

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

**SAN FRANCISCO  
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY**

**DIVISION:** Sustainable Streets

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION:**

Approving traffic and parking modifications on Broadway between Columbus Avenue and the Charles R. Levy Tunnel to support the Broadway-Chinatown Streetscape Project.

**SUMMARY:**

- Under Proposition A, the SFMTA Board of Directors has authority to adopt parking and traffic regulations changes.
- The Transportation Advisory Staff Committee (TASC), which has representatives from the SFMTA, Police and Fire Departments, has reviewed this project.
- The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by the S. F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.

**ENCLOSURES:**

- A. SFMTAB Resolution
- B. Overview of Broadway-Chinatown Streetscape Project

**APPROVALS:**

**DATE**

DIRECTOR \_\_\_\_\_ 11/4/14

SECRETARY \_\_\_\_\_ 11/4/14

**ASSIGNED SFMTAB CALENDAR DATE:** November 18, 2014

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### **PURPOSE**

Approving traffic and parking modifications on Broadway between Columbus Avenue and the Charles R. Levy Tunnel to support the Broadway-Chinatown Streetscape Project.

### **GOAL**

This action supports the following SFMTA Strategic Plan Goal and Objectives:

- Goal 1: Create a safer transportation experience for everyone
  - Objective 1.1: Improve security for transportation system users.
  - Objective 1.3: Improve the safety of the transportation system.
- Goal 2: Make transit, walking, bicycling, taxi, ridesharing and carsharing the preferred means of travel
  - Objective 2.1: Improve customer service and communications.
  - Objective 2.2: Improve transit performance.
  - Objective 2.3: Increase use of all non-private auto modes.
  - Objective 2.4: Improve parking utilization and manage parking demand.
- Goal 3: Improve the environment and quality of life in San Francisco
  - Objective 3.2: Increase the transportation system's positive impact to the economy.

### **DESCRIPTION**

The Broadway-Chinatown Streetscape Project (Phase 4 in the series of streetscape improvement projects that span The Embarcadero to the Charles R. Levy Tunnel) is an interdepartmental effort between the Planning Department, Department of Public Works, and the Municipal Transportation Agency.

The Broadway Chinatown Streetscape Project will make streetscape improvements on Broadway between Columbus Avenue to the mouth of the Charles R. Levy Tunnel, also known as the Broadway Tunnel. The streetscape improvements consist of the removal of existing tow-away lanes, construction of sidewalk bulb-outs, raised crosswalks, decorative crosswalks, bus shelters, additional pedestrian and audible pedestrian signals, as well as the addition of decorative street lighting, landscaping and public seating. The proposed sidewalk widening, corner bulbs and crosswalk changes are expected to improve pedestrian safety and comfort by reducing sidewalk crowding, reducing street crossing distances, improving pedestrian visibility and reducing vehicle speeds. The project area also incorporates the Jean Parker Elementary School area, and includes pedestrian safety measures specific to elementary-aged children, such as retro-reflective yellow continental crosswalks and sidewalk corner bulb-outs to shorten crossing distances. The project was designed to improve access to transit and preserve transit and emergency vehicle access along with the movement of goods into and out of the area. Where bulb-out dimensions presented obstacles to Fire vehicle or Muni bus access, those bulb-outs were modified to better accommodate turn movements by Fire Department vehicles and Muni buses.

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Where parking or loading is lost to bulb-outs, yellow metered loading was prioritized for replacement in the remaining curbside spaces. In total, 28 metered parking spaces will be lost due to bulb-out construction or replacement of yellow metered loading zones. There is no net loss of yellow metered loading zones as a result of the project, and loading hours will be extended from the existing 9AM to 6PM to incorporate former peak tow-away hours, and will be metered between 7AM and 6PM.

### **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED/PUBLIC OUTREACH**

A series of three community planning workshops were organized and conducted by the Planning Department and the Chinatown Community Development Center. These workshops included merchants, residents, and stakeholders, and participants spanned all generations. From these workshops three distinct options for the streetscape improvements were developed: a Bulb-out option; a Sidewalk Widening option; and a Road Diet option. These options were presented at a follow-up community meeting and were kept on display for one month at the W Hotel, during which time the community was asked to give feedback and register their preference. The Bulb-out option was heavily favored over the other two options in order to improve pedestrian safety, comfort and access, while preserving vehicle access and the capacity for the movement of goods into the area.

In locations where bulb-out dimensions were found to present access obstacles for San Francisco Fire Department vehicles and Muni buses, those bulb-outs were modified to better accommodate large vehicles. This has the co-benefit of maintaining better access for commercial vehicles moving goods into the area as well.

### **FUNDING IMPACT**

The project is fully funded. Funding for the project includes \$3,410,536 in One Bay Area Grant funds, \$1.9 million dollars in SFMTA Revenue Bond funds, \$414,900 in California Safe Routes to School grant funds, \$650,000 in Prop AA funding, and \$744,951 in Proposition K Sales Tax funds.

### **ITEMS FOR APPROVAL TO SUPPORT THE PROJECT**

- A. RESCIND – TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING, 7 AM to 9 AM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY- Broadway, south side, Powell Street to Stockton Street (6-foot wide corner bulbs); and Broadway, south side, Stockton Street to Grant Avenue (6-foot wide corner bulb and bus bulb)
- B. RESCIND – TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING, 3 PM to 7 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY- Broadway, north side, Turk Murphy Lane to Powell Street (6-foot wide corner bulb); and Broadway, north side, Powell Street to 100 feet westerly (sidewalk widening)
- C. RESCIND – GENERAL METERED PARKING - Broadway, north side, from 45 to 104 feet east of Powell Street (spaces #742, #740 and #738); Broadway, north side, from 2 to 20 feet east of Turk Murphy Lane (space #730); Broadway, north side, from 5 to 45 feet west of Stockton Street (spaces #702, #704); Broadway, north side, from 49 to 105 feet east of Stockton Street (spaces #642, #638, #636); Broadway, north side, from 100 to 120 feet west of Columbus Avenue (space #612); Powell Street, east side, from 20 to 36 feet north of Broadway (space # 1404); Powell Street, east side,

from 8 to 30 feet south of Broadway (space # 1330); Powell Street, west side, from 21 to 41 feet south of Broadway (space # 1327); Broadway, south side, from Powell Street to 70 feet easterly (spaces #743, #741 and #739); Broadway, south side, from 83 to 101 feet west of Cordelia Street (18-foot zone, # 721); Broadway, south side, from Cordelia Street to 58 feet westerly (spaces # 713, # 715 and #717); and Broadway, south side, from 111 to 171 feet west of Grant Avenue (spaces # 615, #617)

- D. ESTABLISH – GENERAL METERED PARKING - Broadway, north side, from 138 to 178 feet east of Stockton Street (spaces #630, #628); and Broadway, north side, from 20 to 42 feet east of Turk Murphy Lane (space #728)
- E. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANY TIME and ESTABLISH – SIDEWALK WIDENING (BULB-OUTS) - Broadway, south side, from Powell Street to 70.5 feet westerly (11.5-foot wide bulb-out); Broadway, north side, from Powell Street to 124 feet westerly (width ranges from 8.5 foot to 2-foot wide corner bulb-out); Broadway, south side, from Powell Street to 70 feet easterly (6-foot wide bulb-out); Broadway, north side, from Powell Street to 71 feet easterly (6-foot wide corner bulb-out); Powell Street, west side, from Broadway to 19.5 feet southerly (5.5-foot wide corner bulb); Powell Street, east side, from Broadway to 22.5 feet easterly (6-foot wide corner bulb); Powell Street, east side, from Broadway to 36 feet westerly (6-foot wide corner bulb); Broadway, south side from Cordelia 57.5 feet westerly (6-foot wide corner bulb-out); Broadway, south side, from Stockton Street to 45 feet westerly (6-foot wide bulb-out); Broadway, north side, from Stockton Street to 45 feet westerly (6-foot wide corner bulb-out); Broadway, south side, from Stockton Street to 92.5 feet easterly (6-foot wide bulb-out); Broadway, north side, from Stockton Street to 69.5 feet easterly (6-foot wide corner bulb-out); Stockton Street, east side, from Broadway to 34 feet southerly (5.5-foot wide corner bulb); Stockton Street, west side, from Broadway to 33.5 feet southerly (5-foot wide corner bulb); Broadway, north side, from Columbus Avenue to 137 feet westerly (6-foot wide bus bulb); and Broadway, south side, from Grant Avenue to 36 feet westerly (6-foot wide corner bulb)
- F. ESTABLISH – RAISED CROSSWALKS - Cordelia Street at Broadway (south crossing); and Turk Murphy lane at Broadway (north crossing)
- G. RESCIND – BUS ZONES - Broadway, south side, from 6 to 80 feet east of Stockton Street (74-foot zone replaced by 92.5-foot bus bulb); and Broadway, north side, from 7 to 107 feet west of Columbus Avenue (100-foot zone, replaced by 137-foot bus bulb)
- H. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGN - Broadway, eastbound, frontage street, 30 feet west of Powell Street

## **OTHER APPROVALS RECEIVED OR STILL REQUIRED**

The proposed traffic modifications are subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). On March 29, 2013, the Planning Department determined that the proposed modifications are categorically exempt from environmental review under Class 1(c) (existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities).

A copy of the determination is on file with the Secretary for the SFMTA Board of Directors. The proposed actions are Approval Actions as defined by the S. F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.

The Broadway-Chinatown Streetscape Project was heard at an October 17, 2014 SFMTA Public Hearing, where no objections were raised.

On October 28, 2014, the Department of Public Works submitted a request for a General Plan referral to the Planning Department. A General Plan referral is necessary for the sidewalk widening to construct the sidewalk bulb-outs and sidewalk widening included in the Broadway-Chinatown Streetscape Project.

The City Attorney's Office has reviewed this calendar item.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The SFMTA recommends that the SFMTA Board of Directors approve the traffic and parking modifications on Broadway between Columbus Avenue and the Charles R. Levy Tunnel to support the Broadway-Chinatown Streetscape Project.

SAN FRANCISCO  
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency has received a request, or identified a need for traffic modifications as follows:

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WHEREAS, On March 29, 2013, the San Francisco Planning Department determined that the proposed traffic and parking modifications are categorically exempt from environmental review under Class 1(c) (existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities); and,

WHEREAS, A copy of the determination is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors. The proposed actions are the Approval Actions as defined by the S. F. Administrative Code Chapter 31; 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

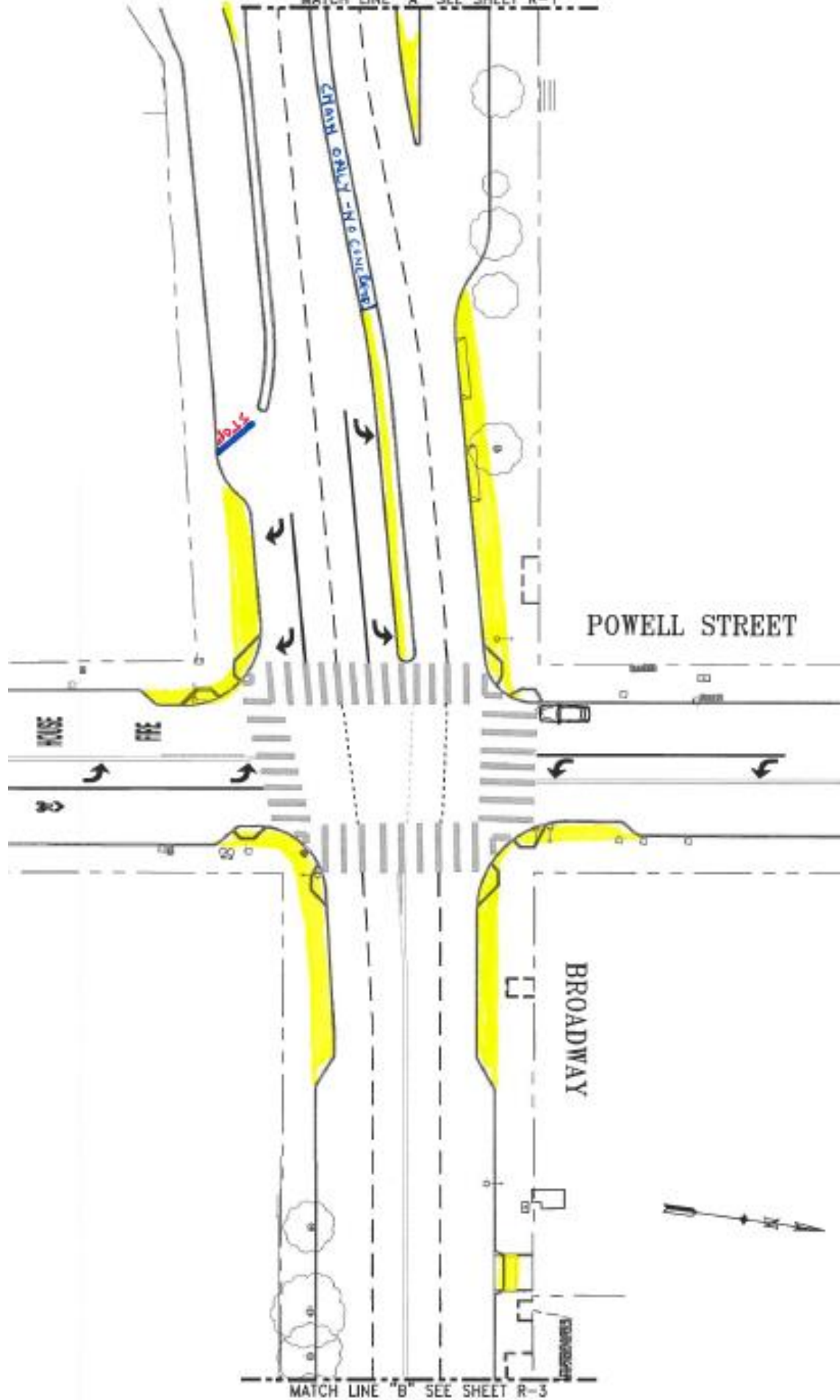
RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors, approves the proposed traffic and parking modifications, listed in items A through H, above on Broadway between Columbus Avenue and the Charles R. Levy Tunnel to support the Broadway-Chinatown Streetscape Project.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of November 18, 2014.

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Secretary to the Board of Directors  
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency

MATCH LINE "A" SEE SHEET R-1



MATCH LINE "B" SEE SHEET R-3



