

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. 200818-072

WHEREAS, On March 16, 2020, San Francisco's Health Officer issued a Public Health Order requiring that residents remain in place, with the only exception being for essential needs which significantly impacted San Francisco's multimodal transportation system, and required the SFMTA to reduce transit service per the COVID-19 Muni Core Service Plan, and on May 28, 2020, the Mayor released a plan and timeline, informed by the Economic Recovery Task Force, to safely reopen San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, in response to the COVID-19 Emergency and the City's reopening timeline, developed a Transportation Recovery Plan (TRP) that serves as a framework for temporary improvements to the multimodal transportation system; and,

WHEREAS, The expansion of City's bikeway network, a component of the TRP, would install protected bikeway facilities on corridors to provide more space for socially distant essential travel or exercise by bicycling; and,

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency is committed to making San Francisco a Transit First city that prioritizes non-private automobile transportation; and,

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency has installed a parking-protected bikeway and associated parking and traffic modifications on Fell Street between Baker Street and Shrader Street, the Panhandle Social Distancing and Safety Project, as follows:

- A. ESTABLISH – CLASS IV PROTECTED BIKEWAY (PARKING-PROTECTED BIKEWAY) – Fell Street, westbound, south side, from Baker Street to Shrader Street
- B. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – Fell Street, south side, from east Lyon Street property line to 53 feet westerly; Fell Street, south side, from east Central Avenue property line to 38 feet westerly; Fell Street, south side, from Ashbury Street to 30 feet easterly; Fell Street, south side, from Clayton Street to 30 feet easterly; Fell Street, south side, from east Clayton Street curb line to 54 feet westerly ; Fell Street, south side, from Cole Street to 30 feet easterly; Fell Street, south side, from Shrader Street to 30 feet easterly
- C. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME – Fell Street, south side, from 200 feet to 220 feet east of Masonic Avenue; and,

WHEREAS, The traffic modifications will be temporary in nature and will expire 120 days after the termination or expiration of the COVID-19 Emergency unless the SFMTA Board of Directors takes further action; and,

WHEREAS, The improvements of the Panhandle Social Distancing and Safety Project shall include a thorough and transparent evaluation process to determine the effectiveness of the changes, and its results made available on the SFMTA website and presented to the SFMTA Board of Directors in order for the SFMTA Board to make an informed decision whether the parking-protected bikeway should be made permanent; and,

WHEREAS, The changes are subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); CEQA provides a statutory exemption from environmental review for emergency projects pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15269; and,

WHEREAS, On July 17, 2020, the Planning Department determined (Case Number 2020-006678ENV) that the changes are statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15269; and,

WHEREAS, A copy of the CEQA determination is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors and may be found in the records of the Planning Department at 1650 Mission Street in San Francisco, and is incorporated herein by reference; and,

WHEREAS, Final SFMTA Decisions, whether made by the City Traffic Engineer or the SFMTA Board of Directors, can be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors pursuant to Ordinance 127-18 and this project is not subject to the Board of Supervisors review because the project establishes a Class IV bicycle facility and all of the parking and traffic modifications in the proposed approval action are directly related to the establishment of the bikeway; and,

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board of Directors approves a temporary parking-protected bikeway on Fell Street between Baker Street and Shrader Street and associated parking and traffic modifications, as set forth in Items A through C above, to create more space for socially distanced walking and biking as part of the Panhandle Social Distancing and Safety Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, That all actions approved herein, are to be in effect temporarily during the COVID-19 emergency referenced in the Proclamation of the Mayor Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency dated February 25, 2020 and shall expire 120 days after the termination or expiration of such proclamation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That SFMTA staff shall report to the SFMTA Board of Directors prior to the 120 days after the conclusion of the COVID-19 Emergency, including evaluation findings and recommendations regarding the approved traffic modifications.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of August 18, 2020.



Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency