Noe Street between Market and Beaver streets, Sunday, May 3, 2026, through Sunday, May 2, 2027, 11:30 am to 9:30 pm every first Sunday of each month; and

WHEREAS, The subject portion of the above listed streets are no longer needed for vehicular traffic during the proposed closure hours and the street closures are necessary for the safety and protection of the public who will use those portions of the streets 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 Items A through E, 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 the application from Janet Clyde of Vesuvio Cafe for Item A above and finds that 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, be it further

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency approves the application from Will Sanders of the Bix Restaurant for Item B above and finds that 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, be it further

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency approves the application from Hector Will Herrera of Harlan Records for Item C above and finds that 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, be it further

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency approves the application from Rene Colorado of Tenderloin Lower Polk Merchants and Property Owners Association for Item D above and finds that 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, be it further

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency approves the application from Lauro Gonzalez of ArtyHood Foundation for Item E above and finds that 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.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of April 7, 2026.

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Secretary to the Board of Directors  
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency